



ORDINARY MEETING

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
ITEM 26
REVISED MOTION

27 NOVEMBER 2007

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE FOLLOWING **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM** FOR THE **ORDINARY MEETING** OF THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL, 107 NORTON STREET, LEICHHARDT, ON **TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2007**.

Peter Head
GENERAL MANAGER

27 NOVEMBER 2007

BUSINESS :

ITEM 26 WHITE RIBBON DAY: PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN
DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION:	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT:	ITEM 26 WHITE RIBBON DAY: PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
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Councillor Hamilton & Councillor Parker

Background:

We are reminded again this year through the work of UNIFEM White Ribbon Day highlighting violence against women and condemning it that we must continue to be vigilante in our resistance to all form of violence against women and against their objectification and exploitation. One of the most effective avenues to protect women against violence is to increase their participation in democratic decision making at all levels of government and community.

The Secretary General of the UN reported to the General Assembly in 2003 in support of UNSC resolution 1325 that:

“..the critical inputs of women in peace and security, poverty eradication, environmental protection and promoting democracy and effective governance must be recognized and actively promoted and facilitated”

[Secretary General’s report to the General Assembly on July 11th (A/58/135 para 58)] (see attached)

Similarly in 1999 United Cities and Local Governments presented The Worldwide Declaration on Women in Local Government that forms the basis of UCLG’s work to ensure the advancement of women and the mainstreaming of gender issues. Launched in 1998 by one of its founding members, it was developed following broad consultation with local governments worldwide, and with inter-governmental and UN partners. The Worldwide Declaration has been ratified in over 28 countries, including 23 national associations who have ratified on behalf of all their member local governments.

The underlying argument of the Declaration is that gender equality is good for women, but that it is also good for men and for local government. Increasing the number of women in local government, and keeping the needs of women in mind when developing policies and services, is essential to achieving development goals.

'Local government is an integral part of the national structures of governance and the level of government closest to the citizens. Therefore it is in the best position both to involve women in the making of decisions concerning their living conditions and to make use of their knowledge and capabilities in the promotion of sustainable development.'(Worldwide Declaration on Women in Local Government, 1998)

Women for Prosperity in Cambodia has trained over 5000 women to run for elected office in local and state governments since 1992 under the directorship of Ms Nanda Pok. Women for Prosperity is a UNIFEM funded program and UNIFEM Australia's President Ros Strong and the Board have just endorsed a new program proposed by Cr Hamilton to help support elected Local Councillors who are women in Cambodia through a campaign to raise funds for bicycles.

Recommended:

That Leichhardt Council affirms its ongoing support for UNIFEM's White Ribbon Day condemning all forms of violence towards women and makes a contribution of one bicycle (financial equivalent A\$80.00) as part of the Bicycles for Democracy campaign to help women Local Councillors in Cambodia to do their jobs better by allowing them greater mobility in rural areas they represent.