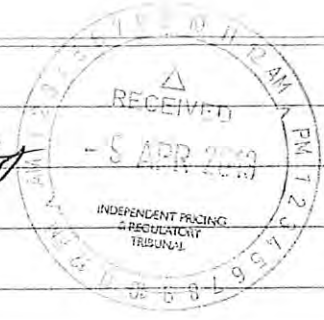


THE CHAIR
PRICING AND REGULATORY
TRIBUNAL (IPART)
LEVEL 8

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8TH APRIL 2013.



GRAVE CONCERNS RE
EXCESSIVE SHELL
HARBOUR COUNCIL RATE
RISES AND PERIOD
THERE OF.

DEAR CHAIR,

PLEASE FIND EVIDENCE
OF THE GROWING CONCERN
AT THE EXCESSIVE GOUGING
OF RATES AWAITING CONSIDERATION
BY YOUR TRIBUNAL.

AS A RATE PAYER OVER
THE LAST 13 YEARS AND A
PARTICIPATOR IN ALL COUNCIL
MATTER, MISSING ONLY SEVERAL
MEETINGS DURING THAT PERIOD
I HAVE OBSERVED VIRTUALLY
A COMPLETE RAFT OF WAYS TO
WASTE RATE PAYER'S CONTRIBUTIONS,
ON MISGUIDED UNDERTAKINGS

FOR MAJOR SALIBA TO HAVE
THE AUDACITY TO DECLARE
THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE ABLE

2.

TO PAY THE INCREASES, INDICATES HOW OUT OF TOUCH SHE IS WITH OUR AGING AND FAMILY RESIDENTS ARE SITUATED.

HOW DARE SHE DECLARE MY OR ANYONES ABILITY TO FUND A RATE INCREASE OF 40% OVER FOUR YEARS

IF THIS IS ASSUMPTIONS, SHE RELIED UPON, THEN INCREASES MUST BE KEPT TO A REASONABLE LEVEL OF ONE YEAR, WITH A SLIGHT VARIATION POSSIBLE, FOR US TO SURVIVE.

RATE PAYERS HAVE NOT GOT US TO THIS SITUATION.

DON'T PENALIZE US PLEASE. IF WE STUDY THE EVER CONTINUING WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT THAT HAS PREVAILED OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE TO MENTION SOME OF THE FINANCIAL BLUNDERS.

THE LINKS

THIS VENTURE ALONE HAS NOW RUN UP MULTI MILLION DOLLARS IN LOSSES OVER THE LAST 8 YEARS, COUPLED WITH UNKNOWN COSTS OF OUTSIDE LABOUR, LEGAL FEES,

\$ 2011-2012 \$ 400,000 PLUS.

Hockey Complex

COUNCIL HAS BEEN FORCED TO WRITE OFF OVER \$450,000 IN BAD DEBTS.

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?

LEGAL FEES

DESPITE ESTABLISHING AN "IN HOUSE" LEGAL OFFICER TO LESSON LEGAL FEES, OVER SEVERAL YEARS, WHILST IT WAS OPERATIONAL THAT COST MILLIONS, PLUS ENGAGING OUTSIDE OPINION ALSO IT HAS SINCE BEEN DISBANDED.

OVER RUNS ON PROJECTS

MILLIONS SPENT ON OVER RUNS ON PROJECTS WITH THE PROPOSED HUB, POISED TO REACH \$60 MILLION, PLUS, WITH NO GUARANTEE OF A SATISFACTORY VALUE FOR SITES TO BE SOLD OFF TO FUND THIS PREMATURE PROJECT YEARS BEFORE IT IS NEEDED.

AN OTHER MILLION SPENT IN THE OVER RUN ON THE ELLIOTTE LAKE BRIDGE AND THE TOURIST CENTRE - WHY - HOW!

THIS APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES ABOVE 3.5% IS UNFAIR AND IN ITS PLACE A SMALL VIATION FOR ONE YEAR

4.

ONLY WITH A CAREFUL WATCH BEING KEPT ON THE AVOIDANCE OF WASTE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT, AFTER ALL,

"WASTE NOT - WON'T NOT."

HOW HAS THIS DEBT FREE COUNCIL GET TO THIS STAGE?

EVERY ORGANIZATION CAN TIGHTEN THE BELT WHEN REQUIRED.

SHELL HARBOUR COUNCIL IS NO EXCEPTION.

RATHER THAN PROVIDE THE EASY WAY OUT, THERE MUST BE A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE ENQUIRY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF OUR REAL FINANCIAL SITUATION.

FOR YEARS WE HAVE BOASTED A "DEBT FREE" COUNCIL.

WHERE HAS IT ALL GONE?

WE CAN ONLY ACCOUNT FOR SO MANY MILLIONS!

PLEASE STUDY THE FINANCIAL REPORTS, SEEK "LINKS" DETAIL, STUDY THE FILE INFORMATION, AND ONLY ALLOW ONE YEAR AT A REASONABLE VARIATION WITH A CLOSE WATCH ON ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROPOSAL APPLICATION DETAIL.

5.

I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT
I AM AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME
TO ADD TO THIS SUBMISSION.

I ALSO DECLARE THAT I
DO NOT OBJECT TO EMAIL
EXPOSURE OR MY NAME BEING
REVEALED.

SHELL HARBOUR COUNCIL
SHOULD BE FINANCIALLY SOUND
AND ASSET RICH.

THERE ARE MANY HOLDINGS
IN THEIR ASSET REGISTER.

RATE REVIEW MUST BE KEPT
TO ONE YEAR, FORCING
COUNCIL TO CUT THE CLOTH
TO SUIT.

FORWARDED FOR YOUR
INFORMATION AND CONCLUSIONS.

RESPECTFULLY


HARRY GOODEN
