

Stonequarry Creek Floodplain Management Committee



Minutes of the Meeting of
Stonequarry Creek Floodplain Management Committee
Held on Tuesday 25 October 2011
At the Council Board Room, PICTON

- 1 10.45am Meeting Commenced, chaired by Manager Infrastructure Planning
- 2 OPENING AND WELCOME
- 3 PRESENT – Ian Berthon, Martin Copper, Ally Dench, Norm Dent (community representative), Sharon Goldsmith, Safar Sarmed (Department of Environment), David Smith, Dick Webb, Jack Wilton (community representative)
- 4 APOLOGIES – Cr Robert Khan & Kerith Cameron (SES).
- 5 BACKGROUND

The Manager Infrastructure Planning provided the Committee with background information on the history of the previous studies and plans affecting Stonequarry Creek, including:

- Previous flood study of 1989
- Previous Floodplain Risk Management Plan and Vegetation Management Plan
- Adopted Flood Policy (superseded) and subsequent DCP 2010 – Flood Affected Land, which confirms the 100 year flood event as the planning level, with residential properties required to have floor levels set 0.5m above the 100 flood level, while in commercial precincts a combination of minimum floor levels and flood proofing is used.
- Issues that needed to be updated to meet current requirements included revision of the flood model, consideration of climate change impacts and specific evaluation of the Probable Maximum Flood.

6 CURRENT STATUS OF FLOOD STUDIES

A presentation was provided to the Committee on the outcomes of the more recent flood modelling, including:

- Reduction in flood levels in the lower and upper areas of the township
- Increase in flood levels north of Argyle Street
- Discussion of the hazard analysis able to be extracted from the modelling
- Assessment of increases in flood levels due to potential climate change impacts for a range of scenarios
- Assessment of the significant difference in flood level between the 100 year event and the Probable Maximum Flood. Reference was made to the significant amount

of public information available on the Hawkesbury Nepean website with regard to high PMF impacts.

- Assessment of detention basin options at the proposed Picton Sportsground located near the confluence of the main tributary creeks

6 NEXT STEPS

- It was confirmed that Council would be undertaking the preparation of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan in-house, in view of the limited change in flood levels, quoted costs received for the Plan by consultant (in excess of \$100,000), and the availability of information from the existing adopted Plans and through the Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain Risk management Plan.
- It was noted that the SES representative was an apology, and that a separate briefing would be arranged.
- The Flood Study is required to be placed on exhibition for public comment. In this regard the following engagement process was discussed:
 - Loading of the flood study and presentation onto the website, and copies at Council front desk
 - Community Work shops – 1 x day + 1 x Evening with a kiosk scenario available - Source any historical information that may be relevant and useful to explain prior flooding events
 - Meeting with Chamber of Commerce

7 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To facilitate further studies regarding the impact of flooding on the township, it was noted that the following additional information will need to be obtained:

- Floor levels of flood affected premises
- Environmental issues and riparian constraints
- Review potential impacts on the Emergency Control Centre location over the library
- Road Access for emergency service in and out of affected areas
- Confirmation of any issues with regard to the Bridge Street SES Centre

8 NEXT MEETING

To be advised after Community engagement process. It was noted that the community representatives would attend the community engagement sessions where possible.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11:50am