

1. MAYORAL MINUTE

1.1 Paul Tosi

Paul Francis Tosi has been a respected and valued member of Campbelltown City Council for 33 years and it is with much sadness that we talk tonight about his impending retirement.

A qualified valuer and with a Diploma in Town and Country Planning from Sydney University, Paul began his employment with Council as the Property Manager in 1982. Following a short stint in the private sector, he returned as Director Property, Parks and Recreation in December 1987. He remained in this position until he was appointed as the General Manager in December 1999.

I am sure any General Manager of a local Council will tell you that their position can be fraught with challenges, but as the person in charge of one of the largest Local Government bodies in NSW, Paul always met these challenges head on with determination and the desire to do the right thing by the Councillors, the staff and the community.

In the 16 years Paul spent as General Manager, he implemented significant change with an emphasis on long term strategic and financial planning, quality customer service, continuous improvement and innovation.

Paul's consistent advocacy for the city has been instrumental in putting Campbelltown on the map, and the release of the State Government's metropolitan planning strategy, A Plan for Growing Sydney, recognising the Campbelltown/Macarthur CBD as a Regional City Centre, is a testament to this.

Paul raised his family with wife Denise in Campbelltown, and his children, Michael, Belinda and Katrina were schooled in the area. Paul has three grandchildren, Luke, Conor and Sean whom he loves to spend his time with. Paul can often be seen out on the golf course with Luke teaching him how to play the game. He is a passionate member of the Campbelltown community and well respected by his colleagues, staff and peers within Local Government, as well as the wider community.

Something Paul often liked to say was that he wanted to leave the organisation in a better position than when he started. I think it is safe to say that he achieved just that. He was also a strong advocate for the staff, and was always proud to say that it was the people who made the organisation great.

Paul, on behalf of the Councillors, Council staff and the Campbelltown community, thank you for your unwavering support and outstanding contribution to the city and its people.

The strength of the organisation leading into the future is a lasting testament to your passion, loyalty and love of Campbelltown City, and your legacy will live on well beyond your retirement.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Council Meeting 22 September 2015 (Lake/Kolkman)

That the Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Recommendation be adopted.

Note: Each Councillor congratulated Mr Paul Tosi on his impending retirement and for his service and achievements during his time with Council. Councillors thanked Mr Paul Tosi for his friendship, compassion, mentoring, guidance, impartiality, integrity and unwavering support and noted that his commitment to the City of Campbelltown and our community is unparalleled and that the Campbelltown Local Government Area has been fortunate to have a General Manager of his stature.

Member for Wollondilly Jai Rowell MP and the Federal Member for Macarthur Russell Matheson MP also thanked Mr Tosi for his service and commitment to the community and wished him all the very best in his retirement.

Mr Paul Tosi addressed Councillors and thanked them for their kind words, his retirement function and wished the Council and the City of Campbelltown all the very best for the future.