

1.4: ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PROPOSED ESPLANADE COMMUNITY PARK

ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GREGSON

DATE & TIME REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE MOTION RECEIVED: 29 NOVEMBER AT 7.15PM

**ITEM 1.4: ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GREGSON
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

THAT Council delay expending any funds on the proposed Esplanade Community Park until such time as:

- 1. Council negotiates an agreement with the owners of the former Esplanade Hotel site, that will see all costs associated with the establishment of the Esplanade Community Park be reimbursed to Council at the time of either the sale of the property or the commencement of development should the current owner undertake such development.**
- 2. That all going costs of maintenance of the Esplanade Community Park be reimbursed at the time of sale or redevelopment of the property.**
- 3. That the CEO undertake further discussions with the current owner of the property of the former Esplanade to develop the possible lease of the property and the reimbursement of costs to the City of Albany.**

Councillor's Reasons:

1. It is not appropriate expending ratepayers money "dressing up" a privately owned property.
2. The owners of the property will benefit if this project goes ahead, as the finished park will ultimately make the area more appealing to prospective buyers, with no return to the City of Albany.
3. The officer reports quote \$60,000 to construct the Esplanade Community Park however ongoing maintenance is an unknown figure.
4. We all agree that the area is an eyesore, however, it is not the role of the City of Albany to undertake a beautification of private property.