

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CREMORNE SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF 84TH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2020
AT 5.30PM AT THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION,
NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

Present: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services (Chair)

U. Funch, Cremorne Chamber of Commerce
M. De Solom, Harrison Precinct
J. Henderson, Designer/Resident
M. Thomson, Resident
Colombo, Resident

Council: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services (Chair)
Diana Mejia, Project Manager
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm, with Council's Director Engineering and Property Services in the Chair.

2. Apologies

Councillor Gibson, Councillor Keen, Jean Shaw and Judy Shaw.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 83rd Meeting held on 8 October 2019 were adopted.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

5. Streetscape upgrade works -Military Road

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that Council has started an upgrade program along Military Road Corridor in Neutral Bay and Cremorne which is part of the funding that Council received from Transport for NSW to reinstate the public domain that was impacted as a result of the B-Line works. Council's contractor started Stage 1 works in July 2019 and these works are about to be finished.

Council awarded contract for Cremorne Streetscape upgrade works - Stage 2 at its February meeting, works to be between Winnie Street and Cremorne Plaza (north side of Military Road) and Holt Avenue and Spencer Street (on the south side of Military Avenue). Construction will take place between March 2020 and early December 2020, and they include paving upgrade, trees and garden beds, seats and bins, new watering points and bicycle rack parking.

Stage 1 – Cremorne east: Contractor (CA&I Pty Ltd) have executed 40% of works at zone 5, works will be finalised by early May 2020. Zones 12 and 13 are near completion.

Areas of footpath at 390-394 & 398-400 Military Road will be undertaken by the developers as part of their conditions of DA Consent.

Stage 2 - Cremorne Central: Council's contractor will commence works in April 2020 on the southern side. Notice of works to the community will be issued in the coming weeks with contact details for more information.

TfNSW granted Council funding for the installation of 46 x mature trees to be planted in the Military Road corridor between Neutral Bay and Cremorne, these trees are replacing the ones removed as part of the B-Line works. Additionally, TfNSW will be funding the installation of an additional 80 trees outside of the corridor in the streets adjacent to the Military Road corridor. Residents will receive notification letters soon explaining where those 80 trees will be placed in both Neutral Bay and Cremorne. They will be planted in streets adjacent to the Military Road corridor in suitable locations as identified by Council's engineers and tree management team.

6. Cremorne Plaza Improvements

Council would like to do a total refresh of Cremorne Plaza but at this stage Council doesn't have the funds to do that, so in the meantime Council has been doing remedial works and adjustments to the Plaza. Council's plans are to do a total refresh of Cremorne Plaza once funding becomes available.

Significant paving restoration works have been undertaken in Cremorne Plaza and Council has received a lot of positive feedback about the works.

Decorative lighting has been installed in Cremorne Plaza. Festoon lights with vintage globes to enhance the night-time experience for the plaza visitors and businesses.

7. Summary Major Projects - Tunks Ward

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services showed the attendees a presentation summarising the major projects to be rolled out by North Sydney Council that will impact the area of Tunks Ward:

- **Council's 40km and 10km Shared Zones Masterplan**

40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zone Masterplan and Action Plan has been developed to review current road network, identify opportunities to create a safer road environment for all road users, achieve community priorities for safe travel identified in North Sydney Transport Strategy (2017), improve walking and cycling safety and amenity, assist Council in allocating resources and applying for road safety grants to implement the Action Plan.

Council has prepared a plan and undertaken Community consultation, a report with Consultation outcomes for Master Plan adoption will go to the March Council meeting. Council has received funds from TfNSW to implement the commercial areas of Milsons Point and Kirribilli which are Council's most highly pedestrianised suburbs in North Sydney, and where there is most conflict between pedestrians and cars.

Speed limits are authorised by RMS. Each study area to be implemented requires detailed proposal including traffic count data, crash history, proposed treatments need to be prepared for each study area for approval by RMS. Also, community consultation and Traffic Committee approval required for all physical devices to be installed within the scheme.

Next Steps

Adopted masterplan will form basis for detailed proposals in study areas/zones to be prepared for RMS approvals.

Funding opportunities to be sought from the RMS to implement these zones – Kirribilli and Milsons Point have already been successful in receiving RMS funding.

Community Consultation and Traffic Committee approval for each area will be undertaken prior to implementation.

8. Streetscape Committee

Ms Thomson a resident of Cremorne stated that the garden bed in Langley Place needs to be tidied up as it has been neglected, and that there has been rubbish dumped in Langley Place.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that Langley place is in the Masterplan, but at the moment there is no funding. He would organise for Council's Parks and Gardens Department to refresh the landscaping and give the area a refresh.

Mr Funch from Cremorne Chamber of Commerce suggested that the new trees that are be placed in Cremorne be pruned once a year along the corridor and side streets, so they don't get massively high and get hit by buses.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that he would get in touch with Council's Arborists to do some more pruning and pollarding of larger street trees in the area.

