



Unconfirmed Minutes
Special Council Meeting
18 September 2023



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Flinders Council Special Meeting - Agenda

Monday 18 September 2023

Venue	Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
Commencing	9.33 am
Attendees – Councillors	Mayor Rachel Summers Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Carol Cox Peter Rhodes
Apologies	Garry Blenkhorn Ken Stockton Aaron Burke
Attendees – Staff	Warren Groves General Manager (9.33am – 9.50am) Richard Harley Acting Infrastructure Manager (9.33am – 9.50am) Sue Mythen Executive Officer (minute taker) (9.33am – 9.50am)

1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor began by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met today, the palawa people of the trawulwai Nation. She recognised their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture of this island, and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4 FINANCE

4.1 INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET VARIATION

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Richard Harley A/g Infrastructure Manager
File Reference	FIN/0701
Annexures	4.1.1 Quotation-Cat vibrating Roller

INTRODUCTION

Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires the General Manager to prepare budget estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year which include the estimated revenue, expenditure, borrowings and capital works plus other details required by the Minister.

The Current 2023/24 budget has provision for the purchase of a steel drum roller to be added to the fleet. This roller is intended for use in the road re-sheet program commencing October 2023.

Since looking to purchase the budgeted steel drum roller it was identified that a more suitable machine is available. The cost of the most suitable machine is greater than the sum of \$140,000 budgeted CAP2223-14.

Details of the machine identified are:

- Caterpillar CS68B,
- built in August 2021,
- approximately 900 hours of machine time, and
- available for purchase now.

This type of machine is very sought after by councils and contractors Australia wide.

Due to the scarcity of low hour steel drum rollers, we must secure the machine listed above which is currently priced at \$189,000.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

Council currently utilises a multi-tyre roller to compact road gravel. This method of compaction results in low density compaction and less desirable stability as well as a less than desirable frequency of pothole re-occurrence. The steel drum vibrating roller will reduce gravel road maintenance by producing a significantly improved pavement compaction standard and allow Council to prepare sections of roads to the standard required for sealing.

The lesser compaction rate of the current multi-tyre roller results in costly labor-intensive gravel road maintenance and poor public perception of Council roads. It is highly recommended that

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Council considers purchasing the more suitable machine. It is intended that this machine will be actively involved with the up and coming road re-sheeting program to improve the quality of our gravel roads.

As the steel drum roller is of modern technology it may be attractive as an on Island hire option.

A capital budget variation of an increase of \$50,000 is therefore requested to enable the prompt purchase of the identified Caterpillar CS68B steel drum vibrating roller.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Accessibility / Infrastructure – Quality infrastructure and services for community benefit.

2.3 Council assets/land maintained and utilised effectively.

4. Good Governance: Effective, efficient and transparent management and operations.

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Increased Capital spend.

Increased insurance cost.

Future savings with regard to road maintenance costs through improved infrastructure.

RISK/LIABILITY

Low, no unforeseen risks or legal obligations are identified as a result of this budget variation.

The machine would have positive benefits being a low hour machine.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves a capital budget variation of an increase of \$50,000 to purchase the identified Caterpillar CS68B steel drum vibrating roller.

DECISION

255.09.2023 Moved: D/Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded Cr Peter Rhodes

That Council suspends the operation of Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, in accordance with Regulation 22 (9).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, D/Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes

DECISION

256.09.2023 Moved: D/Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

That Council defers this decision until Council does more research including cost benefit analysis between hire versus purchase on a model that fits Councils requirements.

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At 9.50am Mayor Rachel Summers announced that the meeting was closed.

MEETING CLOSED 9.50AM

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