



**Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the
Southern Metropolitan Regional Council
held on Thursday 28 February 2008
at the Town of East Fremantle
commencing at 5:00pm**

1. Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors

The Chairman welcomed members and officers to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies / Leave of Absence (previously approved)

Present:

Cr Doug Thompson (<i>Chairman</i>)	City of Fremantle
Cr Sandra Lee	Town of Kwinana
Cr Clive Robartson OAM	City of Melville
Cr Richard Smith	City of Rockingham
Mr Silvio Trinca	City of Canning
Mr Stephen Cain (from 5.04pm)	City of Cockburn
Mr Stuart Wearne	Town of East Fremantle
Mr Jim Duff	City of Fremantle
Mr Peter McKenzie	Town of Kwinana
Mr Kumar Vadivale	City of Melville
Mr Stuart McAll	SMRC – Chief Executive Officer
Mr Chris Wiggins	SMRC – Manager Administration & Finance
Mr Brendan Doherty	SMRC – Manager Engineering Services
Mr Tim Youe	SMRC - Manager Business Development
Ms Debbie Winfield	SMRC – Executive Assistant to CEO - Minutes

Apologies:

Cr Bruce Mason	City of Canning
Mayor Stephen Lee	City of Cockburn
Mayor Alan Ferris	Town of East Fremantle
Mr Robert Willis	City of Melville
Mr Stewart Marshall	City of Rockingham
Mr Chuck Ellis	SMRC - Manager Communications

Observers:

Nil.

Members of Public

Nil.

Leave of Absence

Nil.

3. Disclosure of Interests

Nil.

4. Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice

Nil.

5. Public Question Time

Nil.

6. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil.

7. Petitions / Deputations / Presentations

7.1 Presentation on the Weekly Kerbside Recycling Collections Trial

Brendan Doherty, Manager, Engineering Services presented an overview of the findings of the Weekly Kerbside Recycling Collections Trial and responded to questions from Councillors.

8. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

8.1 SMRC Regional Executive Committee Minutes – 22 November 2007

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

01.02.08 MOVED CR SMITH

SECONDED CR SANDRA LEE

That the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council held on Thursday 22 November 2007 at the City of Canning be received as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 4/0

9. Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been Given

Nil.

10. Questions Without Notice

Nil.

11. Announcement of Confidential Matters for which Meetings may be Closed to the Public

The Chairman advised that due to the confidential nature of Report Item 19.1 - SMRC Tender 2007-11 - Purchase & Removal of Recovered Recyclables, this matter would be dealt with at the end of the meeting under 19.1 "Confidential Matters for which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public".

12. Business Not Dealt with from a Previous Meeting

Nil.

13. Report of Officers

13.1 Weekly Kerbside Recycling Collections Trial Report

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

02.02.08 MOVED CR SMITH

SECONDED CR ROBERTSON

1. That the Weekly Kerbside Recycling Collections Trial Report be endorsed by Council.

2. That SMRC write to member Councils to consider the implementation of weekly collection of recyclables within their respective municipalities.

CARRIED 4/0

13.2 Waste Management Conferences

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

03.02.08 MOVED: CR ROBERTSON

SECONDED CR LEE

That:

1. The Chairman and CEO attend the Towards Zero Waste Summit-in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, China in April 2008.

2. The cost for the Regional Council and four (4) staff to attend the ISWA/WMRAS World Congress 2008 Waste Management conference in Singapore be incorporated into the draft 2008/2009 annual budget for consideration.

CARRIED 4/0

13.3 Financial Statements

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

04.02.08 MOVED CR LEE

SECONDED CR SMITH

That the Statement of Financial Activity by Business Plan of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council for the months ended 31 December 2007 and 31 January 2008 be received

CARRIED 4/0

13.4 Budget Review

MOVED CR ROBERTSON

SECONDED CR LEE

The 2007/08 budget review report and amendments as detailed in the column labelled 'Revised Budgets' in the detailed financial statements by Business Unites titles "Budget Review" = Six Months Ended 31 Dec 2007" be adopted.

Discussion ensued in response to concerns stated by the Chief Executive Officer City of Cockburn regarding some aspects of the budget review, including depreciation and, Councillors at the meeting considered it was important that the Chief Financial Officers reconsider the budget with the SMRC Chief Executive Officer with a view to resolving any concerns.

The mover of the motion, Cr Robartson, with the concurrence of the seconder, Cr Lee proposed that the report be deferred for further comment.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

05.02.08 MOVED CR ROBERTSON

SECONDED CR LEE

That:

1. The Budget Review be deferred until the 24 April 2008 SMRC Council meeting to allow the Regional Financial Officers Group to provide comment.
2. The CEO forward a letter to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development requesting an extension of time for the half yearly Budget Review to allow time to provide the Budget Review to the 24 April 2008 SMRC Council Meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

13.5 MSW Proposed Guidelines & Diversion Gate Fees

MOVED CR ROBERTSON

SECONDED CR SMITH

1. Hierarchy of customers' using the RRRC shall be project participants receiving priority over commercial customers.
2. The CEO of the SMRC be given delegated authority to nominate landfills for diverted MSW and the landfill gate fee. Where participants use alternative landfills the SMRC shall only reimburse the participant the value of the nominated landfill gate fee or levy an additional gate fee charge as a cost recovery for the higher gate fees paid.
3. Introduce a new 2008/09 "MSW Diversion gate fees" (refer to option 1) which includes a FLAT 6% transport subsidy when the SMRC issues notices due to plant breakdowns and repairs.

