

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER 1

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 15 March, 2016

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Meeting commences at 6:30pm

**Council Chambers
Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street
Petersham**

MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The following reports appear as late items with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the reports was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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SUMMARY

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Our Place, Our Vision – Marrickville Community Strategic Plan 2023	
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BACKGROUND

Council’s history collection contains a range of items that tell the social, economic, cultural and political history of Marrickville. This includes items and records dating back to the early 1870s and as recently as today.

Library and History Services are aware of significant changes facing the Marrickville local government area such as potential amalgamations, WestConnex, the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor etc and recognises the importance of keeping appropriate records relating to such development as part of its contemporary collecting for future use by historians, researchers and Council officers.

DISCUSSION

Given the possibility Council will be amalgamating with Leichhardt and Ashfield Councils, Library and History believe that it is appropriate to collect and maintain a curated selection of original items and documents relating to both the amalgamation process, Marrickville Council and community views/sentiments for future use by historians, researchers and Council officers.

Significant documents have and will be kept via Governance and Council's record keeping systems, however, given the volume of documents, it is proposed that a selection of original and digital items be collected and stored by Library and History Services for future use and display eg for an historic exhibition that may take place in 20 years.

Examples of items / documents that would be collected and stored include:

Related to amalgamation

- Flyers and brochures relating to the amalgamation process
- Community feedback forms (to gain a sense of the community sentiment)
- Photographic and / or video records of important meetings / decisions eg final Marrickville Council meeting and first amalgamated Council meetings
- Vox pops (short videos) or oral history recordings of the community regarding amalgamation
- Original news articles and media coverage regarding amalgamation
- Records of social media
- Original notes from significant meetings that staff may have attended (ie pages from a Director or the General Manager's notebook)

Related to Marrickville Council

- Marrickville Council signage
- Marrickville Council staff uniforms
- Photographs of Councillors, ELT and staff
- Reflections from staff about Marrickville Council
- Copies of Council values
- Copies of corporate collateral eg letterheads, logos

Should the above be approved, it is recommended that Ashfield and Leichhardt Councils be approached requesting they collect similar items and records with a view that it could form one future, curated collection. Officers are seeking authorisation to contact the neighbouring Councils regarding this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The collection of materials from Marrickville can be done with internal resources on the basis that the photography and video would be recorded in-house. However, should Council deem that professional photography/video is appropriate for certain events ie last Council meeting / first newly amalgamated Council meeting, additional funds would need to be allocated. (This is generally charged at an hourly rate eg a photographer generally charges \$100-\$150 / hour.) If it is decided that this should be professionally recorded, Library and History will report back to Council with a more detailed budget.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0316 Item 24
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CAMDENVILLE PARK
File Ref: 12/4674/27848.16
From Councillor Chris Woods

MOTION:

THAT Council negotiate a commitment from WestConnex for the use of Camdenville Park St Peters as a construction compound site, for local work only, and a promise to deliver the BMX pump track before 2018.

Background

This Notice of Motion is appearing as a deferred item from last month's meeting.

Camdenville Park upgrade was to commence last year (2015) and was to be delivered over a 2 year period. In September 2015, the WestConnex Development Authority (WDA) notified Council that it was going to requisition a section of Camdenville Park, bordering Bedwin Road and May Street, for a construction compound site.

The requisitioned area of Camdenville Park would include the drainage basin area as well as the proposed site for the BMX pump track. WDA proposed to use this site to assist with the construction of, and improvements to, the drainage basin to eliminate flooding on the Unwins Bridge Road and Campbell Street corner, opposite the Town and Country Hotel, as well as realigning Bedwin Road.

Work was scheduled to commence in mid-2016 and be completed in 2018. The works also involved road improvements and the new right-hand turn from Campbell Street into May Street.

In September 2015 Council received a report to this effect and passed a resolution requesting WDA construct the BMX pump track, as compensation for its use of the site, in that period. It also recommended that Council provide information to WDA about the preferred tenderer to build the BMX pump track.

Council felt that bringing the two together would enable the construction of a higher quality BMX track within that time period.

Marrickville Council is seeking a commitment from WestConnex that its use of the site would be for local work only and would not seriously delay the completion of the park upgrade. Marrickville Council will also seek a commitment about appropriate fencing and access to Camdenville Park, to be included in the Bedwin Road widening, to assist with access to the BMX track from Bedwin Road.

Director Infrastructure Services Comments:

For simplicity I will refer to Sydney Motorway Corporation, Leighton-Dragados-Samsung (LDS) and Construction Plus Building (CPB) as Westconnex.

The area of Camdenville Park to the north of the storm water retarding basin is the site of the proposed BMX track. Westconnex proposes to use the same area as a construction compound during both the realignment of Bedwin Road and the reconfiguration of the retarding basin as part of the storm water drainage upgrade necessary for the Westconnex road works in Bedwin Road, Campbell Street, Unwins Bridge Road and May Street.

This intersection is subject to regular flooding because the capacity of the storm water drainage system is inadequate. Design staff from Westconnex have advised that, as part of the storm water drainage upgrade, the existing detention basin needs to be substantially enlarged in order to comply with contemporary storm water design criteria. This will involve either increasing the basin area or deepening it, possibly a combination of both. This aspect is subject to the outcomes of the detailed design currently being undertaken by Westconnex.

The resolution of the long standing flooding problem at this intersection will be a good outcome for Council and the community. Council investigated solutions to this problem in 1998 and concluded that the cost was beyond Council's means at that time. The estimated cost of improvements identified at that time is estimated to be \$1.2M in 2016 dollars, subject to detailed design. The realignment of Bedwin Road itself will involve extensive earthworks and retaining along the eastern alignment of Bedwin Road.

Any reasonable engineering assessment of this project would identify a need for a suitable area to be used as a construction compound as close to the work site as possible. Further, both activities will involve the use of large plant and equipment and at least a proportion of that will need to be stored close to the work site. The presence of large construction plant and the movement of heavy trucks means that the activities must be separated from the public to maintain a safe work place.

Council will recall that Westconnex offered to build the BMX track at its cost as a gesture of good will to compensate the community for the delay in delivery of the track. Westconnex has advised they expect to be able to commence the BMX track in October 2018. They have further indicated they will use Council's preferred tenderer for the BMX track.

Restricting the use of the site to local works only will reduce concerns amongst community members about Westconnex' motives. Negotiations to date have sought a commitment about bringing the BMX track forward as much as possible, however officers will continue to advocate for this outcome.

Resource Implications:

The tender price for the BMX track included in the tender report to Council at its September 2015 meeting is confidential. However Councillors will recall that the offer from Westconnex to provide the facility at its cost resulted in a very worthwhile cost saving for Council.

This Notice of Motion can be implemented without any additional costs to Council's budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.