

3.3 Proposed Council Motions - Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting on 18 October 2019

Abstract

This report informs Council and seeks endorsement of two (2) proposed motions to be put forward to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on Friday 18 October 2019.

Motions that are carried at the MAV State Council become resolutions. These resolutions are then considered by the MAV Board when setting the strategic workplan for the MAV.

Officers' recommendation

That the Services Special Committee resolve to adopt the two (2) motions (as annexed to the Minutes) to be put forward to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting on 18 October 2019.

Responsible manager: David Thompson

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform councillors about the proposed two (2) motions to be put forward to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 18 October 2019.

2. Policy implications and relevance to community plan and council plan

The MAV is the statutory peak body for local governments in Victoria and should take a lead role in advocating to the State Government on a variety of issues of concern to local governments in Victoria. Submitting motions to the MAV State Council is consistent with Council's practice of advocating on behalf of the community.

This report is consistent with the strategy within the Council Plan 2017-21 to "Ensure Council is open, transparent, inclusive and accountable to the community through sound governance practices for making and implementing decisions".

3. Background

Council has a strong commitment to advocating on behalf of the Boroondara and broader community. The MAV, as the peak representative body for local governments in Victoria, is in a strong position to support this advocacy.

The MAV State Council meeting will be held on 18 October 2019. Motions need to be received by the MAV no later than Friday 20 September 2019.

4. Outline of key issues/options

Council has previously presented motions to State Council on a range of matters including: Library funding; Landfill Levies; Aged Care Reforms; Sustainable Street Lighting; Apartment Design Code; Newspaper advertising requirements; Regulation of Strategic Resource Plans; Assistance for people affected by heatwave; Enhanced proactive VicRoads asset maintenance programs; Bicycle safety; the School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) program; Subsidies for HACC and meals-on-wheels services; ESD principles in State Planning Provisions; Vulnerable Persons Register; VCAT (Local policy, Plans in appeal proceedings); Infringements Court (Perin); Building Regulations; Immunisation; U3A; Residential Noise; Penalty Units in Local Laws; Cladding, Fines Management System and Telecommunications Legislation. In some cases, resolutions sponsored by this Council have been instrumental in achieving worthwhile results.

Attachment 1 provides the details of the two (2) proposed motions being put forward which are as follows:

- Motion 1 – Improve and Enhance Maternal and Child Health Development Information System (CDIS) (Submitted by Community Development)
- Motion 2 – Landfill Levee (Submitted by Environment and Infrastructure)

5. Consultation/communication

The proposed motions have been prepared in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team.

6. Financial and resource implications

There are no direct financial implications to Council in presenting these motions to the MAV State Council.

7. Governance issues

The implications of this report have been assessed and are not considered likely to breach or infringe upon, the human rights contained in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

The officers responsible for this report have no direct or indirect interests requiring disclosure.

8. Social and environmental issues

The motions being considered at State Council cover a range of matters. The motions sponsored by Council have the potential to achieve worthwhile results for the Boroondara community and the broader Victorian community.

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Report officer: Krysten Forte, Coordinator Governance



FORM

MAV State Council Meeting – 18 October 2019

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Improve and Enhance Maternal and Child Health Child Development Information System (CDIS)

Submitted by: Boroondara City Council

MOTION:
 The motion can only be a maximum of 250 words and the rationale up to 350 words.

That the Municipal Association of Victoria negotiate additional funding from the Victorian Government to improve and enhance the Maternal and Child Health Child Development Information System (CDIS).

MAV Strategic Work Plan (SWP):
 Indicate whether or not the subject matter of your motion is included in the MAV SWP 2019-21.

Is the subject matter of this motion included in the SWP?	Yes / No
If yes, identify the following:	
Objective No.	
Priority No.	
Item No.	

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BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW THIS MOTION IMPACTS THE SECTOR AS A WHOLE:

[Insert description]

The Maternal and Child Health Child Development Information System (CDIS) is the electronic document management system that has been implemented to facilitate the delivery of MCH services by expediting service delivery, thus improving child health and safety outcomes. CDIS tracks client activity, referral workflow, appointment availability, clinical assessment, clinical referrals, treatment and reviews as well as detailed reporting, a legal imperative of the program. CDIS enhancements and improvements will increase usability and functionality, increase efficiency, further improve data analysis by MCH and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) lowering the potential governance risk to council. Enhancements to the system will positively impact all MCH users further improving communication between key stakeholders, healthcare professionals and ultimately improve client outcomes.

RATIONALE:

[Insert rationale]

CDIS is an electronic, web-based client information system that was in existence for use by other health services within Australia. It was adapted by the company D.R.A. Computing, with State Government funding to suit the requirements of the Victorian Maternal and Child Health service. D.R.A. Computing holds the current contract and has been responsible for the initial development and ongoing support, with all communications being via MAV.

Whilst the introduction of CDIS within Victorian MCH service has been a positive change and has provided many advantages, including the ability to streamline and standardise documentation around the state and to allow better follow up of vulnerable clients, there are many enhancements that could further improve the system.

There has been many enhancements suggested by MCH nurses and leaders around the state and this list sits with MAV. The proposed enhancements have been discussed and prioritised within the CDIS Reference Group. Currently there is no funding that has allowed the progression of these enhancement ideas to move into the costing and production stage.

The proposed enhancements would dramatically improve usability, increase efficiency and allow documentation to be a less onerous task for MCH nurses within a client consultation. Presently there are numerous places to enter the same information within the Client Health Record and the system is not always intuitive, hence creating resource inefficiencies due to duplication of effort.

Enhancements that provide improved streamlined documentation will provide accurate databases and have the flow on impact of improved data output for client management purposes within MCH service, more broadly within council, for DHHS and Victorian Government data requirements and for research reporting. Enhancements to the CDIS will improve day to day usability and efficiency within the system, embracing current technology advancements as well as meeting compliance requirements. Other proposed enhancements, such as a permanent auto-save function, would decrease risk to council and improve alignment with the *Health Records Act 2001*.

An improvement in the CDIS Short Message Service (SMS) functionality will improve participation rates. Ultimately all enhancements will increase the ability of the Victorian MCH service to deliver appropriate client care and therefore have a positive impact on Victorian child health outcomes.

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Landfill Levee

Submitted by: Boroondara City Council

MOTION:

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The Municipal Association of Victoria advocate to the State Government to improve transparency regarding the spending and allocation of the landfill levy, and the State Government use funding from the landfill levy to assist councils to undertake waste reduction and programs and projects to improve recycling and waste management in Victoria.

MAV Strategic Work Plan (SWP):

Indicate whether or not the subject matter of your motion is included in the MAV SWP 2019-21.

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BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW THIS MOTION IMPACTS THE SECTOR AS A WHOLE:

Sustainable change required to the recycling sector as a whole.

RATIONALE:

The State Government introduced the landfill levy in 1992/93. There is significant unspent landfill levy funds held by State Government.

The State Government should make more effective use of the funds in line with the objectives and accordingly provide a greater share of the levy funds for Councils to deliver local waste and climate change programs.

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