



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

City Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Wednesday, 25 September 2019 at 5:10 pm

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**City Infrastructure Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Wednesday,
25 September 2019 at 5:10 pm in the Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Denison (Chairman)
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Zucco
Briscoe
Behrakis

NON-MEMBERS

Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Sexton
Thomas
Harvey
Dutta
Ewin
Sherlock

PRESENT: Alderman T M Denison
(Chairman), the Lord Mayor Councillor
A M Reynolds, Aldermen J R Briscoe,
S Behrakis and Councillor W F Harvey.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Alderman M Zucco.

Alderman Briscoe left the meeting at
5:12 pm after declaring an interest in item
6.1, returning at 5:22 pm.

Alderman Behrakis left the meeting at
5:23 pm, returning at 5:24 pm.

Alderman Denison vacated the Chair at
5:25 pm and Alderman Behrakis chaired
the meeting for item 7.1.

Councillor Harvey was co-opted to the
Committee for items 2 to 7.1 and retired
from the meeting at 5:35 pm.

**1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A
VACANCY**

LORD MAYOR REYNOLDS

That Councillor Harvey be co-opted to the Committee for items 2 to 7.1.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Denison
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Briscoe
Behrakis

NOES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

LORD MAYOR REYNOLDS

The minutes of the Open Portion of the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on [Wednesday, 21 August 2019](#) and the Special City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on [Monday, 9 September 2019](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Denison	
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Briscoe	
Behrakis	
Harvey	

The minutes were signed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Recommendation

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager.

No supplementary items were received.

4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Members of the Committee are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflicts of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Committee has resolved to deal with.

1. Alderman Briscoe – Item 6.1.

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

A Committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 15(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the committee transfer an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

No items were transferred.

6. REPORTS

Alderman Briscoe left the meeting at 5:12 pm after declaring an interest in item 6.1, returning at 5:22 pm.

6.1 Liverpool Street, Hobart - Embankment Remediation File Ref: F19/122340

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Acting Senior Roads Asset Engineer, the Manager Roads and Environmental Engineering and the Director City Amenity of 19 September 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Denison
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Behrakis
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

- That:
1. Remediation works of the flood damaged section of 367-377 Liverpool Street, Hobart retaining the existing Liverpool Street road geometry, addressing drainage issues and rehabilitating the road pavement, at an estimated cost of \$370,000, be approved.
 2. Funding of \$92,000 be allocated from the City's Roads Strategy and Projects Budget Function in the 2019-20 Annual Plan to augment the funds to be provided by the Federal Government Natural Disaster Relief arrangement.

Delegation: Council

6.2 Water Bottle Refill Programs - A Review of the Choose Tap Program
File Ref: F19/122837

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Manager Cleansing and Solid Waste and the Director City Amenity of 19 September 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Denison
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Briscoe
Behrakis
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

- That: 1. The Council adopt the 'Tap' App program to encourage the refilling of water bottles, as a means to reduce the level of use of plastic water bottles and subsequent risk of single-use water bottles entering becoming litter.
- (i) The initiative be promoted to the City's relevant retailers and City residents and visitors.
 - (ii) The location of the City's water drinking fountains be loaded into the App.
2. The cost of the program, at an estimated cost of \$1,100 per annum (noting \$0 cost of the App, an estimated cost of \$300 for the printing of promotional stickers with the balance being anticipate staff costs to support the program), be funded within the City's Cleansing and Solid Waste Budget Function in the 2019-20 Annual Plan.

Delegation: Council

6.3 Hobart Bicycle Advisory Committee - Meeting Notes and Proposed Change of Name and Terms of Reference
File Ref: F19/123618; 37-1-4

DENISON

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Executive Manager City Place Making and Director City Planning of 20 September 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Denison
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Briscoe
Behrakis
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

- That
1. That the draft minutes of the Hobart Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting of 27 August 2019 (marked as Attachment A to item 6.3 of the Open City Infrastructure Committee agenda of 25 September 2019) be received and noted.
 2. The current 'Hobart Bicycle Advisory Committee' be renamed as the 'Hobart Active Travel Committee'.
 3. The draft Terms of Reference (marked as Attachment B to item 6.3 of the Open City Infrastructure Committee agenda of 25 September 2019) for the Hobart Active Travel Committee be approved.
 4. The Hobart Active Travel Committee report to the 'relevant Council Committee', to allow for matters to be considered by other Council Committees as appropriate, with the minutes of Hobart Active Travel Committee meetings continuing to be provided to the City Infrastructure Committee as a matter of course.
 5. A representative from the Heart Foundation be invited to join the Committee.
 6. A public Expression of Interest process be undertaken to seek one community member to represent the interests of people who walk on the Committee.

