



HEAVY HAULAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

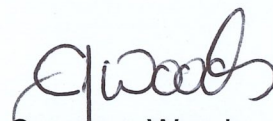
MINUTES

Section 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

The duties of the committee shall be to:

- *Advise the Council relating to heavy haulage movement within the Shire of Plantagenet; and*
- *Make recommendations to the Council relating to the use of local roads by classes of heavy vehicles.*

Ordinary Meeting of the Heavy Haulage Advisory Committee
held in the Committee Room,
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
12.30pm 14 December 2021



Cameron Woods
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Oldfield, Cr B Bell, and Cr L Handasyde (Resolution No. 173/21)

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Chairperson: To be decided

Deputy Chairperson: To be decided

Membership: Quorum (2)

Cr J Oldfield	Council Representative
Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr A Fraser	Deputy for Council Representatives

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 12.30pm, Mr Lynch declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCEAttendance

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative

Staff

Mr D Lynch	Executive Manager Works and Services
Ms A Chadbourne	Senior Administration, Works and Services

Visitors

Cr C Pavlovich	Council Representative
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3 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON / DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Mr Lynch called for nominations for the position of Presiding Member.

Cr Bell nominated Cr Handasyde.

As there were no other nominations, Cr L Handasyde was declared Presiding Member.

Cr Handasyde called for nominations for the position of Deputy Presiding Member.

Cr Handasyde nominated Cr Bell.

As there were no other nominations Cr B Bell was declared Deputy Presiding Member.

4 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

Part 5, Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Bell, Seconded Cr Handasyde;

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Heavy Haulage Committee, held on 24 August 2021 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

6.1 POLICY REVIEW – I/R/17 ROADS - HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS

The Committee discussed issues around Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) and Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) vehicles in order to provide guidance to Shire staff for a revised policy to be prepared and presented to the Committee at its next meeting in January 2022.

The existing policy is shown at Attachment One.

Cr Pavlovich gave a rundown on the Restricted Access Vehicle Network (RAV) and used the online Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) map to explain how the application and approval system works. He highlighted how trucks are using roads which are not constructed for certain mass vehicles and the Shire is unable to recoup any damage caused except at the Council planning level. He gave the example of road funding requirements for the application for the free-range poultry farm at Watermans Road.

Cr Pavlovich also highlighted concern for the use of Shire roads by Accredited Mass Management Scheme Vehicles (AMMS) and the damage that some vehicles can cause to some Shire roads. The issue raised here is how the Shire can police AMMS roads successfully where the user pays for any damage caused.

1.40pm Cr Pavlovich left the meeting.

Mr Lynch explained how the Shire's Executive Manager Works and Services (EMWS) position has no compliance power for trucks using roads incorrectly. It was suggested that truck users be encouraged to use alternative routes when available and this be referred to when responding to applications.

Sections 4.3 and 5 of the policy should be looked at for review as follows:

- Section 4.3 to remove acknowledgement to Main Roads WA (MRWA) approved guidelines and reference Shire guidelines instead.
- Section 5 to include a point enabling the EMWS to approve an alternative route option on a more suitable road when a relevant application is made.

Moved Cr Bell, Seconded Cr Handasyde;

That Mr Lynch be requested to amend Council Policy I/R/17 Roads – Heavy Vehicle Access and include reference to Shire approval guidelines and alternative route options and present it to the next Heavy Haulage Advisory Committee Meeting on 25 January 2022.

CARRIED

7 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25 January 2022

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

At 1.00pm Cr Handasyde declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date

Attachment One

POLICY No: I/R/17

ROADS – HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS

DIVISION AREA	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY
Works and Services	Infrastructure	Roads

OBJECTIVE

To provide clear guidelines to the Council, its staff and heavy vehicle transport operators for Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network requests and access to roads under the care, control and management of the Shire of Plantagenet.

The Council wishes to balance road safety, transport efficiency for Shire economic benefits, community amenity and preservation of the road asset.

The Policy supports 'as of right' vehicles as defined by Main Roads WA (MRWA) or approved RAV routes, except where roads are closed for safety reasons.

POLICY

1. Scope

This Policy applies to any heavy vehicle transport operator using RAV on roads managed by the Council.

2. Legislation

The Road Traffic Act 1974 and the Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014 govern the use of heavy vehicles on roads within Western Australia and define items such as compliance notices, exemptions, permits and notices for heavy restricted access vehicles. These regulations also contain provisions for mass and loading, load restraints, vehicle modifications and vehicle maintenance.

The Land Administration Act 1997 Section 55 and Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.53(2) gives the Shire of Plantagenet management responsibility for roads within its boundaries.

3. Definitions

3.1 Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network

The RAV Network is a list of roads which have been assessed and classified by MRWA according to the type and size of heavy vehicle that may access them. It is administered by the Heavy Vehicles Section (HVS) of MRWA.

3.2 Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) Network

The AMMS scheme allows for three (3) concessional mass tiers that are available to approved heavy vehicle transport operators with

appropriate loading control methods. This scheme uses a network approach similar to the existing RAV Network.

Both the RAV and AMMS Networks are published in the form of road tables and a visual Mapping Tool is available on the MRWA website.

4. Request to Access Roads

4.1 RAV Classified Roads - If a heavy vehicle transport operator wishes to access a RAV network road, they may apply to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) if a condition of RAV access is Shire approval.

4.2 Unclassified Roads - If the road is not classified on the RAV Network then the applicant will first need to apply to MRWA (HVS). Upon receipt from MRWA (HVS), the Shire of Plantagenet will assess the request in accordance with MRWA approved guidelines and if supported, a submission will be made to MRWA (HVS) for their consideration including any conditions that may apply to the use of the road.

4.3 AMMS Network - Heavy vehicle transport operators may apply for a road already classified on the RAV Network to be approved for an AMMS Network level by applying to MRWA (HVS). Upon receipt from MRWA (HVS) the Shire of Plantagenet will assess the request in accordance with MRWA approved guidelines. If supported, a submission will be made to MRWA (HVS) for their consideration.

4.4 Depending on the need for access, a RAV access request may be supported if the applicant accepts responsibility to carry out any road upgrades or vegetation pruning necessary to qualify the road for the RAV network level requested.

4.5 Should the road access request be declined, the Shire of Plantagenet will inform MRWA (HVS) who will advise the applicant.

5. RAV Road Reclassification

The Shire may withdraw support for an approved route at any time if:

- a) The route is deemed unsafe for RAV use.
- b) The route is deemed unsuitable for RAV use.
- c) The heavy vehicle transport operator has breached approval conditions.

6. The Shire of Plantagenet may close a road on a temporary basis to all heavy vehicles should deteriorating road conditions be present.'

ADOPTED: 28 FEBRUARY 2017

LAST REVIEWED: 30 APRIL 2019