

Lorne Drainage Improvements – Special Charge Scheme



Community Reference Panel

Meeting Saturday 17th December 11 AM

Lorne Real Estate Office

Membership
John Tracey (on behalf of son Lachlan)
Dale Whitford
Lou Dowling
Helen Barton
Lyn Davies
Greg Foster
Don Stewart
Cr. Jim Tutt
Richard Bain

Minutes

1. Welcome Cr. Jim Tutt

2. Apologies

Helen Barton, Greg Foster and Don Stewart

3. Status Report Richard Bain

- Consulting Engineers **SMEC** February 2005 report identified that existing Lorne drainage assets were valued at \$5.2 million.
- The current system however is inadequate for even handling a one in two year storm event.
- This compares with the Shire Wide and industry standards of providing adequate capacity for a one in five year storm event.
- Flood mitigation options across the whole of Lorne are estimated to cost \$2.7 million and \$500,000 in the L3 catchment.
- The reference group has been formed to review the scope of works proposed within L3, the standard of works proposed and the apportionment of cost amongst potential contributors.

4. Terms of Reference & Guiding Principles

Both documents were again tabled and comments invited. Lyn Davies made the following suggestions which it was agreed would be included in the Guiding Principles:

- Service Level Expectation mentions a broad principle of environmentally friendly which is to be further clarified as meaning to minimise pollution effects on the water at Loutitt Bay.
- The broad principle should also include reference to improved personal safety.
- The Shire's existing maintenance refers to consistency across the Municipality and this is to be amended to include a reference to the different levels of maintenance

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according to land use i.e. the frequency of inspection in retail areas verses residential areas.

- Under Standards of New Construction the emphasis is to be changed under Item B so that it reads “without affecting the safety of people or causing damage to property.”
- Sub-item M to be expanded to include the natural as well as the built environment

5. Scope of Works

Details are provided in the Schedule on page 42 and 43 of the Consultants Report and are read in conjunction with the problem areas shown hatched on the plan for Sub-catchment L3. The panel members agreed that two further issues need consideration:

- That a legal opinion be obtained on the potential for public liability if the lower standard of a one in two year storm event was used for the design of minor drainage.
- That to meet the broad principles of minimising pollution on the waters of Loutitt Bay that it may be appropriate to consider additional gross pollutant traps within the drainage systems. Richard to refer the matter of additional work and cost to SMEC.

6. Communication

A press release to be prepared and discussed with the Lorne Independent Editor in regards to the broad issue of managing Lorne Stormwater drainage. Reference group contacts John Tracey, Dale Whitford and Lou Dowling indicated their willingness to be interviewed.

7. Next meeting

Monday January 16, 2006 at 11am at Lorne Real Estate Office.

- Agenda Items
- Items arising from previous minutes
- Cost distribution.