Ms De Solom from the Harrison Precinct stated that at the non-AM bus stop outside Cremorne Town Centre, there is a new tree that has been planted as well as a garbage bin right in the middle of the bus stand at the bus stop. The bus stops right in the middle where both the tree and bin are located, which makes it hard for people to get on and off the bus. Ms De Solom suggested the bin be moved closer to the Cremorne Centre.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated Council will have the garbage bin removed closer to the Cremorne Centre and if it's still a problem, the tree will be moved elsewhere.

Harrison Precinct asked for the punning of the trees at Weaver Park, which is maintained by Council, however the landscape area outside the Community Health Centre doesn't belong to Council, this is property of NSW Health. Harrison Precinct requested to NSW Health for the trees outside their building to be trimmed but was more like a massacre and now it looks very untidy. Council's landscaper or arborists need to have an input, did they trim the tree (Maurya's) in the right way? and there needs to be some liaison as it is to be a regular occurrence and next time they are trimmed not to trim them so harshly, and stated it's a gateway and it's not a gateway treatment.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated he would talk to the Landscapers regarding this issue.

Ms Thomson a resident of Cremorne stated that she contacted Council five weeks ago stating that on the corner of Macpherson Street and Military Road next door to the radiology, there are two trees whose roots are coming up from the pavement and that she had seen two people open up their car door and trip over because the roots are so big.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that he would request Council's Tree Arborists to see what can be done to the trees for people to be able to get out of their cars safely.

Mr Colombo a resident of Cremorne stated that he is concerned about the paving, whoever has done the construction works and who contracts it is putting pave marks on it. The construction has been finished and handed over, but the marks are still there.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that services suppliers might be undertaking just services, investigation works or preparing for new works to come through which could mean to rip up new paving. Council's street cleaning crews will clean this off, but Council must ensure that whoever the utility company is doing these works have finished with it before removing marks.

Mr. Funch from Cremorne Chamber of Commerce stated that at Cremorne Point there is a banner "trees shouldn't be cut down" and near this sign there has been some drainage works being carried out which they stopped before Christmas but they have left dirt everywhere and it is a mess.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that he will investigate who is conducting the drainage works.

Ms De Solom stated that behind Minsky's where they have put the tidal flow the footpath is very uneven and raised, near where it is curved and by the taxi stand and it is therefore a trip hazard.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated he would have Council look at the even footpath.

Ms De Solom stated that Cremorne would like a Community Notice Board. She suggested it be placed on the footpath at the Cremorne town centre between Cabramatta and Military Road but on Spofforth Street, and that it be placed on Council pavement but rest up against a property or in front of a property where people walk up and down.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that Council can investigate where a Community Notice Board for Cremorne could be placed.

Mr Funch from the Cremorne Chamber of Commerce asked what was happening with the branding for Cremorne/Neutral Bay and North Sydney areas.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that the branding had been put on hold as people were calling Council and saying they didn't like the design. There was an opportunity for Council to do this but now the money will be going towards other projects in the public domain in Neutral and Cremorne.

A resident asked what was happening with the planter boxes in Cremorne.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that the planter boxes are getting refreshed, they will be painted and have new plants and go back into different locations along the corridor. They will have a 12 month maintenance period on them with the contract, and then they will go back to Council's Open Space and Environmental Services Department for maintenance.

Ms Thomson asked what the time frame was around the completion of the paving from Macpherson Street up to the Orpheum?

Council's Projects Manager stated that the paving should be completed by May 2020.

Mr Funch stated that the under-awning lights in Cremorne were going to be checked after the last meeting and that he wanted to know do they get checked often by Council.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that Council's Project Manager would have contacted Council's electrician and followed up on the lights. He will check if there has been an audit on all the under-awning lighting.

Mr Funch asked if the Parraween Street Redevelopment was still on hold?

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that the Parraween Street Redevelopment is on hold, and that the DA expires shortly. Council is trying to keep the DA alive, but Council staff must see if they can keep it alive or it will lapse.

Ms De Solom asked if the street sweeper still comes around as often and stated that the sweepers were going around the cars and not doing the gutters. Ms De Solom suggested that they come early in the morning before 6am, before the cars start parking along the street or in the evenings after the cars have gone. She also suggested the places that need to be looked at are Cabramatta Road, Spencer Street and Holt Avenue, Cremorne

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that sweepers are deployed as per the maintenance program, sometimes they might be required in some areas more often and residents are encouraged to contact Council if they are aware of critical areas with influx of leaves so the street sweepers can clean it up to avoid flooding.

Mr Funch stated that he has asked many times over the years for plaques to be placed on the footpath between Cremorne Plaza and the Orpheum, a local walk of fame for Australian artists of the film industry that have their movies shown in the local cinema (i.e. Kate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush), similar to what City of Sydney have at Circular Quay, where you can walk around and read it, Mr Funch thinks this could attract more people to the area.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services suggested that Mr Funch should contact the Mayor and Councillors and to present this idea at the Tunks Ward Forum.

Mr Funch also stated that the lights in Cremorne Plaza look terrible, they used to have white ones like outside the Mosman Hotel years ago. The lights are only on four of the branches, the lights at present are burgundy, green and yellow. He asked if the lights be changed to white and put on more branches?

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that he would look into the lights in the trees.

9. Next meeting: 13 October 2020

10. Close meeting: 6.20pm