



MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council held at the
Council Chambers, North Sydney
at 6:30 PM on Monday 22 April 2024.



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1. Opening Meeting

Statement of ethical obligations

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation taken upon commencement of office that they will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of North Sydney and the North Sydney Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

Councillors are also reminded of their obligations under the Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

At the commencement of business (6:30 pm) those present were: The Mayor, and Councillors Beregi, Bourke, Gibson, Lamb, Lepouris, Mutton, Santer, and Welch.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

RECOGNITION OF THE CAMMERAYGAL PEOPLE

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of North Sydney local government area, the Cammeraygal people.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor.

3. Apologies and applications for leaves of absence or attendance by audio-visual link by councillors

It was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Santer:

1. THAT Council grant permission for Councillor Bourke to attend remotely for the following reason: travel.

2. THAT Council grant permission for Councillor Lepouris to attend remotely for the following reason: other.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Spenceley

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council grant permission for Councillor Bourke to attend remotely for the following reason: travel.

2. THAT Council grant permission for Councillor Lepouris to attend remotely for the following reason: other.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

THAT THE MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Councillor Mutton.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Lepouris and Councillor Spenceley

RESOLVED:

1. THAT THE MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

Councillor Spenceley joined the meeting at 6.32pm.

5. Disclosures of Interest

The following Disclosures of Interest were made:

Councillor	Item(s)	Reason
Councillor Welch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10.5 Community Centres - Joint Strategic Plans review 2022/2023• 10.6 Cultural Facilities - Joint Strategic Plans review 2022/2023• 10.7 Draft Community Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025	On the Board of the Crows Nest Community Centre (non-pecuniary/significant)
Councillor Lamb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10.5 Community Centres - Joint Strategic Plans review 2022/2023• 10.6 Cultural Facilities - Joint Strategic Plans review 2022/2023	On the Board of the Crows Nest Community Centre (pecuniary/significant)

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	• 10.7 Draft Community Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025	

6. Public Forum

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Santer:

1.THAT the Public Forum be opened, and that the following Items be considered as part of the Public Forum:

Item 11.1	Notice of Motion 04/24 - Bradfield Park bike ramp - Cr Mutton
Item 11.2	Notice of Motion 05/24 - Revesting of southern portion of Bradfield Park - Cr Mutton

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED:

1.THAT the Public Forum be opened, and that the following Items be considered as part of the Public Forum:

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This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see above Resolution).

1. THAT a report be prepared and presented to the next meeting of Council detailing each:

- contact(s) and arrangement(s) entered into; and
- understanding(s) arrived at

by Council with the NSW Government (including its departments and instrumentalities) concerning Bradfield Park in general and the proposed cycleway in particular since 1 January 2023 and that attached to that report be a copy of each contract and arrangement.

2. THAT a report be prepared and presented to the next meeting of Council detailing the actions taken by Council to discharge its obligations with respect to the land that is Bradfield Park as trustee under the trust established by the proclamation dated 19 March 1935.

The following people spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Peter Noble (local resident)
- Ian Lloyd (local resident)
- John Connor (local resident)
- Chris Taylor (local resident)

The Motion was moved by Councillor Mutton and seconded by Councillor Gibson.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

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2. THAT a report be prepared and presented to the next meeting of Council detailing the actions taken by Council to discharge its obligations with respect to the land that is Bradfield Park as trustee under the trust established by the proclamation dated 19 March 1935.

11.2. Notice of Motion 05/24 - Revesting of southern portion of Bradfield Park - Cr Mutton

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 5).