Questions were raised about how the 6% was arrived at and it was requested that the Chief Executive Officer and the Regional Executive Committee members review the transport costs and the 2008/09 MSW Diversion gate fee. In light of this, the mover, Cr Robartson, with the concurrence of the seconder, Cr Smith, agreed to delete point 3 from the motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

06.02.08 MOVED CR ROBERTSON SECONDED CR SMITH

1. Hierarchy of customers' using the RRRC shall be project participants receiving priority over commercial customers.
2. The CEO of the SMRC be given delegated authority to nominate landfills for diverted MSW and the landfill gate fee. Where participants use alternative landfills the SMRC shall only reimburse the participant the value of the nominated landfill gate fee or levy an additional gate fee charge as a cost recovery for the higher gate fees paid.

CARRIED 3/1

13.6 Information Bulletin

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

07.02.08 MOVED CR SMITH SECONDED CR SANDRA LEE

1. That the February 2008 Information Bulletin be received and noted.
2. That the schedule of payments as listed in the February 2008 Information Bulletin as information item 2.1 amounting to \$ 1,263,227.73 for the municipal fund, be received.
3. That the schedule of payments, as presented, be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

14. Reports of Committees

14.1 Public Relations Committee held 20 December 2007

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

08.02.08 MOVED CR SANDRA LEE SECONDED CR ROBERTSON

The SMRC Public Relations Committee Meeting recommendations 5.1 and 5.3 as presented in the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED 4/0

14.2 Audit Committee Meeting held 3 December 2007

There were no committee recommendations requiring Council adoption.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

09.02.08 MOVED CR SMITH SECONDED CR SANDRA LEE

The SMRC Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2007 be received by Council.

CARRIED 4/0

14.3 Audit Committee Meeting held 27 February 2008

The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 27 February 2008 were tabled at the meeting.

See tabled report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

10.02.08 MOVED CR SMITH SECONDED CR ROBERTSON

The SMRC Audit Committee Meeting Minutes recommendations 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.8 as presented in the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED 4/0

Item 5.3 Appointment of External Auditor for the three (3) financial years being 2007/08, 2008/09 & 2009/10

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

11.02.08 MOVED CR SMITH

SECONDED CR ROBERTSON

Mr David Tomasi and Mr Greg Godwin, Partners of UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants be appointed to provide Audit Services for the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council for a three (3) year term, for the financial years 2007/08, 2008/09 & 2009/10.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

Item 5.7 Local Government Compliance Audit Return for 2007

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

12.02.08 MOVED CR SMITH

SECONDED CR ROBERTSON

That the Local Government Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007 and the Certification of the Chairman and CEO, be adopted and forwarded to the Department of Local Government

CARRIED 4/0

14.4 SMRC RRRC Reference Group Committee meeting held 18 February 2008

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

11.02.08 MOVED CR ROBERTSON

SECONDED CR SMITH

The SMRC RRRC Reference Group Committee Meeting Minutes recommendations 5.1 to 5.2 as presented in the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED 4/0

15. Reports of Delegates and Representatives Meetings

Cr Robertson provided a brief update on the MWAC meeting held on 20 February 2008. He also referred to the State Systemic Sustainability Study which he considers indicates the future direction of Local Government in the country regions of WA and possibly in the metropolitan area.

16. Announcements by the Chairman or Person Presiding without Discussion

The Chairman advised Council that at the Forum of Regional Council's (FORC) meeting held at RRRC, on 25 February 2008, the CEO SMRC had conducted a tour of the RRRC facility and provided a presentation, and the Chairman, SMRC had been elected Chairman of FORC.

17. Elected Members Motions of which Previous Notice has been Given

Nil.

18. New Business of an Urgent Nature Approved by the Chairman or Person Presiding or by Decision of Meeting

Nil.

19. Confidential Matters for which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public

19.1 SMRC Tender 2007-11 - Purchase & Removal of Recovered Recyclables

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

13.02.08 MOVED CR ROBERTSON

SECONDED CR SMITH

That Item 19.1 SMRC Tender 2007-11 – Purchase and Removal of Recovered Recyclables be held behind closed doors in accordance with section 5.23 (2) © and (2) (e) (ii) of the LGA 1995.

CARRIED 4/0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

14.02.08 MOVED CR ROBERTSON SECONDED CR SANDRA LEE

1. That the Regional Council award at the tendered prices detailed and recommended in the report in accordance with the terms and conditions of tendering:
- a) PET to Transpacific All Brite Ltd (NZ)
 - b) Aluminium and Steel Containers to Sims Metal
 - c) SMRC Cardboard, Mixed Plastic and HDPE to Polytrade Pty Ltd
 - d) SMRC Paper to Oceanic Multitrading Pty Ltd

CARRIED 4/0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/S

15.02.08 MOVED CR ROBERTSON SECONDED CR SMITH

That the meeting no longer be held behind closed doors

CARRIED 4/0

20. Future Meetings of Council

DATE 2008	VENUE
24 April	City of Fremantle
29 May	Town of Kwinana
26 June	City of Melville
31 July	City of Rockingham
25 September	City of Canning
27 November	City of Cockburn

21. Declaration of Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.29pm.