

**MINUTES OF MEETING (NO 106) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF
COUNCILS HELD AT
HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL
22 ALEXANDRA STREET, HUNTERS HILL, ON THURSDAY,
5TH AUGUST 2004.**

The meeting commenced at 7.10 pm

*Clr Susan Hoopman, Mayor, Hunter's Hill Council, extended a welcome to
NSROC Delegates and the new Executive Director, Dominic Johnson
And farewelled Michael McMahon, General Manager, Ryde Council*

QUORUM

The Chairman referred to Article 13.i) of the Constitution that provides:

A quorum at a meeting of the Organisation shall consist of a number being half of the number of Councils plus one.

Member Councils of NSROC include:

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Hornsby | Hunter's Hill | Ku-ring-gai | |
| Lane Cove | North Sydney | Ryde | Willoughby |

Councils represented on the evening included:

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Hornsby | Hunter's Hill | Ku-ring-gai | |
| Lane Cove | North Sydney | Ryde | Willoughby |

Accordingly, a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Clr M Lyons (Alt) | Hornsby Council |
| Clr F Findlay | Hornsby Council |
| Mr R Ball | Hornsby Council |
| Clr S Hoopman | Hunter's Hill Council (Chair) |
| Mr B Smith | General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council |
| Clr T Hall (Alt) | Ku-ring-gai Council |
| Mr B Bell | General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council |
| Clr I Longbottom | Lane Cove Council |
| Mr P Brown | General Manager, Lane Cove Council |
| Clr N Ritten | North Sydney Council |
| Clr P Holloway | General Manager, North Sydney Council |
| Clr E Wilde OAM | Ryde Council |
| Clr M Melhem (Alt) | Ryde Council |
| Mr M McMahon | General Manager, Ryde Council |
| Clr T Moran | Willoughby Council |
| Clr T Fogarty (Alt Mayor) | Willoughby Council |
| Mr John Owen | General Manager, Willoughby Council |
| Mr D Johnson | NSROC Executive Director |
| Ms L Ridley | NSROC Executive Assistant |

1. APOLOGIES

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Clr N Berman | Hornsby Council |
| Clr B Lucas | Hunter's Hill Council |
| Clr A Ryan | Ku-ring-gai Council |
| Clr I Cross | Ku-ring-gai Council |
| Clr R Tudge | Lane Cove Council |
| Clr K Freedman (Alt) | Lane Cove Council |
| Clr G McCaffery | North Sydney Council |
| Clr T Perram | Ryde Council |
| Clr P Reilly | Willoughby Council |

481/04 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr I Longbottom

Seconded: Clr N Ritten

CARRIED

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No 106 held 5th August 2004.

CHAIR

That the Apologies be received.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

482/04 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Longbottom, Seconded: Clr N Ritten **CARRIED**
The Minutes of Meeting No. 105 6th May 2004, copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

3. TREASURERS REPORT – Amendment to 2004/2005 Budget

483/04 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Longbottom Seconded: Clr E Wilde **CARRIED**
 That the 2004/2005 Budget be amended to include the unexpended waste funds from 2003/2004 and the additional anticipated monies required for the Regional Waste Tender

MATTERS ARISING

The Executive Director advised that NSROC will also be gaining additional funds by way of a Service Fee charged to DIPNR for providing a Weeds Grant administrative service.

4. TRANSPORT

The Executive Director summarised the report, highlighting some of the impacts impinging on the Northern Sydney region –

- ❖ Ferry Corporatisation
- ❖ Unsworth report – Bus Services
- ❖ Rail service

484/04 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr T Hall **CARRIED**

That,

1. The NSROC Board approves the intended approach identified by GMAC and the Executive Director in addressing Transport matters in the NSROC region.
2. The Executive Director arrange for Austrans to make a presentation to the NSROC Board.
3. NSROC writes to the Minister expressing our concerns regarding the possible closure of the Matilda Ferry Service and the impact this will have on schoolchildren, commuters and the increased motor vehicle use in peak hour, and that NSROC participate in any public promotion of the Ferry service as deemed appropriate.
4. NSROC supports member Councils in their endeavours to ensure accountability of the RTA in the construction process of the Lane Cove Tunnel and the installation of filtration system and the means by which these systems may be funded.
5. The Executive Director writes to MOT advising that a NSROC Transport Group is operating and that the Regional transport Co-ordinator when appointed be invited to join that group.
6. NSROC supports North Sydney Council in obtaining the continuation of the Cycle route through the Lane Cove Tunnel project to the Harbour Bridge.

5. METRO STRATEGY

485/04 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr T Hall **CARRIED**

That,

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No 106 held 5th August 2004.

CHAIR

1. The Executive Director establish a Metro Strategy Planning Group to provide analysis and input into the Metro Strategy as it develops, to critique the various strategy working papers as they are released, and to provide a NSROC submission when the final version of the Strategy is put on exhibition, and that Penny Holloway, General Manager, North Sydney Council, will act as Chair for this Group.
2. The NSROC Metro Strategy Planning Group identifies a list of objectives it would like to see be achieved in the Metro Strategy for consideration by GMAC and the NSROC Board.
3. Hon. Craig Knowles, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, Ms Jennifer Westacott, D-G, DIPNR, and Evan Jones, DIPNR, be invited to address NSROC at their next Board meeting on how the Metro Strategy will benefit the NSROC region.
4. NSROC supports holding a Local Government Forum, in conjunction with other Sydney Metropolitan ROCs, to develop a Local Government response to the Metro Strategy.

6. JOINT TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF WASTE TRANSFER PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL SERVICE TO THE NSROC MEMBER COUNCILS

- 486/04 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr F Findlay **CARRIED**
1. That the report be received and noted.
 2. That the Executive Director to provide a further update at the next Board meeting in November.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Breakfast Meeting with Federal MPs.

- 487/04 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Hall Seconded: Clr F Findlay **CARRIED**
That NSROC seek a Breakfast meeting with our Federal MPs to advise them of NSROC's concerns in a number of areas where Federal Government support would be appreciated.

7.2 Motion for Local Government Conference

Hunter's Hill Council advised that they will be bringing forward a motion at the Local Government Conference to amend the current Local Government Act, Section 355. Currently Councils are unable to delegate to the ROC the power to accept tenders on their behalf and Hunter's Hill believes that the Legislation needs to be changed to allow this to happen.

7.3 NSROC Strategic Plan

The Chair of GMAC advised that there would be an update of the NSROC Strategic Plan to the Board at its November meeting.

7.4 James Hardie Industries Products

Ryde Council advised that they will be considering a motion to boycott James Hardie Products at their meeting to be held next week, and that this may also impact on some of the NSROC Purchasing Agreements in place.
Hornsby Council advised that they will also be considering this matter.

7.5 NSROC Website

The Executive Director advised that a review and update of the NSROC Website will shortly be undertaken.

7.6 NSROC Business Papers

The Executive Director proposed that future NSROC Board meeting papers be distributed electronically to Councils for their circulation to their Delegates.

- 488/04 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr F Findlay Seconded: Clr N Ritten **CARRIED**
That the NSROC meeting papers be distributed electronically to Councils for their distribution to Delegates.

8. HOST COUNCIL

- 489/04 Delegates expressed appreciation to Hunter's Hill Council for their generous hospitality in hosting the 106th Ordinary Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

**The next Ordinary meeting No. 107 of NSROC
Will be held on
THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2004
AT LANE COVE COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**