(Mr Turville-Ince, who had registered to speak, did not attend the meeting)

1. THAT a report be prepared and presented to the next meeting of Council, detailing actions taken by Council with an intention to have the land revested in Council or otherwise secured for the benefit of the residents of North Sydney.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Mutton and seconded by Councillor Gibson:

1. THAT a report be prepared and presented to the next meeting of Council, detailing actions have been taken by Council, or what actions can be taken by Council, with an intention to

have the land revested in Council or otherwise secured for the benefit of the residents of North Sydney.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED:

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7. Items Considered by Exception

Nil

8. Mayoral Minutes

Nil

9. Reports of Committees

Nil

10. Reports to Council

10.1. 2024 Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference (National General Assembly)

AUTHOR: Ian Curry, Manager Governance

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the appointment of delegates for attendance at the 2024 National General Assembly, and any proposed Motions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The 2024 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) will be held in Canberra, from 2 to 4 July 2024.
- The theme for this year's NGA will be "Building Community Trust." ALGA is seeking motions that align with this theme, and which identify opportunities for new federal programs and policies that will support councils to build stronger communities. Motions are due by 30 April 2024.
- In addition, Council may resolve the appointment of delegates to attend the 2024 NGA. The early bird deadline for registrations is 7 June 2024.

This matter was previously considered by Council at its meeting on 26 February 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

1.THAT Council consider any proposed Motions for submission to the Conference, noting the deadline of 30 April 2024.

2.THAT any Councillor wishing to attend the Conference advise the Chief Executive Officer before 7 June 2024.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Spenceley:

1.THAT Council submit the following Motions to the Conference:

Loss of Tree Canopy

I(a). THAT the ALGA resolves to lobby the Federal Government to financially support Local Government programs and initiatives which seeks to address the ongoing loss of tree canopy across Australia.

Background

Many Councils across Australia are already designing and implementing innovative ways to increase tree canopy much of which is as a result of state government projects or private development. These projects come at a cost to councils and would be able to be more widely delivered and more accessible if federal funding for this purpose was made available to local government.

North Sydney Council has received positive and appreciative feedback from residents and members of the community for the "trees for newborns" and Streets Alive programs which

contribute to Council aim to increase total canopy cover to 34.4%. Since 2008, canopy cover has declined by 11.7% in the North Sydney local government area. These initiatives seek to involve the community in ongoing efforts to increase tree canopy, as well as celebrating the arrival of a new resident and encouraging members of the community to be actively involved in their local environment.

Housing Affordability Crisis

II(a). THAT this conference recognises that the housing affordability crisis across Australia requires a multifaceted and nuanced approach from all levels of government.

II(b). THAT the ALGA lobby the Federal Government to work directly with Local Government to provide funding directly to councils to support the local delivery of social and affordable housing.

II(c). THAT the ALGA write to the Federal Minister for Local Government asking that federal funding provided to the States be linked to the delivery of social and affordable housing in state owned projects and that the commitment to the provision of social and affordable housing be in perpetuity, not on a short term basis.

Funding Model for Local Government

III(a). THAT this conference calls on ALGA to hold a forum to formulate a new funding model(s) for Local Governments across Australia which:

- is fit for purpose, progressive and sustainable;
- provides local councils with appropriate funding for the services supported and conducted by Councils;
- recognizes that the current funding model for Councils is redundant and does not meet the needs or expectations of current or future ratepayers; and
- appreciates the different needs and expenditure of councils (urban, regional, rural, tourism, etc).

III(b). THAT ALGA presents the new funding model to the Federal Minister for Local Government for consideration and implementation across all local councils.

Background

The current funding model for Councils is redundant and does not support the growing demands being placed on local governments across Australia.

As density increases in urban areas, considerable and increasing strain is being placed on local services such as libraries, parks, footpaths, infrastructure, sporting fields, and the like however the current funding model based on land value does not reflect this. Rather than rates increasing with population, the same rates are just shared among more ratepayers who live on the same size land which does not increase rate revenue.

In regional and rural councils, there are not sufficient rateable properties to sustain the council services and infrastructure such as roads, waste, and public infrastructure. And in councils with tourist centres, again there are not sufficient rateable properties to support the cost of providing appropriate and necessary tourism infrastructure such as public amenities, roads, open space, footpaths, and cycleways.

Consideration also needs to be given to non-rateable properties such as schools, religious bodies etc who use Council's services such as parks, footpaths, community centres, and the like but pay no contribution. In urban areas, rateable properties are often purchased by institutions which are exempt from paying rates resulting in a previously rateable property converting to non-rateable due to its change of use.