Delegation: Council

Alderman Denison vacated the Chair for item 7.1.

HARVEY

That Alderman Behrakis assume the Chair for item 7.1.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Denison
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Briscoe
Behrakis
Harvey

Alderman Behrakis assumed the Chair.

7. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

7.1 Underground Rivulet Commuter Network File Ref: F19/124773

DENISON

That in accordance with Council's policy, the following Notice of Motion which was adopted by the City Infrastructure Committee at its meeting of 25 September 2019, be considered by the Council.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Behrakis
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Briscoe
Denison
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

Motion:

- “(i) That a report be prepared to consider the merits or otherwise of utilising Hobart's underground rivulet as a pedestrian and / or bicycle commuter route;
and;
- (ii) In its assessment of the concept, the Council considers the potential of working with institutions such as schools, colleges and universities to develop research projects for students to address the challenges and develop technical, innovation, social and economic models and solutions.”

Rationale:

“The demand for Hobart’s roads and footpaths is increasing as more people live, work, learn and socialise in the inner city. Pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles are increasingly competing for finite space. Given the constraints on the ground level to physically increase the area available for travelling, the consideration of novel approaches to creating alternative commuter connections that are convenient and inviting is warranted. This motion suggests the idea of studying the potential for utilisation of the convenient routes offered by Hobart’s underground rivulet.

The underground route of the Hobart Rivulet could offer enormous opportunities for connecting key locations within the city. An example of four possible entrance locations, marked as A, B, C and D, are shown in Figure 1 below.

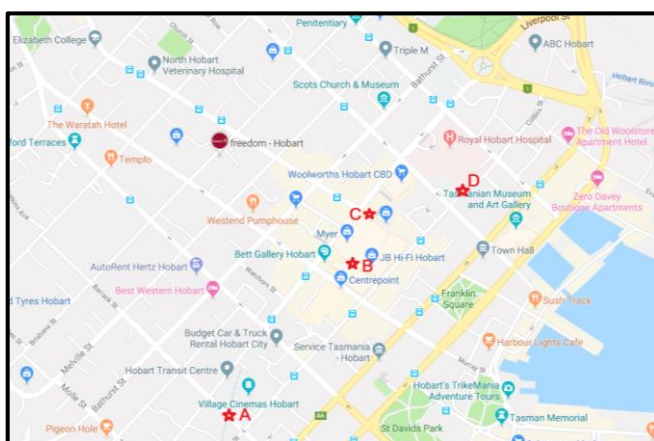


Figure 1: Possible Rivulet Access Locations

There are other locations where the rivulet may be accessed, but these four examples provide an illustration of the range of potential locations of entrances, and how popular city destinations may be connected.

Location A

The rivulet is exposed for segments between the start of the Linear Park track, Molle St and across Barrack St, becoming enclosed near Liverpool St in the block between Barrack and Harrington St. As shown in Figure 2, the exposed rivulet runs adjacent to a variety of buildings in the city.



Figure 2: The open rivulet between Liverpool, Harrington, Collins and Barrack Streets

Location B

The rivulet runs underneath the Cat and Fiddle Arcade with parts of the lower floor of the building built into the rivulet void. Figure 3 shows a view from inside the underground rivulet of an area apparently used for storage at the rear of a shop within the arcade.



Figure 3: The Rivulet below the Cat and Fiddle Arcade

Location C

A now enclosed bridge (Wellington Bridge) is visible from the rivulet under the Elizabeth St Mall as shown in Figure 5.



Figure 5: The Rivulet below Elizabeth St Mall

Location D

A segment of the rivulet is exposed alongside the Royal Hobart Hospital, running adjacent to Collins St between Argyle and Campbell Streets.

