



SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

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MINUTES For The Special Meeting of Council To Consider Differential Rates and Minimum Rates Held At

5 PM, Tuesday, July 11 2017

At The
Council Chambers
39 Bannister Road Boddington

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING:

John Allert, Shire President, declared the meeting open at 5:10pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

2.1.1 Attendance

John Allert
Martin Glynn
Sharan Manez

Shire President
Councillor
Councillor

Mr C Littlemore

Chief Executive Officer

2.1.2 Apologies

Cr N Crilly
Cr E Hoek
Cr T Collins
Cr D Smart

2.1.3 Leave of Absence

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST:

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:

Nil.

4.2 WRITTEN QUESTIONS PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:

Nil.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY:

Nil.

5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/
SUBMISSIONS:

Nil.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Nil

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

7.1.1 Differential Rates

File Ref. No: A 287
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 10 July 2017
Author: Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

Summary

Council is to consider revising the differential rates to be applied to achieve a consistent increase of 1.5%, with the exception of the UV Mining differential rate.

Background

On 9 May 2017 Council resolved in part as follows:

Advertise its intention, in accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, to adopt the following rates in the dollar and minimum rates for the differential rating categories specified for the 2017/18 Financial Year:

Differential Rate Category	Proposed Rate in \$	New Minimum
GRV	0.078813	\$899
GRV Mining	0.058205	\$899
UV	0.006391	\$899
UV Mining	0.031955	\$899

On 20 June 2017, following consideration of submissions, Council resolved as follows:
That Council:

1. In accordance with section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopts the following rates in the dollar and minimum rates for the differential rating categories specified for the 2017/18 Financial Year:

Differential Rate Category	Proposed Rate in \$	New Minimum
GRV	0.084563	\$899

GRV Mining	0.058205	\$899
UV	0.006487	\$899
UV Mining	0.031955	\$899

2. Authorises the CEO to respond to each of the organisations who made a submission in relation to differential rates and thank them for their submissions. The CEO is further to advise that after careful consideration of all submissions, Council has resolved to adopt differential rates in accordance with its resolution of 9 May 2017 as advertised on 18 May 2017 and is presented in point 1 above.
3. Authorise the CEO to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Communities for approval for Council to impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.

Council and ratepayers have been consistently advised that the increases would be 1.7% for town rates, 1.5% for rural rates and 10.4% for mining rates. In terms of Council's largest single ratepayer, Newmont Boddington Gold, the increase would be 2.25%.

Following Council's application to the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries for approval, the Department noted that the originally advertised rate for UV General and GRV General were different from that which Council adopted on 20 June 2017. The rates in the dollar that were advertised and initially adopted are to be altered to provide the % increase that was intended.

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 allows a change in the rate in the dollar after advertising but that there are legislative requirements to be met in regards to reporting the change in the budget document.

The Department has informally requested Council review the rate in the dollar for GRV and UV with a view to achieving consistency, that is, a uniform increase for all rate payers in the town and rural categories and if possible, Council's largest ratepayer, Newmont Boddington Gold. It is felt that this is a desirable outcome from the objective of consistency.

Comment

Such a review, with the objective of achieving a 1.7% increase across the board with the exception of UV Mining, results in the changes as per the table below.

Category	Old Rate in Dollar	Proposed Rate in \$	New minimum	Gross Levy 2016/17	Gross Levy 2017/18	Percentage Change
GRV	0.08315	0.084563	\$899	\$872,851	\$887,689	1.7%
GRV Mining	0.08315	0.058205	\$899	\$2141,573	\$1,501,258	-29.9%
UV	0.006391	0.006500	\$899	\$817,228	\$831,121	1.7%
UV Mining	0.006391	0.031955	\$899	\$276,693	\$1,170,039	323%
			Total	\$4,108,345	\$4,390,107	6.86%

The changes would result in the following impact in percentage and dollar terms on the four affected mining ratepayers.

Ratepayer	2016/17 Rates Levied	Proposed 17/18 Rates Levied	Increase \$	Increase %
1	\$2,354,178	\$2,394,199	\$40,021	1.7%
2	\$61,430	\$258,006	\$196,576	320%
3	\$886	\$2,525	\$1,639	185%
4	\$1,772	\$1,995	\$223	12.6%

The alternative is to consider a 1.5% increase across the board, with the exception of UV Mining, with the following results:

Category	Old Rate in Dollar	Proposed Rate in \$	New minimum	Gross Levy 2016/17	Gross Levy 2017/18	Percentage Change
GRV	0.08315	0.0840	\$899	\$872,851	\$885,944	1.5%
GRV Mining	0.08315	0.05750	\$899	\$2141,573	\$1,496,550	-30.85%
UV	0.006391	0.006487	\$899	\$817,228	\$829,486	1.5%
UV Mining	0.006391	0.031955	\$899	\$276,693	\$1,170,039	323%
			Total	\$4,108,345	\$4,382,019	6.666%

The changes would result in the following impact in percentage and dollar terms on the four affected mining ratepayers.

Ratepayer	2016/17 Rates Levied	Proposed 17/18 Rates Levied	Increase \$	Increase %
1	\$2,354,178	\$2,389,491	\$35,313	1.5%
2	\$61,430	\$258,006	\$196,576	320%
3	\$886	\$2,525	\$1,639	185%
4	\$1,772	\$1,995	\$223	12.6%

The net difference between the total raised using 1.7% and 1.5% is \$8,089.

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
Reg 23

The annual budget is to include –

(b) if a differential general rate or minimum payment differs from the proposed rate or payment set forth in the local public notice given under section 6.36 –

(i) details of the rate or payment set forth in the public notice; and

(ii) reasons for the difference;

Strategic Implications Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications – Nil.

Economic Implications - Nil

Social Implications - Nil

Environmental Considerations – Nil

Consultation- Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries

Options

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION – 7.1.1

That Council:

1. Advise the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries that is has reconsidered the proposed rates to be levied in each of the differential categories and proposes to adopt the differential rates and minimum rates, providing a 1.5% increase on average for all ratepayers, except those in the UV Mining category as per the following schedule:

Category	Old Rate in Dollar	Proposed Rate in \$	New minimum
GRV	0.08315	0.08400	\$899
GRV Mining	0.08315	0.05750	\$899
UV	0.006391	0.006487	\$899
UV Mining	0.006391	0.031955	\$899

7. ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil.

8. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OR MEETING:

Nil.

9. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:

Nil.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

The Shire President, John Allert declared the meeting closed at 5:10pm due to the lack of a quorum.

These minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 July 2017.

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J R ALLERT
(President)