

# **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 1 February, 2017  
6pm**



**Council Chamber  
Level 1  
Maribyrnong Council Offices  
Corner Hyde and Napier Streets, Footscray**

## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

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**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

**Director:** Celia Haddock  
Corporate Services

**Manager:** Celia Robinson  
Governance and Customer Service

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**PURPOSE**

To review the appointment of Maribyrnong City Council's Councillor representative to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) for 2017 and endorsement of MAV President nomination.

**ISSUES SUMMARY**

1. In November 2016, Council appointed Councillor Sarah Carter as its 2017 MAV representative and Councillor Martin Zakharov as substitute representative.
2. The MAV representative can nominate for Presidency of the MAV.
3. Council's Mayor, Councillor Catherine Cumming, has indicated her intention to stand for MAV President.
4. To enable the Mayor to stand for MAV President she need to be appointed as the Council's MAV representative.
5. The MAV require all Council representatives to be registered by Friday 3 February 2017.
6. Therefore, if the Council agrees to Councillor Cumming standing for the MAV Presidency, the Council needs to resolve to appoint her as its MAV representative.
7. This report recommends Council review its former decision to appoint Councillor Carter as the MAV representative and to endorse the appointment of Councillor Cumming as Council's MAV representative.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

1. **Change the appointment of the 2017 Municipal Association of Victoria representative and substitute representative made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 15 November 2016.**
2. **Appoint Councillor Catherine Cumming as its representative to the Municipal Association of Victoria for 2017.**
3. **Appoint Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as its substitute representative to the Municipal Association of Victoria for 2017.**
4. **Endorse the nomination of Cr Catherine Cumming for the position of Municipal Association of Victoria President.**

## BACKGROUND

The report responds to an urgent issue that relates to the forthcoming MAV Board and Presidential elections.

Each year, Maribyrnong nominates one Councillor to be the MAV representative, and one Councillor to act as a substitute in the absence of the primary representative. In November 2016, Council appointed Councillor Sarah Carter as its 2017 representative and Councillor Martin Zakharov as substitute representative.

## DISCUSSION/KEY ISSUES

The MAV Rules outline responsibilities for MAV representatives, namely:

- MAV representatives must attend every meeting of State Council or encourage the substitute representative to attend;
- vote on every matter under consideration;
- provide regular reports to Council on MAV issues and decisions; and
- abide by protocols or guidelines published by the Board.

The Council's representative to the MAV will also be able to:

- stand for MAV President;
- seek appointment to the MAV Board;
- provide input to the strategic work program of the MAV;
- utilise voting entitlements; and
- seek representation on internal and external committees.

The election for MAV Board members will be held on Friday 3 March 2017. The MAV require all Council representatives to be registered by Friday 3 February 2017.

The President is elected at large while regional Board members are elected by the MAV representatives within each region. Voting will be via post with the election being conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Council's Mayor, Councillor Catherine Cumming, has indicated her intention to stand for MAV President. Those seeking election to the position of MAV President or regional Board member are required to be their Council's appointed MAV representative. In November 2016, Council appointed Councillor Sarah Carter as its 2017 representative. It is proposed that Council reverse the appointment of the its 2017 MAV representative, made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 15 November 2016 in favour of appointing Cr Cumming. This will also enable Cr Cumming to nominate for MAV President.

If Council's MAV representative is also elected as MAV President or to the MAV Board in 2017, that Councillor will need to be appointed Maribyrnong's representative again in 2018, as these positions are for a period of two years.

## Legislation/Council Policy

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

### **Human Rights Consideration**

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest in the matter.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Council's representative to the MAV represents the interests of Maribyrnong City Council and, more broadly, the needs of the community. The ability to influence the direction of the local government sector in Victoria is also of paramount importance to this appointment.

It is recommended that Council appoint Cr Catherine Cumming as its 2017 MAV representative and endorse her nomination for MAV President.