IV. THAT the ALGA lobby the state and federal government for funding for neighbourhood power-sharing schemes that otherwise would not be available to the community.

2. THAT any Councillor wishing to attend the Conference advise the Chief Executive Officer before 7 June 2024.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 1

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Councillor Lepouris

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED:

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2. THAT any Councillor wishing to attend the Conference advise the Chief Executive Officer before 7 June 2024.

7.32pm Councillor Gibson left the meeting during consideration of Item 10.2

10.2. Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 31 March 2024

AUTHOR: Christian Menday, Manager Financial Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the performance of Council's investments and loans for the month ending 31 March 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- All investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and Council's Financial Investments Policy.
- For the month of March, the total investment portfolio (Term Deposits, Floating Rate Notes and Bonds) provided a return of +0.31% (actual), or +3.70% p.a. (annualised), marginally under-performing the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.37% (actual), or +4.41% p.a. (annualised). This is due to Council holding term deposits made in a low inflation environment when interest rate rises were not expected.
- Returns on investments exceed the YTD budget by \$885.55 thousand. The total return for the 2023/2024 financial year to date is approximately \$4.18 million. The better-than-expected return is due to payments for the capital works program progressing slower than expected in the first two quarters. The budget will be reviewed in the March Quarterly Budget Review.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report on Investments held 31 March 2024, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the information on Loan Borrowings be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Councillor Beregi.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Gibson

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the report on Investments held 31 March 2024, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the information on Loan Borrowings be received.

7.34pm Councillor Gibson returned to the meeting.

10.3. Submission to Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

AUTHOR: Ian Robertson, Service Unit Manager, Corporate Governance

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council:

- of the withdrawal of the IPART review of the local government financial model, as it will now be considered by the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on State Development; and
- to present the draft terms of reference of The Federal House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure, and Transport's inquiry into local government sustainability.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The NSW Government has withdrawn the review of the financial model of local government in NSW by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), with the announcement the matter will now instead be considered by the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on State Development.
- There is a previous Council submission on the Terms of Reference for the IPART review, as endorsed by Council in their meeting of 11 March 2024. IPART has advised all previous submissions will be provided to the NSW Standing Committee on State Development to inform their review.
- A further review of local government financial sustainability has been announced by the Federal Government House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure, and Transport. The draft terms of reference are included in this report. Due to the deadline to provide feedback by 3 May 2024 a comprehensive draft submission will be circulated to Councillors prior to lodgement.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council note the previously announced IPART review of the financial model of local government will now be considered by the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on State Development.
- 2. THAT** Council note the draft Terms of Reference from The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport's review into local government sustainability.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Lamb:

- 1. THAT** Council note the previously announced IPART review of the financial model of local government will now be considered by the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on State Development.
- 2. THAT** Council note the draft Terms of Reference from The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport's review into

local government sustainability.

3. THAT Council's submission to the Inquiry include the wording of the Motion to be submitted to the 2024 National General Assembly regarding Funding Model for Local Government

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council note the previously announced IPART review of the financial model of local government will now be considered by the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on State Development.

2. THAT Council note the draft Terms of Reference from The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport's review into local government sustainability.

3. THAT Council's submission to the Inquiry include the wording of the Motion to be submitted to the 2024 National General Assembly regarding Funding Model for Local Government

10.4. Housing Density and the Housing Crisis - Development Application Process

AUTHOR: Stephen Beattie, Business Unit Manager Development Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to address various aspects of a Council resolution regarding strategic planning at the state level, housing density and affordability, and the Development process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In October 2023, the Minister for Planning wrote to all Councils in NSW requesting that planning controls be urgently reviewed to address the housing crisis in NSW.
- In response, Council considered a Mayoral Minute at its meeting on 27 November 2023, which included a request that:
Council undertake an urgent review of DA (development applications) assessment/determination times with reference to the model put forward by

Newcastle City Council at the recent Local Government Conference and collaborate with other councils to adopt best practice.

