

COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA



(Open to the public)

6.30pm, Monday 24 July 2023

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Date of Issue: 21 July 2023

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Order of Business

- 1 Adoption and confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting on 19 June 2023 and 26 June 2023**
- 2 Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer**
- 3 Deputations, presentations, petitions and public submissions**
- 4 Informal Meetings of Councillors**
- 5 Public question time**
- 6 Notices of motion**
- 7 Presentation of officer reports**
 - 7.1 Audit and Risk Committee Appointment of Chairperson
 - 7.2 Contract No. 2023/13 - Victoria Road Reserve Reconstruction
 - 7.3 Proposed sale of land from discontinued road - Rear 4/980 Burke Road, Balwyn
 - 7.4 Proposed discontinuance and sale of drainage reserve - Adjoining 4 View Street and rear 36 and 38 Hopetoun Avenue, Canterbury
 - 7.5 Camberwell High School, 100A Prospect Hill Road, Canterbury - Proposed Discontinuance and sale of Carriageway Easement/Road
 - 7.6 May 2023 Monthly Financial Report

Supplementary Report

- 7.7 Proposed City of Boroondara Motion for the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council on 13 October 2023

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Executive Summary

This report informs councillors of one proposed motion to be put forward to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 13 October 2023.

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 Council resolve to adopt the motion, as annexed to the Minutes, to be put forward to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 13 October 2023.

Responsible director: **Phillip Storer, Chief Executive Officer**

1. Purpose

This report seeks Council approval for a proposed motion by the City of Boroondara to be put to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 13 October 2023.

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

As the statutory peak body for local government, the role of the MAV is to advocate to the State Government on issues of common concern for councils 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 Boroondara Community Plan 2021 – 31: "The community's interests are represented by Council through leadership and strong advocacy to external stakeholders."

3. Background

Council advocates on behalf of the Boroondara community on issues important to Boroondara. One advocacy tool is to leverage Council's membership of the MAV. The MAV as the statutory peak representative body for local government in Victoria advocates on behalf of all councils for issues that affect the sector.

The MAV's process to decide issues to advocate is to put motions from member councils to a vote in a MAV State Council meeting. The MAV then advocates on behalf of councils for motions that receive majority support.

The next MAV State Council meeting will be held on 13 October 2023. Motions are required to be received by the MAV by 14 August 2023.

4. Outline of key issues/options

Council has previously presented motions to State Council on a range of matters including Library funding, Landfill Levies, Sustainable Street Lighting, Apartment Design Code, Enhanced proactive VicRoads asset maintenance programs, Bicycle safety, Immunisation, U3A and Maternal Child Health. In some cases, resolutions sponsored by this Council have achieved worthwhile results for the Boroondara community and the broader Victorian community.

Attachment 1 sets out the proposed motion "Housing and Homelessness Sector Support". This motion is submitted by Community Support.

Any queries about the content of the motion can be directed to Fiona Brown, Manager, Community Planning and Development. Queries about the MAV State Council and motion can be directed to Bryan Wee, Manager, Governance and Legal.

5. Consultation/communication

A call for proposed motions was made to members of the Senior Leadership Team. The proposed motion was prepared in consultation with input from members of the Executive Leadership Team.

6. Financial and resource implications

There are no direct financial implications to Council in presenting the motion to the MAV State Council other than Council officer time in preparing and submitting the motion. These costs are met from the Council operating budget.

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 officer responsible for this report has no general or material conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

8. Social and environmental issues

The motion being considered at the MAV State Council covers a range of matters.

The motion sponsored by Council have the potential to achieve worthwhile results for the Boroondara community and the broader Victorian community.

