

Reference/s

10 Year Plant Replacement Program

Date Proposed/Adopted

Motion Number

<b>Adoption</b>	
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***This policy supports the delivery of the Shire of Cranbrook Vision***

*That the Shire of Cranbrook is a proactive, sustainable, safe, friendly and prosperous place to be*

**PURPOSE**

To provide clear guidelines relating to the replacement period for Council’s plant and vehicle fleet.

**OBJECTIVE**

- To ensure that the Shire maintains a plant and vehicle fleet that is efficient and safe, with replacement occurring at timely intervals delivering the lowest whole of life cost.

**PRINCIPLES**

1. The Council shall be presented each year with an updated draft of the 10 Year Plant Replacement Program for Council’s consideration and adoption.
2. The first year of the Plant Replacement Program shall constitute the draft program for consideration in that year’s draft budget document.
3. The annual consideration of plant and vehicle replacement shall ensure that the Shire’s fleet of plant and vehicles are applicable to meet the Shire’s budgeted construction and maintenance programs for all assets. This shall also involve consideration of new technology, process and materials as well as the ongoing balance of the Shire’s ownership versus external hire.
4. Shire officers shall make all efforts to rationalise and minimise the funding requirements for plant and vehicle replacement while still aiming to provide the best quality, most effective fleets at the lowest whole of life cost.
5. Plant and vehicle fleet purchases are to be structured around a replacement program intended to maintain consistent annual expenditure, avoiding excessive or insufficient levels in the Plant Replacement Reserve. A base amount of \$400,000 is to be held in the Plant Replacement Reserve which is intended to cover the replacement of a major plant item in the event of catastrophic failure.
6. Shire officers shall maximize utilisation of fleet and vehicles through relocation, reallocation and consider disposal of underutilised plant and vehicles.

7. As a general guide the Plant Replacement Program provides for the following changeover:

<i>Type</i>	<i>Years</i>
Grader	8 years
Loader – Heavy	8 years
Backhoe/Loader	8 years
Skid Steer	7 years
Trucks – Heavy	5 years
Trucks – Light	5 years
Water Truck	7 years
Roller	8 years
Tractor	10 years
Mower / Mulcher / Gator	8 years
Plant attachment – various	As needed
Plant Trailer	As needed
Passenger vehicles	1 year

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **Chief Executive Officer**

- To ensure compliance with this policy.