- This report describes the Newcastle City Council model of development assessment in response to that resolution and provides an analysis of whether such model may be workable and successful in North Sydney.
- It also outlines what progress Council staff have made and are continuing to invest in, to achieve improved determination times and customer service in North Sydney.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council note the contents of this report.
- 2. THAT** a Council briefing be held to discuss opportunities contained within this report.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Lamb.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council note the contents of this report.
- 2. THAT** a Council briefing be held to discuss opportunities contained within this report.

10.5. Community Centres - Joint Strategic Plans review 2022/2023

AUTHOR: Kate Stewart, Manager Library Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the 2022/2023 review of Council's Joint Strategic Plans with each of the North Sydney Community Centres:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The four community centres in the North Sydney Local Government Area operate as independent not-for-profits out of Council-owned properties. Council provides annual operational grants to each centre, as well as providing subsidies for rates, waste, and property maintenance.

- Each centre has a Joint Strategic Plan, a joint planning statement with Council based on the Centre's strategic plan, and Council's Community, Cultural, and Recreational Facilities Policy. The joint strategic plan for each community centre is reviewed annually and referred to Council.
- As part of the review, centres provide comments on broad, shared management objectives, as well as on progress and achievements in delivering their strategic objectives. Financial data is also considered and informs Council's annual grants and subsidies allocation for the following financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report be received.

Councillors Lamb and Welch declared an interest in this items 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 and left the meeting at 7.36pm.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Santer.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Spenceley

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Lamb and Councillor Welch

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the report be received.

10.6. Cultural Facilities - Joint Strategic Plans review 2022/2023

AUTHOR: Kate Stewart, Manager Library Services

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the 2022/2023 review of Council's Joint Strategic Plans with each of North Sydney's Cultural Facilities:

- May Gibbs' Nutcote Museum
- Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre Inc
- North Sydney Men's Shed

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council supports several creative and cultural facilities which operate out of Council-owned properties and are managed by not-for-profit organisations.
- Council supports their activities in a variety of ways including annual operational grants and subsidies for rates, waste, and property maintenance. Centres can also apply for small, project-based grants.
- Council officers provide professional support and advice on operational and strategic matters and create opportunities for partnerships and involvement in Council programs.
- Each centre has a joint strategic plan, a joint planning statement with Council based on their own strategic plan and Council's Community, Cultural and Recreational Facilities Policy. The joint strategic plan for each cultural centre is reviewed annually and referred to Council.
- Cultural centres provide comments on broad, shared management objectives, as well as on progress and achievements in delivering on their own strategic objectives. Financial data is also considered and informs Council's annual grants and subsidies allocation for the following financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Spenceley.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer and Councillor Spenceley

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Lamb and Councillor Welch

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the report be received.

10.7. Draft Community Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025

AUTHOR: Kate Stewart, Manager Library Services

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the proposed Community Grants and Subsidies budget for 2024/2025, which allocates operational and special purpose funding

support for Community Centres, Community Childcare Centres, Community Housing, Cultural activities, and a range of other Community groups and initiatives.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The proposed grants and subsidies budget for 2024/2025 was formulated to direct Council support to the following community groups and areas of need:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
 - Aged Care Accommodation
 - Arts and Culture
 - Children and Families
 - Community Centres
 - Community Childcare Centres
 - Community Housing
 - Cultural Centres
 - Community Transport
 - Food Grants
 - Migrants and Refugees
 - Older People
 - Recreational Facilities
 - Small Grants – New and Innovative Projects and Sporting Organisations
 - Volunteers
 - Youth Services
- In addition to financial contributions, Council encourages local community organisations to build capacity by strengthening their relationships with each other, seeking to build better local connections, and sharing their spaces, assets, and resources.
- The outcome is increased community participation, engagement, and wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Draft Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025 report be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

2. THAT a further report be prepared for Council's consideration at the end of the submission period to facilitate the endorsement of the final Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025 budget.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Santer:

1. THAT the Draft Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025 report be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, or an extended period of 35 days if practicable.

