
13.2 Notice of Motion 217 – Investigation of paid parking facilities

Moved: Cr del Porto**Seconded: Cr Heffernan**

That given the large numbers of visitors to Bayside who access our fabulous beaches, Council incurs costs over and above those that would be needed to service Bayside residents. Council currently budgets to spend around \$2 million annually to maintain the foreshore areas for use by the general public. Many thousands of visitors to Bayside use the foreshore area annually. Council has a history of recouping costs for the provision and maintenance of foreshore facilities through paid parking in the off-street beach car parking areas. Residents and ratepayers of Bayside are provided with an exemption to the parking fees via the beach parking permit system. As the foreshore comes under increasing pressure of use by Melbourne's expanding population, an expansion of the paid parking areas is considered necessary. This extension of area is seen as a more preferable option to further increasing the parking fees. To this end, extension of the paid parking areas to both sides of Beach Road should be considered. To commence this process, and to ensure the community has an opportunity to provide feedback,

Council:

1. commences work to identify the appropriate locations for paid parking along both sides of Beach Road within the Bayside municipality, including relevant costs, revenue and timeframe estimates.
2. notes that the typical time for paid parking infrastructure (signs and machines) to be installed after an order is placed is 12-16 weeks and that Council would need to consider awarding a Contract for this infrastructure before September 2013.
3. consults with the Bayside community on the principle of paid parking along both sides of Beach Road in areas where there is beach access with the following objectives:
 - 3.1. The new paid parking areas will form part of the beach parking permit system where Bayside residents and ratepayers are exempt from the parking fees;
 - 3.2. Communication regarding the proposal includes the local newspapers and Council's website;
 - 3.3. A consultation be developed to ensure the needs and views of the different stakeholder groups are considered; and
 - 3.4. Any paid parking is ideally operational for the 2013/2014 summer months.
4. considers the costs of installing paid parking facilities as part of the preparation of the 2013/2014 Budget.

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