



Special Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday 8 July 2019
5:30 PM**

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE MONDAY 8 JULY 2019 @ 5:30PM**

Special Council Meeting declared open at 5:31PM

1. Present:

Mayor Fay Miller
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark
Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Matthew Hurley
Alderman John Zellely
Alderman Jon Raynor

Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Allan McGill – Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO)
Claire Johansson – Chief Operations Officer (COO)
Rosemary Jennings – Exec Mgr Corporate and Community Development (XCCD)

Minute Taker: Casey Anderson – Governance Officer

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

Nil

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Reports of Officers

4.1 Waste Management Fee

MOVED: Hurley SECONDED: Gazey

Alderman Gazey – It was great to see Community feedback on this item; good discussions were had, and some interesting information came to light. Which, I think Council has taken on board in reflection on the recommendation to change some of the fees and charges. However, I do note on the additional charge's comparison table, we do have mattresses. This is not referred to in the Municipal Plan, not sure if it has gone to the new charge of a \$100.00 to \$125.00 and I am not sure if that is per mattress or per tonne.

(XCCD) – My understanding is, and I will need to take this request on notice. It will go to \$100 per tonne, because it is not considered as mixed waste at that point. So, under the current fees and charges it will be \$100.00 per tonne; apart from scarp metal which is also \$100.00 per tonne. So ideally, moving forward if

you separate timber, concrete, steel and other construction waste everything else will retain \$100.00 per tonne. So, I think that might be an error, the \$125.00.

Mayor Miller – Is it per tonne?

(XCCD) – It will be per tonne basis, not as an individual priced item. Based on the Councils fees and charges, it is not charged as an individual priced item. But it will be \$100.00 per tonne.

Alderman Gazey – Yes, I just note that it was labelled out on the comparison. I do note that places in other areas do charge for mattress as a line item on their wastage.

(XCCD) – Apologises, I could not answer that entirely, I will need to take this request to the Sustainability Officer.

Mayor Miller – Any further discussion?

Alderman Raynor – Just on that, paper, card and plastic; that is going up \$125.00 per tonne. If that was chucked in as mixed waste at the same price, does that not have to be separated as well? Can that be clarified?

(XCCD) – I do believe that does fall in the same category as a \$100.00 per tonne as long as all the other items were to be separated.

Mayor Miller – Interesting scenario. When we start to implement this, we will need three (3) months of lead in time, that's for sure.

Alderman Gazey – One other point that came from the discussion around it, the need for us to design the waste transfer station. I know that Council has taken this on board to make sure that happens, that way we can all benefit from the separation of waste.

Deputy Mayor Clark – We need input from the major commercial users, they have really good ideas to help Council manage our waste.

(CEO) – Ms Jennings, based on the paper, card and mattresses. If we were to leave the recommendation untouched that will still be correct? The \$100.00 you previously spoke about, is in the Municipal Plan as is.

(XCCD) – That is correct.

Mayor Miller – Any further discussion?

Alderman Raynor – What would the effect on the reductions on our projected budget.

(COO) – We have been very conservative on what we project as income, so just projected income as a percentage increase.

Alderman Tapp - Coutts – Just a comment, it does say that Council is looking at establishing a Katherine Sustainability Reference Group with a mixture of Government, Industry and Community members, which I think that is the way for us to overcome some of the negativity which we seem to be getting from this. We do have a lot of experience in this town, regarding Waste Management. So, may as well use that experience.

Mayor Miller – We do have a lot of experience however, we need to gain a lot more knowledge as well.

Alderman Tapp - Coutts – I agree, we are going into this whole regional waste management, and you may find that other communities may be using your new waste management facility or learning better practices from us.

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Council:

Amendments be made to the 2019-2020 Municipal Plan for the increased fees for the WMF to be adjusted to:

1. Remove the fee for mixed domestic waste;
2. To reduce the \$200/tonne fee for mixed commercial waste to \$125/tonne;
3. Reduce the proposed discount for sorted waste in respect to concrete to \$20/tonne from \$80/tonne;
4. Retain a green waste fee of \$50/tonne as per the previous budget;
5. Instigate a three (3) month delay in the proposed Waste Management Facility charges to allow for communication on the new fees.

CARRIED: 7 AGAINST: 0

7. Meeting Close

Special Council Meeting declared closed 06:10PM



Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE