

Questions Taken on Notice					
Meeting Date	Meeting Section	Asked by	Question	Closed	Website Link
18-Nov-20	Councillor Question Time	Cr Pearl	Question in relation to the Medium strip/grass areas on Beaconsfield Parade. Grass is overgrowing by up to a foot high at the moment towards the St Kilda end of the medium strip which is creating a fire hazard. Can officers provide an update on what Councils maintenance obligations of the medium strips are, do VIC Roads maintain these or Council? And provide an update as to when this situation can be remedied?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/tx1gydzy/qon-18-november-2020-cr-pearl-medium-strips.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/tx1gydzy/qon-18-november-2020-cr-pearl-medium-strips.pdf</a>
18-Nov-20	Item 7.5 Petition - Speeding vehicles and excessive traffic noise in Port Phillip	Cr Pearl	Can Officers provide details of known operations by the Environment Protection Authority on noise pollution, particularly in the Port Melbourne area?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/2g2nco4e/qon-18-november-2020-cr-pearl-vehicle-noise-epa.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/2g2nco4e/qon-18-november-2020-cr-pearl-vehicle-noise-epa.pdf</a>
18-Nov-20	Item 14.1 Presentation of the City of Port Phillip Annual Report 2019/20	Cr Pearl	In reference to page 253 within the Annual Report, it says the underlying result in 2019/20 is negative \$2.9million, and below it says that Councils underlying operating result in 2020 is a deficit of \$6.5million. Can Officers clarify if there is a difference between the underlying result and the operational underlying result?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/2fnlxipq/qon-18-november-2020-cr-pearl-annual-report.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/2fnlxipq/qon-18-november-2020-cr-pearl-annual-report.pdf</a>
18-Nov-20	Item 14.3 Review Submissions for Proposed Tenancy Agreement - Port Melbourne Soccer Club	Cr Martin	Are we able to get a costing for adding two gates and compare that with the costing of removing the fence and building a new fence next to Oval 1?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/av2fvf43/qon-18-november-2020-cr-martin-pmsc-fencing.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/av2fvf43/qon-18-november-2020-cr-martin-pmsc-fencing.pdf</a>
2-Dec-20	Public Question Time	Alessandro Trevisin	<p>My query goes to the capital construction rates paid by the Council, and also the type of capital projects it undertakes – does the council think it gets fair value for rate payers' money, and does the council spend its money wisely on projects that are actually needed? I draw attention to two items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The reconstruction of the intersect at Montague Street and Park Street in South Melbourne which occurred in the first half of the 2020 calendar year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. this intersection was in perfect working order prior to the reconstruction and the works was labelled a 'streetscape improvement.'</li> <li>b. The project essentially involved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the raising of zebra crossings on the west and northern sides and repainting the crossings</li> <li>ii. new plants at the North East and South West corners</li> <li>iii. replacement of some curbing, and</li> <li>iv. a storm water pit and associated 'raingarden'</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Replacement or resetting of perfectly good bluestone street gutters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. I have noticed this occur on several occasions in the South Melbourne area over a few years</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>The 'streetscape improvement' at the intersect at Montague Street and Park Street in South Melbourne was delivered at a cost of \$250,000 – the cost of materials used in the project would, at my guess, be in the low tens of thousands of dollars leaving the remainder to labour costs and a margin for the contractor. In my experience, capital projects incur a materials and equipment cost roughly half of total cost, and the other half is incurred in the installation. – seemingly totally different to your cost proportions. With the resetting of bluestone gutters, it seems that these are in perfectly good working order and do not need replacement. I can understand the importance of keeping the jobs associated with these types of projects, and I think that the teams that physically work on these projects are particularly good at what they do. However, it is difficult to understand and accept the cost associated with these projects. Does the Council think it is getting a competitive set of offers when tendering capital works, undertaking capital works which are not required, and is it spending the rate payers' money wisely?</p>	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/1dqgzuiw/qon-2-december-2020-alessandro-trevisin.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/1dqgzuiw/qon-2-december-2020-alessandro-trevisin.pdf</a>
3-Feb-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Pearl	Cr Pearl asked for an update on restoration of the heritage lamp on the corner of Lorne street at the rear of the Pullman Hotel?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/1yrbxi3b/qon-3-feb-21-cr-pearl-heritage-lamp-restoration-lorne-st.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/1yrbxi3b/qon-3-feb-21-cr-pearl-heritage-lamp-restoration-lorne-st.pdf</a>
3-Feb-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Bond	In 2018 Parks Victoria were given \$5million by the State Government to spend on Community Sporting Infrastructure within Albert Park Reserve. Have Parks Victoria indicated what that money will be spent on, or is it still sitting in a Parks Victoria bank account waiting to be spent?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/ovhmltfu/qon-3-feb-21-cr-bond-albert-park-reserve-sport-funding.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/ovhmltfu/qon-3-feb-21-cr-bond-albert-park-reserve-sport-funding.pdf</a>

3-Feb-21	Item 7.2 Petition regarding noise and issues at Flour Child (Shakespeare Grove), St Kilda	Cr Crawford	In issuing the permit to Flour Child, would Council have had to consider soundproofing etc. first before issuing?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/vvpdpqxt/qon-3-feb-21-cr-crawford-item-7-2-flour-child-petition.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/vvpdpqxt/qon-3-feb-21-cr-crawford-item-7-2-flour-child-petition.pdf</a>
3-Feb-21	Item 7.2 Petition regarding noise and issues at Flour Child (Shakespeare Grove), St Kilda	Cr Bond	Is the 3am license a carry-over from many years ago when there were numerous 3am and 24 hour liquor licenses issued to many businesses?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/gkzkljtjv/qon-3-feb-21-cr-bond-item-7-2-flour-child-petition.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/gkzkljtjv/qon-3-feb-21-cr-bond-item-7-2-flour-child-petition.pdf</a>
3-Feb-21	Item 7.5 Petition requesting to reduce significant risk of child being hit on Liardet St, Port Melbourne by vehicles	Cr Pearl	1. Would officers be able to provide any details of potential alternatives than another costly wombat crossings? Perhaps fencing down the medium strip that would stop pedestrians from running across and enhanced fencing arrangements that would stop children from running out of both the childcare centre and also the park? 2. Has the pedestrians' site lines decreased because of Council's planting of about forty trees in the area in the	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/owrgiffz/qonx2-3-feb-21-cr-pearl-item-7-5-liardet-st-petition.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/owrgiffz/qonx2-3-feb-21-cr-pearl-item-7-5-liardet-st-petition.pdf</a>
17-Feb-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Pearl	Regarding the recent Vic Roads wall retention works involving installation of very large continuous concrete walls along Queens Road. I have been receiving a number of requests regarding the amount of heat that is casting off these walls into the local area and also in the past few weeks the extreme amount of graffiti that's been placed on the walls. Firstly, was Council consulted on the design for the implementation of these concrete walls and secondly do we have a plan to deal with constituents concerns around the graffiti and the heat that's being generated from the concrete walls?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/nrhnrll/qon-cr-pearl-dot-works-queens-road.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/nrhnrll/qon-cr-pearl-dot-works-queens-road.pdf</a>
17-Feb-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Pearl	Regarding the power substation that's proposed to go into the corner of Albert Road and Kings Way. Council sent a letter opposing the installation of the substation based on what happened at St Kilda Junction. Can officers provide an update on where that proposal is tracking?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/b2gfykdz/qon-cr-pearl-substation.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/b2gfykdz/qon-cr-pearl-substation.pdf</a>
17-Feb-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Bond	Currently there is works happening across a large area of Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. The utility company undertaking these works are digging up our paving, and performing completely inadequate reinstatements in places. Can officers provide an update of their conversations with the company undertaking these works and how they're going about ensuring we have adequate reinstatement of the dug-up areas?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/eshjuq2g/qon-cr-bond-fitzroy-st-road-works.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/eshjuq2g/qon-cr-bond-fitzroy-st-road-works.pdf</a>
3-Mar-21	Public Question Time and Submission	Adrian Jackson	Who is paying for the renovations/repairs to the leased ANAM building (former South Melbourne Town Hall)? What is the project cost of this work? Is the work covered by insurance? If ANAM does not return to South Melbourne is consideration being given to turn the building into a shopping precinct, with market price rental income, like what has been done to the former Melbourne GPO a few decades ago? Is council aware that this would complement the nearby South Melbourne Market too?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/qvljpbuff/qon-adrian-jackson-public-q-time-smth.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/qvljpbuff/qon-adrian-jackson-public-q-time-smth.pdf</a>
3-Mar-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Pearl	I've received complaints from residents regarding concrete trucks spilling concrete on Dorcas Street, South Melbourne. It is my understanding that Council has met with Cross Yarra Partnerships to resolve these issues, but it's a continuing issue in the area. Can Officers report back to see if any improvements can be made for residents living along Dorcas Street, South Melbourne?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/sc1eqzht/qon-cr-pearl-concrete-truck-complaints-dorcas-street.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/sc1eqzht/qon-cr-pearl-concrete-truck-complaints-dorcas-street.pdf</a>
3-Mar-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Pearl	In relation to Melbourne Sports Aquatic Centre (MSAC), can I get an update on Councils relationship with the governing authority of MSAC, The State Sport Centre Trust. Community feedback is that MSAC is becoming more sport elite focused. Council previously had a board position until around 2015/16 on MSAC to ensure that our Community was consulted in what was going on with MSAC. Can officers provide an update of what level of communication and dialogue are we having with The State Sport Centre Trust and what are we currently doing to represent our Community views at that facility?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/ofcl4kac/qon-cr-pearl-msac-the-state-sport-centre-trust.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/ofcl4kac/qon-cr-pearl-msac-the-state-sport-centre-trust.pdf</a>
3-Mar-21	Councillor Question Time	Cr Copsey	In relation to a public question asked from Michael Knight regarding businesses charging for access to Business Parklets, are Council officers aware of this and also is there a policy on this that will deal with this issue?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/2majueyc/qon-cr-copsey-on-behalf-of-mr-knight-parklets.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/2majueyc/qon-cr-copsey-on-behalf-of-mr-knight-parklets.pdf</a>
3-Mar-21	Item 10.1 Park Street Streetscape Improvement Project - Release of draft concept design for consultation	Cr Crawford	1. What is our legal obligation as a Council around blackspots? We've identified that there have been a number of accidents, where do we stand if we were not to install a bike path in this area? 2. Given there has been a lot of time and energy going into this particular strip, is it feasible to include a bike path any other way? Or is there potential for a redesign?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/twybsjri/qon-cr-crawford-item-10-1-park-st-streetscape.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/twybsjri/qon-cr-crawford-item-10-1-park-st-streetscape.pdf</a>

17-Mar-21	Item 12.2 Extension to Albert Park College trial use of Gasworks Arts Park and Lemnos Square	Cr Pearl	If Children were playing on or walking across exposed toxic soil, what is the risk of anyone being harmed by lead poisoning because that soil was exposed?	Yes	<a href="https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/osqdy14c/qon-cr-pearl-soil-contamination-gasworks-lemnos-square.pdf">https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/osqdy14c/qon-cr-pearl-soil-contamination-gasworks-lemnos-square.pdf</a>
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