



City of Belmont
STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL)
MINUTES
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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD IN
THE RIVERVALE ROOM, CITY OF BELMONT CIVIC CENTRE, 215 WRIGHT STREET,
CLOVERDALE ON MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.32 PM.**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Cr Wolff (Presiding Member)	South Ward
Cr Ryan (Deputy Presiding Member)	East Ward
Cr Marks (Ex Officio)	East Ward
Cr R Rossi, JP, Deputy Mayor (Proxy for Cr Cayoun)	West Ward

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Ralph	A/Director Technical Services
Mr W Stephens	Manager Parks and Environment
Ms N Davey	Coordinator Environment
Mr S Glassborow	Environmental Officer
Mr D Richards (<i>dep 7.05pm</i>)	Environmental Officer Light Industry
Ms J Barnes	Senior Governance Officer

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member read the Acknowledgement of Country.

Before I begin I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today, the Noongar Whadjuk people, and pay respect to Elders past, present and future leaders.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Cayoun (Apology)

West Ward

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST THAT MIGHT CAUSE A CONFLICT

3.1 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Nil.

3.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY

Nil.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

4.2 DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE BUSINESS PAPERS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE MEETING

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**5.1 STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD 17 SEPTEMBER 2018
(Circulated under separate cover)**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

ROSSI MOVED, RYAN SECONDED,

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 17 September 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 4 VOTES TO 0

**6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS ON WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
(WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**

Nil.

**7. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY PERSON
PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

Nil.

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Note:

Item 10.4 was brought forward for discussion prior to Item 10.1. Refer to page 7.

7.05pm Environmental Officer Light Industry departed the meeting and did not return.

10.1 PROGRESS OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND TRAVELSMART PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 1 – Item 10.1 refers	Progress of Environment and Sustainability Strategy Implementation September - October 2018
Attachment 2 – Item 10.1 refers	TravelSmart Plan September - October 2018

Updates on progress towards the implementation of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan are attached for information (refer [Attachment 1](#) and [Attachment 2](#)). This outlines activities undertaken since the Standing Committee (Environmental) meeting on 17 September 2018.

Committee Notes

Questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The Consolidated Local Law is required to be gazetted before the City can promote the updated verge treatments, as some are prohibited in the current Local Law.
- New guidelines will be developed on how to implement verge enhancements (covering e.g. trip issues, line of sight etc.).
- The Coordinator Environment agreed to contact 350.org to investigate why the City of Belmont is not mentioned as the amendment to the City's Investment Policy has been in place for over 18 months and encourages investment in Institutions that do not lend to fossil fuels.
- There has been a thorough investigation into the street trees that are dead and/or dying. Information has been sought from experts in the field who have looked for virus, pest, disease etc. Unfortunately, the trees were all planted around the same time and are predominantly a cloned cutting from an original Callistemon Kings Park Special and they are getting to the end of their life. The City will be removing the dead and dying trees and will plant a different species.
- As part of the Canopy Plan and in light of the recent investigations, the City will consider the future of the recently planted Callistemon Kings Park Specials and investigate whether younger trees need to be replaced.
- The Coordinator Environment gave an update to 3.7 in Attachment 1 (page A10) stating that the offender appealed the fine and it was reduced to \$2000 with costs of \$900.

10.2 HEALTHY BIRD COMPETITION

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 3 – Item 10.2 refers	Healthy Bird gets the Worm Competition Flyer

The Standing Committee (Environmental) was asked to select the winning entry for each category of the City of Belmont *Healthy Bird Gets the Worm Primary Student Competition*, as per the attached flyer.

- Pre-primary to Year 2: Getting to know our local birds
- Years 3- 6: Tell us why not to feed our birds

The winning entries will be displayed on noticeboards unveiled at a 'Healthy Waterbirds, Healthy Lake' morning talk and walk, to be held at Tomato Lake on Saturday, 24 November 2018.

Committee Notes

The Committee considered all the entries in the Healthy Bird gets the Worm Competition and selected the winners as follows:-

Pre-Primary – Year 2: Getting to know our local birds – Poster No. 3

Years 3 – Year 6: Tell us why not to feed our birds – Poster No. 6

10.3 WATERWISE COUNCIL UPDATE

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tabled Attachment 1 – Item 10.3 refers	<u>Waterwise Council Gold Status 2020 Presentation</u>

The Environmental Officer provided an update on the Waterwise Council Program, including actions required for implementation in 2019-2020 to achieve Gold Status in October 2020.

Committee Notes

The Waterwise Council Gold Status 2020 presentation included the following:

- Waterwise Council
- Climate
- Why Be Waterwise?
- No of days >30°C, >35°C, >40°C
- 2007 days >40°C
- Water
- Waterwise
- Corporate Portable Water Consumption
- Community Portable Water Consumption
- Groundwater Consumption
- Waterwise
- Water Sensitive City?
- Cumulative Socio-Political Drivers
- WSC Goal Areas
- Increase Community Capital
- Improve Ecological Health
- Ensure Quality Urban Space
- 5 Mandatory Actions

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 1](#) for further information).

Questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The cost of the new car park at Esther Street is higher than a standard car park, however, it is important to weigh the cost against the long term benefits. There are now more products available in WA and therefore the cost of materials is reducing.
- There are some Councils who are currently recognised at Gold Standard. There is also a Platinum Standard and it is understood that the City of Canning are looking to achieve this standard for 2018.
- The City does need to promote the new Esther Street car park to ensure residents and those in the Belmont Business Park are aware and make use of it.
- The Environmental Officer undertook to include an article in a future Belmont Bulletin promoting the water sensitive urban design aspects of the carpark.
- It was noted that consideration of incentives/ requirements for permeable paving or other Environmentally Sensitive Design features in development would be included in the Environment Supporting Document, as part of the Local Planning Scheme Review.

10.4 CIVIC CENTRE WASTE AUDIT

Note:

Item 10.4 was brought forward for discussion prior to Item 10.1. Refer to page 4.

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tabled Attachment 2 – Item 10.4 refers	Third Annual Civic Centre General Waste Audit Presentation

The Environmental Officer Light Industry provided an update on the Waste Audit undertaken for the Civic Centre, including a summary of findings.

Committee Notes

The Third Annual Civic Centre General Waste Audit presentation included the following:

- Environmental and Sustainability Strategy
- Auditing
- Audit Methodology
- Why?
- Indicator 1: % Recyclables in General Waste at Time of Audit
- Recycling Options have Increased since 2016
- % Recyclables and Compostables
- Single Use Consumables
- Bin Liners
- Plastic Utensils
- Disposable Tea Towels
- Coffee Stirrers
- Paper Cups
- Paper Towels
- Single Use Consumables
- Single Use Disposable Items – Volume

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 2](#) for further information).

Questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The reduction in waste disposed of to landfill is due to improvements in the way the City is handling the waste.
- The value of plastic milk bottles to recyclers is reduced if lids and rings are left on, as they are made from a different type of plastic. Manufacturers are being encouraged to modify bottle designs or materials to avoid this problem in the future. The lids and rings currently cannot be recycled via verge collections. While lids should be removed from milk bottles prior to putting them in comingled recycling bins, there is currently no requirement to remove the rings from milk bottles.
- The request for all recyclable containers to be washed before being put in the bin is not new, however due to changing demands from China they are less tolerant of accepting contaminated recyclables.

Item 10.4 Continued

- The cleaners have been reminded about not putting plastic bags/bin liners or paper towels in the recycling bins.
- The City currently pays a subscription fee for collection of compostables by Kooda. This is currently composted in the south west with the final product sold. Kooda will be setting up their own composting facilities.
- The Coordinator Environment agreed to discuss with the Manager Marketing and Communications about providing recycling bins at all functions held in the Civic Centre.

11. ITEMS REQUIRING RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Nil.

12. REGISTER UPDATE OF ITEMS

Officer responses to the *Register Update of Items* from the Environment Committee meeting on 17 September 2018 are listed below.

Date Submitted	Item No.	Item Heading	Responsible Officer	Officer Comment
14.11.16	10.2	City of Stirling - Tree Protection and Retention - Private Land and Verges	Manager Parks and Environment	<p>A draft of the Canopy Plan will be presented to an Information Forum to inform all Councillors.</p> <p><i>A Draft of the Canopy Plan will be presented with the Draft Urban Forest Policy to a Councillor Information Forum in early 2019.</i></p>
17.09.18	10.1	Reducing the Use of Plastics	Manager Parks and Environment	<p>The A/Manager Parks and Environment will discuss further opportunities to promote the City's efforts to reduce plastic use with the Manager Marketing and Communications.</p> <p><i>The A/Manager Parks and Environment has discussed potential promotion with the Manager Marketing and Communications.</i></p>
17.09.18	10.3	Garvey Park – Section 2 Foreshore Update	Manager Parks and Environment	<p>It is not known how many City of Belmont residents own boats. The A/Manager Parks and Environment undertook to check whether this information was available through the licensing agency.</p> <p><i>The Department of Transport have advised that there are 743 recreational vessels registered to City of Belmont residents. COMPLETED</i></p>

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standing Committee (Environmental) will be held on Monday, 25 March 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

14. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.08 pm.

MINUTES CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that these minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 19 November 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 25 March 2019:

Signed by the Person Presiding: _____ 

PRINT name of the Person Presiding: **STEPHEN WOLFF**