Manager: **Bryan Wee, Manager Governance and Legal**

Report officer: Kirstin Ritchie, Coordinator Governance



MAV State Council Meeting - 13 October 2023

Motion

[Housing and Homelessness Sector Support]

Submitted by: Boroondara City Council

Primary Contact: Fiona Brown 9278 4476

Secondary Contact: Katherine Wright 9278 4827

MOTION:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Provide adequate funding for the homelessness sector to deliver critical wrap-around services for individuals with complex needs and who have experienced long term homelessness to develop skills to exit homelessness, live independently and retain their housing. This is in line with the Council to Homeless Persons' 2023/24 state budget submission that called on the Victorian Government:
"... to invest an additional \$47.5 million in 2023-24 (\$220.6 million over four years) to continue and grow the From Homeless to a Home program to support at least 2,100 households (growing to 2,400 by year 4) for as long as that support is needed to sustain that home (page 4, State Budget Submission 2023-24 - Council to Homeless Persons website (chp.org.au))."
2. Provide adequate funding for sufficient staffing of homelessness service agencies to support individuals who are sleeping rough out of homelessness in a timely manner. This includes funding for out-of-hours (before 9 am and after 5 pm) assertive outreach.
3. Increase social housing stock and improve living standards of existing social housing including increased support for residents to maintain their tenancy.

MAV Strategy:

Indicate whether or not the subject matter of the motion is included in the MAV Strategy 2021-25.

Is the subject matter of this motion included in the Strategy?

Yes

If yes, identify the following:

Priority No.

Strategy Priority 3: Well-planned, connected, and resilient built environment

Is the motion repetitive in a form or substance of a motion of a motion or item considered at the most recently held meeting of the State Council?

Yes, Motion 90 at the State Council meeting on 19 May 2023 was submitted by the City of Stonnington. The motion was titled "Housing and homelessness sector support".

The motion should be considered again because Council considers funding for the housing and homelessness sector is still inadequate. The Salvation Army - Homelessness East, Council's homelessness entry point, continues to experience high demand and Council has experienced delayed response times for assertive outreach. Council also recognises that there is an inadequate supply of social housing to meet the needs of people who are homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Council is also aware that full funding was not received by Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) in response to their State Budget Submission 2023-24. Funding is requested to enable CHP and the housing and homelessness sector to end - rather than simply manage - homelessness in Victoria.

Note: Motions must be submitted by **one council but may be supported by other councils. The council submitting the motion will need to supply written confirmation from any council(s) listed as supporting the motion. All relevant background information in support of the motion should be included in the space provided for the rationale and not in attachments. **The motion and rationale should be no longer than one page.***

RATIONALE:

Access to safe, affordable, and secure housing is the foundation for good health and participation in community life including access to education, employment, and services. The critical shortage of public and community housing is contributing to homelessness, including people sleeping rough. According to the 2020 Make Social Housing Work report by the Housing Peak Alliance, Victoria needs 6,000 new social housing properties every year for the next 10 years for people without homes.

Private rental market competition and inflation, combined with a chronic shortage of low-cost housing stock is pushing people into homelessness, particularly people on low and fixed incomes.

Key cohorts of concern include women and children fleeing family violence, older adults experiencing elder abuse, and single women aged over 55 who are financially vulnerable.

There are very few safe, secure, long-term housing options for these groups, crisis accommodation is full and rooming houses are often unsuitable and unsafe.

The Salvation Army - Homelessness East is the only organisation who provides assertive outreach for homelessness assistance in Boroondara. Without adequate funding to provide timely and appropriate assistance, people will remain homeless for longer which creates barriers to access education, employment and inclusion.

The Salvation Army - Homelessness East relies on rooming houses to accommodate clients. However, many clients do not want to be placed in rooming houses due to poor and dangerous conditions resulting in chronic homelessness and deteriorating health. Additionally, people are staying in crisis accommodation and transitional housing for longer, resulting in a backlog across the social housing system.

The cost to construct and operate affordable housing is greater than the income for rent. Therefore, ongoing investment, funding streams, subsidies and incentives are required to ensure a continual program of new social housing stock, the upgrade of existing stock and to attract new investors.

More funding streams from the State Government is also required for homelessness support services to ensure people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are provided with supports to exit homelessness in a timely manner.

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