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AGENDA

Special Council meeting to be held
at Darebin Civic Centre,
350 High Street Preston
on Monday, 30 January 2017
at 6.30 pm.

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Agenda

1. MEMBERSHIP

Cr Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr Steph Amir

Cr Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Tim Laurence

Cr Trent McCarthy

Cr Lina Messina

Cr Susanne Newton

Cr Susan Rennie

Cr Julie Williams

2. APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4.1 CHANGE TO THE MAV REPRESENTATIVE FROM DAREBIN

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Reviewed By: Mayor

Report Background

This report responds to an urgent issue that relates to forthcoming Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Board and President elections.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting of 14 November 2016, Council resolved:

'That Councillor S. Rennie be appointed as Council representative to the MAV for 2016/2017 Council Year.'

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

This report seeks to make a change to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) representative, Cr. Rennie from Darebin to Cr. Coral Ross a Boroondara Councillor.

In December, Boroondara Council decided not to appoint a representative to the MAV. The action by Boroondara Council will result in Cr Ross, who is the interim MAV President, being unable to stand for President of the Board in the forthcoming elections.

Boroondara Council's Cr. Ross is able to be appointed as the MAV representative of another Council who chooses to appoint her.

Should Council choose to appoint Cr. Ross as the MAV representative, there is also an opportunity for her to stand and be elected President of the MAV.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note on 14 November 2016 Council appointed Cr. S. Rennie as the representative to the MAV for 2016/2017 Council Year.
- (2) Appoint Cr Coral Ross as the representative to the MAV from Monday 30 January until the remainder of the 2016/2017 Council Year.

Introduction

Council is a financial member of Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and as such must appoint a suitable representative of the Council.

At its meeting on 14 November 2016, Council appointed Cr. Rennie as Council's representative to the MAV for 2016/2017 Council Year.

Issues and Discussion

In December, Boroondara Council decided not to appoint a representative to the MAV. Ms Coral Ross has been a Councillor at the City of Boroondara since 2002 and a delegate to the MAV since 2008. She has been on the MAV Board since 2011, elected Deputy President Metro in April 2015 and elected the Interim President of the MAV in November 2016.

The action by Boroondara Council will result in Cr. Ross, who is the interim MAV President, being unable to stand for President of the Board in the forthcoming elections.

The Rules of the MAV establish the positions or representatives, board members, deputy presidents and president.

A representative is defined as a Councillor and Rule 6.1 of the MAV Rules provides:

A council which is a financial member of the Association must appoint a representative and a substitute representative of the council to the Association and must notify the Association in the form specified in Schedule 1 as soon as possible after the Council has made the appointment and, where an Election Day has been appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, no less than four weeks prior to that date.

Schedule 1 includes that:

*At the meeting of the _____ on _____
(insert name of council) (insert date)
Cr _____ was appointed as the
council's representative to the Association.*

Furthermore Rule 7.2.3 provides that a representative must:

Provide regular reports to his or her council on matters discussed and considered by the Association and on the decisions made; and have regard to any codes or guidelines published by the Board that relates to his or her functions as a representative.

Accordingly, Cr. Ross could be appointed as MAV representative of any Council which chooses to appoint her.

Should Council choose to appoint Cr. Ross as the MAV representative, there is also an opportunity for her to stand for the upcoming elections and the possibility that she may be elected President of the MAV - the first woman to hold that position in a history of more than 100 years, showing support for women's participation in local government, particularly in leadership positions.

This is an urgent matter as under Rule 6.1, the representative needs to be appointed by 3 February 2017 for this year's elections.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no additional costs associated with the proposed changes to the MAV representative from Darebin.

Risk Management

Replacing Cr Rennie with Cr Ross a Boroondara Council councillor as Darebin's MAV representative may not be supported by other Victorian Councils.

Policy Implications**Economic Development**

There are no factors in this report which impact upon economic development.

Environmental Sustainability

There are no factors in this report which impact upon environmental sustainability.

Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

There are no factors in this report which impact upon human rights, equity and inclusion.

Other

There are no other factors which impact on this report.

Future Actions

- Notify the MAV of Council's representative in the form specified in Schedule 1 of the MAV Rules as soon as possible after the Council Resolution.

Consultation and Advocacy

Mayor

Related Documents

- Municipal Association of Victoria, Rules of the Association.

Disclosure of Interest

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act* 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING