

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
126 VICTORIA HIGHWAY, KATHERINE ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015 AT
8:48AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane
Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi
Councillor John Dalywater
Councillor Eric Roberts
Independent Member Geoff Bishop (via telephone conference)

1.2 Staff

Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance (DCG)
Marc Gardner, Director Contracts and Technical Services (DCTS)
Catherine Proctor, Director Community Services (DCS)
Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance
Hilary Sinfield, Governance Officer (Minute taker)

1.3 Guests

Nil

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 8.48am by Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane.

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane welcomed all Elected Members and Staff to the Finance Committee meeting.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/John Dalywater) Carried

- (a) That the Finance Committee accept the apology from Mayor Tony Jack for non attendance at the Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday 25th March 2015.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2/2015 RESOLVED (Geoff Bishop/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That the Finance Committee receive and note the minutes of the previous Finance Committee Meeting held on 17th December 2014.

6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- RJCP Performance Update
- Numbulwar School – Support Numburindi Arts Project

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

8. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

10. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

3/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee accept the Incoming correspondence.

11. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION Rejected

- (a) That Finance Committee accept the Outgoing correspondence.

There were no outgoing correspondence presented to Finance Committee Meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

13. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

13.1 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2015

4/2015 RESOLVED (Geoff Bishop/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee receive and note financial reports as at 28th February

2015.

13.2 GRANTS - 2014-15 HEA VARIATION ROUND 4 - DLGCS

5/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/John Dalywater) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee accept the funding offer for 2014-15 Round 4 Homelands Extra Allowance from Department of Local Government and Community Services by CEO signing, Councilor signing and dating both copies of the variation.

13.3 GRANTS - 2014-15 MES SPG ROUND 3 - DLGCS

6/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee accept the funding offer for 2014-15 Round 3 Municipal & Essential Services Special Purpose Grant from Department of Local Government and Community Services by CEO signing, Councilor signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the variation.

14. COUNCIL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

14.1 HOSTING OF THE BIG RIVERS REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT COODINATOR POSITION

7/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee agree to host the Big Rivers Region Waste Management Coordinator Position for the period of the project.
- (b) That Council allocate \$10,000 in the 2015-16 financial year budget to the Big Rivers Region Waste Management Coordinator Position.

14.2 VARIATION TO DEVELOP PERMIT PA/2012/0191 AND PA2011/0600

8/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee provide a response to the development Permit Variation for Lot 768 Town of Borroloola Development Permit PA2012/0191 and PA2011/0600 requesting greater detail on the stormwater management and access from site and also that the Developer is required to contribute towards stormwater infrastructure upgrades on Searcy Street, Borroloola.

15. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

NIL

16. CONTRACTS & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

NIL

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 NUMBULWAR - SUPPORT TO ARTS PROJECT

9/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Geoff Bishop) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee approve the sale of one shipping container to the Numbulwar School – Numburindi Arts Project for the amount of \$3000.00

Independent Member Geoff Bishop left the meeting, the time being 10:05 AM

17.2 UPDATE ON THE RJCP FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

10/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee receive and note the verbal update on the RJCP Program's Financial Performance.

DCG provided a report on the program's performance and advised the Committee on its current and anticipated positive performance. At the end of this quarter, the budget for this program will be presented to Council.

*Morning Tea break, the time being 10.04am
Resume meeting, the time being 10.25am*

18. CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

11/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/John Dalywater) Carried

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 18.1 Council Works Depot Project 1348 Chardon Street Katherine** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*
- 18.2 Legal opinion on responsibility and management of local roads in the NT** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

18.3 Changes to Mechanical Workshop - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

12/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/John Dalywater) Carried

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:-

CLOSED SESSION

18.1 COUNCIL WORKS DEPOT PROJECT 1348 CHARDON STREET KATHERINE

13/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee receive and note the update report on the Council Works Depot Project 1348 Chardon Street Katherine.

18.2 LEGAL OPINION ON RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL ROADS IN THE NT

14/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee receive and note the Report on Legal responsibility and Management of Local Roads in NT.

Independent Member Geoff Bishop returned to the meeting, the time being 10:59 am

18.3 CHANGES TO MECHANICAL WORKSHOP

15/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Geoff Bishop) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee approve option 2 in this report.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 11.03am.

This page and the preceding 4 pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 and confirmed Wednesday, 27 May 2015.


Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane