



SPECIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

(Open to the public)

Thursday 7 March 2019

The Chamber, Hawthorn Arts Centre,
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

Commencement 6.38pm

Attendance
Councillor Jane Addis (Mayor)
Councillor Phillip Healey
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
Councillor Coral Ross
Councillor Felicity Sinfield
Councillor Garry Thompson
Councillor Cynthia Watson
Councillor Jack Wegman

Apologies
Councillor Jim Parke
Councillor Steve Hurd

<u>Officers</u>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Shiran Wickramasinghe	Director City Planning
	Carolyn McClean	Director Community Development
	Marilyn Kearney	Director Customer Experience and Business Transformation
	Bruce Dobson	Transitioning Director Environment & Infrastructure to Director Customer Experience & Business Transformation
	Carolyn Terry	Acting Director Environment and Infrastructure
	Jennifer Reid	Acting Executive Manager People, Culture & Development
	Greg Hall	Chief Financial Officer
	David Thompson	Manager Governance
	Krysten Forte	Coordinator Governance
	Manoja Ratnayake	Corporate Reporting Team Leader
	Jacob Westley	Site Services Officer
	Helen Pavlidis	Governance Projects Officer

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1. Apologies

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2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil

3. Presentation of officer reports

3.1 **Boroondara City Council's Proposed Preliminary Submission to the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) Electoral Representation Review for Boroondara City Council**

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires the Victorian Electoral Commission (the VEC) to conduct electoral representation reviews (ERR) before every third council election, approximately every 12 years. The last ERR for Boroondara City Council (BCC) was in 2008. Following 2008 review, the VEC's final recommendation was for BCC to remain with ten single -councillor wards with minor changes to ward boundaries.

The ERR will examine:

- whether BCC has the appropriate number of councillors
- whether BCC should be unsubdivided, with councillors elected from the whole local council, or subdivided into wards
- if subdivided, the number of wards, ward boundaries and the number of councillors per ward.

Councillors have informally indicated their preference for a single member ward structure, as the most suitable structure for effective representation of their constituents.

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt a preliminary submission to be submitted to the VEC on the electoral representation review for Boroondara City Council.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Healey

Seconded Councillor Ross

That Council resolve to:

- 1. To support ten single-councillor wards in the electoral representation for Boroondara.**
- 2. To adopt the preliminary submission (as annexed to the Minutes) to the Electoral Representation Review for Boroondara City Council being conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).**

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6.51pm

Confirmed

Chairperson

Date
