

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 10 March 2026 commencing at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 10 March 2026. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.**

Councillors present:

Cr Naomi Joiner	Bunjil Ward (Mayor)
Cr Kate McKay	Swipers Gully Ward (Deputy Mayor) (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Kelly Joy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)
Cr Kim Cope	Sugarloaf Ward
Cr John Dumaresq	Wingrove Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Corrienne Nichols	Director Communities
Frank Vassilacos	Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Katia Croce	Manager Governance and Property
Steve Blight	Manager Capital and Infrastructure
Tania Treasure	Economic Development and Tourism Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Kate McKay.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

4 Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil

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5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/26 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 11 November 2025

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2025.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Naomi Joiner

SECONDED: Cr Kim Cope

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Confirmation of Minutes

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6. Officers’ reports

PCC.001/26 Eltham Town Activity Centre Special Rate Levy 2026-2029 - Consideration of Submissions

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Frank Vassilacos, Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Author: Tania Treasure, Economic Development & Tourism Lead

Previous Items: CM.151/25 - Eltham Town Activity Centre Special Rate Levy (2026 - 2029) - Council Meeting - 09 Dec 2025 7:00 PM

Summary

This report presents and considers submissions (**Attachment 1 and 2**) from Council’s notice for its Intention to Declare a Special Rate Levy (SRL) for the Eltham Town Activity Centre (2026-2029).

Following the receipt of a written request from the Eltham Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI) to renew the SRL, Council at the Council Meeting on the 9 December 2025, commenced the statutory process and gave notice of its Intention to Declare a Special Rate Levy on the Eltham Town Activity Centre for the period of 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029.

The proposed SRL will raise an annual value of \$143,000 for the term of the special rate, which will be provided to ECCI for the purpose of defraying marketing, promotion and other incidental expenses associated with the encouragement of commerce in the Eltham Town Activity Centre.

In response to Council’s notification 11 submissions were received – 10 in support and 1 objection. A summary of the submissions is provided in **Attachment 3**. The 10 supportive submissions all reinforced the benefits the SRL investment will provide to the Eltham town centre. The single objection did not provide any commentary.

Following this Committee meeting, Council will decide to declare, modify or abandon the proposed Eltham Town Activity Centre Special Rate Levy at its Council meeting on the 26 May 2026.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr John Dumaresq

SECONDED: Cr Naomi Joiner

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

1. Notes and considers the feedback provided by submitters in response to Council’s public notice of its Intention to Declare a Special Rate Levy on the Eltham Town Activity Centre.
2. Thanks the submitters for their comments of Council’s public notice of its Intention to Declare a Special Rate on the Eltham Town Activity Centre.
3. In accordance with section 223(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council consider the submissions received and matters raised in this Planning and Consultation Committee on the Eltham Town Activity Centre Special Rate at the Council Meeting on 26 May 2026.

6. Consultation Matters

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Consideration of Submissions

4. Resolves that Attachments 2 remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.002/26 Jayson Avenue Special Charge Scheme, Eltham - Consideration of Submissions

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Derek Rotter, Chief Operating Officer

Author: Steven Blight, Manager Capital and Infrastructure

Summary

Council resolved on 9 December 2025 (CM.155/25) to give public notice of its intention to declare a special charge scheme for the sealing and upgrade of Jayson Avenue in Eltham.

Council's notice of its intention to declare was publicly advertised in *The Age* newspaper and on Council's website on 18 December 2025. A letter and notice of the declaration were sent to all property owners with a liability under the scheme. The closing date for submissions and/or objections was specified as 5 February 2026.

The public notice and letter sent to property owners indicated that submissions would be heard at the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting on 10 March 2026 and that declaration would be made at the Council Meeting on 28 April 2026.

Council has not received any written submissions in support or in objection of the declaration.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr John Dumaresq

SECONDED: Cr Kim Cope

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

1. Notes that Council had not received any submissions or objections to the intention to declare a special charge scheme for Jayson Avenue in Eltham prior to the specified closing date.
2. Considers the views of any person that registers to speak at the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting on 10 March 2026.
3. Requests that a further report be presented at the Council Meeting on 28 April 2026 to consider the declaration of the Jayson Avenue Special Charge Scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tania Treasure, Economic Development and Tourism Lead left the meeting at the commencement of this item at 7:05pm.

6. Consultation Matters

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7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:06pm.

Confirmed:

Cr Chairperson Planning Matters

Cr Chairperson Consultation Matters