2. THAT a further report be prepared for Council's consideration at the end of the submission period to facilitate the endorsement of the final Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025 budget.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Spenceley
Against: Nil
Absent: Councillor Lamb and Councillor Welch

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** the Draft Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025 report be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, or an extended period of 35 days if practicable.
- 2. THAT** a further report be prepared for Council's consideration at the end of the submission period to facilitate the endorsement of the final Grants and Subsidies 2024/2025 budget.

Councillors Lamb and Welch returned to the meeting at 7.38pm.

10.8. North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update

AUTHOR: Gary Parsons, Director Open Space & Infrastructure

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The project has been delayed due to ongoing issues associated with the structural steel roof over the 25-metre pool. Practical Completion is anticipated late 2024/early 2025 as previously reported to Council.
- Council's project team has addressed over 1,200 Requests for Information and have now assessed 371 Variations and 145 Extensions of time associated with the design and construction of the project.
- The current construction contract value is \$88.12M as of 13 March 2024, however Council continues to receive variations associated with latent conditions, along with design and construction-related issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and because consideration of the matter in open Council would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.
(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege

and because consideration of the matter in open Council would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to manage legal matters effectively and in the best interests of the community.

2. THAT the confidential report and related attachments be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.

3. THAT Council notes the contents of this report, which provides an update in relation to the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment project.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Gibson:

1. THAT the confidential report and related attachments be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.

2. THAT Council notes the contents of this report, which provides an update in relation to the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment project.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the confidential report and related attachments be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.

2. THAT Council notes the contents of this report, which provides an update in relation to the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment project.

10.9. Workforce Development Day

AUTHOR: Therese Cole, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the closure of Council offices and facilities for the day of Thursday 16 May 2024. The purpose of the closure is to allow all staff the ability to attend a Council-wide workforce development day.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council is currently working through a multi-year review and improvement process focused on structure, strategy, process, and system improvement.

- These elements of Local Government administration, combined with learning and development opportunities, contribute to a high performing and engaged workforce culture.
- Our workforce is diverse, with over 100 different services delivered to the community from multiple locations across the Local Government Area (LGA).
- By coming together for one day each year to learn and contribute together with colleagues from across Council, employees can be informed and engaged in plans for the year ahead.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the closure of Council's administration office, Stanton Library, and other Council facilities on Thursday 16 May 2024 for a workforce development day.
- 2. THAT** the community be actively informed of the closure through all communication channels available.

Councillor Gibson retired from the meeting at 7:41 pm.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Santer:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the closure of Council's administration office, Stanton Library, and other Council facilities on Thursday 16 May 2024 for a workforce development day between the hours of 8am and 5pm.
- 2. THAT** Council note that arrangements have been put in place to ensure access to meeting rooms at Stanton Library on the day for pre-existing bookings.
- 3. THAT** Council note that the "unearthing North Shore's forgotten architect" event will proceed as planned at Stanton Library at 6.30pm on the day.
- 4. THAT** the community be actively informed of the closure through all communication channels available.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Lepouris, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Gibson

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the closure of Council's administration office, Stanton Library, and other Council facilities on Thursday 16 May 2024 for a workforce development day between the hours of 8am and 5pm.
- 2. THAT** Council note that arrangements have been put in place to ensure access to meeting rooms at Stanton Library on the day for pre-existing bookings.

- 3. THAT** Council note that the “unearthing North Shore’s forgotten architect” event will proceed as planned at Stanton Library at 6.30pm on the day.
- 4. THAT** the community be actively informed of the closure through all communication channels available.

11. Notices of Motion

11.1. Notice of Motion 04/24 - Bradfield Park bike ramp - Cr Mutton

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 5).

11.2. Notice of Motion 05/24 - Revesting of southern portion of Bradfield Park - Cr Mutton

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 5).

12. Matters of Urgency

Nil

13. Closure

The Meeting concluded at 7:44 pm.