Assessment

Evaluating and designing the route will be informed by a range of disciplines. While the concept poses technical (eg ventilation, travelling surface, flood monitoring and escape routes) and financial challenges, it will also require a range of focussed assessments such as legal (land ownership, access and zoning) and economic (creating new business opportunities and revenue opportunities for Council, but potentially reducing existing street pedestrian traffic). There is scope for new design and innovation to enhance user amenity such as heating, lighting, air quality and user experience. Gathering this information presents a range of opportunities for students and institutions to develop connections with Council and learn about the operation of the city, while developing practical skills.

The Hobart Rivulet has not always been treated carefully by the city and its residents. This project presents the opportunity for the people of Hobart to understand the critical ongoing role of the rivulet, and appreciate its existence as a serene connection through the busiest parts of our city.”

The General Manager reports:

“In line with the Council’s policy in relation to Notices of Motion, I advise that the matter is considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council as it relates to the Hobart Rivulet.”

Delegation: Council

Alderman Behrakis vacated the Chair and Alderman Denison assumed the Chair.

8. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT

8.1 Committee Actions - Status Report **File Ref: F19/124837**

BRISCOE

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Denison		
Lord Mayor Reynolds		
Briscoe		
Behrakis		

Delegation: Committee

9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29(3) *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*
File Ref: 13-1-10

9.1 Pedestrian Crossing Lights **File Ref: F19/70822; 13-1-10**

Memorandum of the Director City Planning of 19 September 2019 and attachment.

9.2 Sandy Bay Road and Queen Street Intersection **File Ref: F19/87787**

Memorandum of the Director City Planning of 20 September 2019 and attachment.

9.3 Hill Street / Arthur Street / Mellifont Street, West Hobart Intersections **File Ref: F19/105991; 13-1-10**

Memorandum of the Director City Planning of 20 September 2019.

BRISCOE

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Denison
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Briscoe
Behrakis

Delegation: Committee

10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

10.1 Lord Mayor Reynolds - Pedestrian Death at Traffic Lights
File Ref: 13-1-10

Question: Due to the recent pedestrian death on the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Collins and Argyle Streets, and the recent accident involving another pedestrian and a vehicle, could the Director please advise:

- (a) If the Council will be advised of the outcomes from the Coroner's report into the death of the pedestrian;
- (b) Will the Coroner make recommendations for the Council to follow and potentially develop a process to reduce the risk to pedestrians from being injured or killed on pedestrian crossings; and
- (c) Is there anything that can be implemented now that could reduce the risk of this type of accident from re-occurring.

Answer: The Director City Amenity took the question on notice for the Director City Planning.

10.2 Lord Mayor Reynolds - Pedestrian Fencing
File Ref: 13-1-10

Question: Is the pedestrian fencing on Bathurst Street (in the block between Murray and Elizabeth) still a recommended and widely used traffic treatment for this kind of city street?

Has a risk assessment been done recently about if it puts people parking their cars next to the barrier at risk by having to walk along the road next to traffic in order to access the footpath?

Could there be more contemporary and safer treatment to encourage people to cross Bathurst Street at the lights?

Answer: The Director City Amenity took the question on notice for the Director City Planning.

10.3 Alderman Briscoe - McKellar Street, South Hobart - Shared Use of Walkway
File Ref: 13-1-10

Question: Could the Director please advise if there are plans currently being considered by the City in relation to sealing, installing markings and declaring the pathway as 'shared use' for bicycles on the pathway diverting from the Rivulet into McKellar Street, South Hobart as it is prohibited for bike riders to continue on the Rivulet pathway beyond this point?

Answer: The Director City Amenity took the question on notice.

10.4 Alderman Briscoe - Remembrance Bridge
File Ref: 13-1-10

Question: Could the Director please advise if the City will be investigating and/or has any plans to modify and widen the Remembrance Bridge Queens Domain access point to accommodate both bicycles and pedestrians simultaneously?

Answer: The Director City Amenity took the question on notice for the Director City Planning.

11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

BRISCOE

That the Committee resolve by majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 15(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Information that was provided to the Council on the basis that it be kept confidential; and
- Contract for the supply of services.

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Committee Action Status Report
Item No. 4.1	Committee Actions - Status Report LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Denison
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Briscoe
Behrakis

Delegation: Committee

There being no further business the open portion of meeting closed at 5:43 pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.

CHAIRMAN