MINUTES

Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Tuesday, 20 February 2024
3:00 PM

Waratah Room
Ground Floor
Civic Centre

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Nick Smerdely (Chairperson)
Mr David Grasby (Sydney Water, Senior Planner) - Online
Ms Angela Halcrow (OEH, Senior Natural Resource Officer) - Online
Mr Sadeq Zaman (OEH, Floodplain Engineer) - Online
Ms Shelly Stingmore (SES, Coordinator Planning Strategic Risk Metro Zone) - Online
Mr Nicholas Sharpe (SES, Planning and Research Officer) - Online
Mr Erin Sellers (Community Representative) - Online
Mr Aaron Biffin (Bayside Council, Stormwater & Floodplain Engineer) – Online
Mr Andrew Latta (GRC, Director Assets and Infrastructure)
Ms Hayley Barnes (GRC, Manager Strategic Placemaking)
Mr Tom Heath (GRC, Manager City Technical Services)
Ms Catherine McMahon (GRC, Manager Strategic Planning) – Online
Mr Seenithamby Paramanandarajah (GRC, Coordinator Asset Management) – Online
Mr Pulak Saha (GRC, Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

PRESENT – NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Isaac Kim (KBR)
Mr Sam Drysdale (KBR)
Ms Priyani Jayaweera (GRC, Principal Development Engineer)
Mr Rabi Pokharel (GRC, Stormwater Assets Engineer) - Online
Mr Firoz Ahmed (GRC, Senior Development Engineer)
Mr Connor Peters (Sydney Water, Graduate Environmental Engineer) – Online
Mr Hans Kludass (GRC, Manager City Operational Services) - Online

PRESENT - ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

Ms Marisa Severino (Executive Services Officer – Minutes)
Ms Stephanie Liu (Personal Assistant to Manager Strategic Placemaking – Minutes)
Ms Nickie Paraskevopoulos (GRC, Executive Assistant to Director, Business Corporate Services)
Ms Mitchel Spinola (GRC, Personal Assistant to Manager City Operational Services) – Online
Ms Rachelle McGrath (GRC, Executive Assistant to Director, Assets and Infrastructure) - Online
Mr Garuthman De Silva (IMT Services – Technical)
Ms Sandra Vazzoler (IMT Services – Technical)
MR EARL SANTOS (IMT SERVICES – TECHNICAL)

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

THE CHAIR, COUNCILLOR NICK SMERDLEY CONFIRMED THERE WAS A QUORUM.

OPENING

The Chair, Councillor Nick Smerdley opened the meeting at 3:10pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair, Councillor Nick Smerdley acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr Liam Frayne (GRC, Manager Development and Building)
Mr Peter Cinque (SES, Senior Manager Emergency Risk Management) – Apology
Mr Hooman Khakzad (Canterbury Bankstown Council) – Apology
Mr Kumar Satkumaran (Canterbury Bankstown Council, Coordinator Asset Planning Roads and Stormwater) - Apology

Motion: Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman

Record of Voting

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FRMCC001-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 26 September 2023
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

RECOMMENDATION: Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman

That the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 26 September 2023, be confirmed, noting the changes to the Minutes (as previously published), to include information as required by the Code of Meeting Practice 2022 and the former Floodplain Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Chair Smerdely, Ms Shelly Stingmore, Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman, Mr Aaron Biffin

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRMCC002-24 Update on Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

RECOMMENDATION: Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from KBR (Council's Flooding Consultant) on the current progress of the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Flood Study.

Question Without Notice was put to the Committee: "Did you consult with the sporting and recreation groups in the catchment to gather historical flood information?"

Response:

Council sent survey questionnaires to all the owners of the land which were identified within the focus area. Council's staff are currently working to send the questionnaires to the sporting and recreation groups.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Chair Smerdely, Ms Shelly Stingmore, Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman, Mr Aaron Biffin

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FRMCC003-24 Update on Former Hurstville Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

RECOMMENDATION: Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the current progress of the Former Hurstville Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Chair Smerdely, Ms Shelly Stingmore, Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman, Mr Aaron Biffin

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FRMCC004-24 Update from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

RECOMMENDATION: Mr Erin Sellers, Ms Shelly Stingmore

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the updates from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Chair Smerdely, Ms Shelly Stingmore, Mr Erin Sellers, Mr Sadeq Zaman, Mr Aaron Biffin

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 4:05pm.

Chairperson