MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL, 137
BEAMISH STREET, CAMPSIE ON 7 MAY 2009 AT 7.15 P.M.

PRESENT
The Mayor Councillor Robert Furolo (Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor Councillor Karl Saleh, Councillor Mark Adler, Councillor Linda Eisler, Councillor Carlo Favorito, Councillor Bill Kritharas, Councillor Ken Nam, Councillor Brian Robson, Mr Jim Montague (General Manager), Mr Bob Bullivant, Mr Greg Ritchie, Ms Janelle McIntosh, Mr David Coleman, Mr Peter Asquith, Mrs Kadijie El-Ahmad, Mr Mohammed El-Ahmad, Mr Majid El-Khatib, Mr Denis King, Ms Annette Mastrangelo, Mr Omar Yassine and Ms Pina Rossi.

APOLOGIES
Apologies on behalf of Councillor Fadwa Kebbe, Mr Robert Davidson, Ms Lara Kirchner and Mr George Frazer were received and accepted.

Welcome and introductions
The Mayor congratulated new members on their nomination and thanked re-nominated members for their participation and efforts in past years. Members then introduced themselves. The Mayor also spoke on the work of the Committee which was established in 2000, and achievements of Council’s program.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2008 were taken as read and confirmed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Strategic Plan and role of Advisory Committees
- Mr Coleman, Manager Corporate Strategy, presented an outline of Council’s City Plan and the role of advisory committees.
- The terms of reference and aims for this Committee are to make recommendations to Council on long term visions for strategic issues regarding:
  - the commercial, industrial and retail development of the City;
  - the amenity of town centres;
  - economic growth and local employment opportunities;
  - activities or events associated with the sister city program.
Following the presentation, Mr Coleman left the meeting.

Economic Development update
Information kits for members were tabled which included the Committee’s charter, advisory committees Policy and Rules, Program overview, comparative economic indicators for Canterbury, Sutherland and Hurstville local government areas (partners in a Regional Economic Development Strategy), chamber of commerce contacts, zoning maps and aerial photographs.
City Works update
The committee was advised that:

- **Lakemba town centre** - New paving constructed and street furniture installed in Haldon Street (east side - from Gillies Street to The Boulevarde, east side - from Railway Parade to end of shops, west side - from Railway Parade to the Palms). Kerb/gutter and road pavement also reconstructed in Haldon Street (west side - from Railway Parade to the Palms).

- **Belfield town centre** - New bins and seats installed. New paving constructed outside development at 37-39 Burwood Road, and further paving planned for 2010/2011.

- **Punchbowl town centre** - New paving constructed and street furniture installed in Punchbowl Road (from Rossmore Avenue to 838-840) and The Boulevarde (from Punchbowl Road to near Broadway). Construction of the new community centre in Rossmore Avenue commenced in August 2008 and is planned to be completed by end of May.

Matters raised by the Committee included the following.

- Clemton Park is included in the rolling works program.

- Not possible to pave corner outside 61-67 Haldon Street as it is a solid concrete functional kerb/gutter.

- Enquiry as to whether hoarding erected around the Palms in Lakemba could be improved in appearance particularly with the upcoming festival, in similar terms as hoarding at sites in the Sydney CBD is decorated.

**Recommendation**
THAT feedback be provided to the Committee on the possibility of improving the appearance of hoarding erected around development sites at gateways to town centre. For example as part of condition of consent, decoration or public art opportunities.

- Master plan has been prepared to redevelop the industrial foreshore area at Canterbury, which would be a catalyst for revitalisation of the town centre. Currently undertaking investigations and studies in relation to underground pipelines, traffic and flood analysis.

- Required maintenance work at Narwee train station (water leaks, platform drainage and no lighting in walkway to tunnel) to be referred to State Rail Authority or their contractors, K2RQ, who are undertaking Kingsgrove to Revesby rail quadruplication.

- Request for gateway signage at Belfield town centre. Currently updating design of ‘Welcome to Canterbury City’ signs, once design and materials have been approved the new signs will be rolled out.

- Audit to be conducted of footpath in Earlwood town centre.

**Town Centre Audits**
Audits of our town centres are undertaken to ensure that both the public and private domain contributes positively to pedestrian access, visual appeal, health/safety and cleanliness (i.e. displays/eating areas conform to public health and safety standards, general maintenance, graffiti and bill poster removal, waste management and footway display compliance). Ms McIntosh coordinates the audit team comprising staff from Compliance, Cleansing, Investigations/Maintenance sections, and the schedule of audits is provided below.

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* Audits timed for best possible presentation of centres prior to annual festivals. Campsie and Lakemba are classed as main centres due to the amount of pedestrian traffic.

A copy of the audit reports conducted in March for Campsie, Canterbury and Hurlstone Park town centres were provided to the Committee.

**Recommendation**

THAT the Audit Report be referred to the relevant Council divisions/departments for investigation and action.

The meeting concluded at 8.14 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for 2 July 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in the Function Room.

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**ACTION REQUIRED**

**Director City Planning**

- Feedback to the Committee on possibility of improving appearance of hoarding erected around development sites at gateways to town centre. For example as part of condition of consent, decoration or public art opportunities.

**Director City Works**

- Refer required maintenance at Narwee train station to State Rail Authority or K2RQ (water leaks, platform drainage, no lighting in walkway to tunnel).
- Audit of footpath in Earlwood town centre.

**Team Leader-Town Centres/Economic Development**

- Advise Mr King of date Narwee town centre audit will be undertaken.