

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL.
MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS
29 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2015 AT
8:30AM

PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Mayor, Tony Jack
Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane
Councillor, Kathy Anne Numamurdirdi
Councillor, Eric Roberts
Councillor, John Dalywater
Independent Member, Geoff Bishop

1.2 Staff

Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance (DCG)
Sharon Hillen, Director Council Services and Infrastructure (DCSI)
Marc Garner, Director Contracts and Technical Services (DCTS)
Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance
Hilary Sinfield, Governance Officer

1.3 Guests

Nil

MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 8.59am

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane welcomed all to the meeting.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Advised Mayor Jack will be arriving late to the meeting.

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Finance Committee.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9.1 PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

16/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/John Dalywater) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee receive and note the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 25th March 2015.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

17/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/John Dalywater) Carried

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

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

18/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee accept that there is no Outgoing correspondence.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

13.1 GRANTS - MANYALLALUK CRECHE OPERATIONAL FUNDING VARIATION 2014-15 - DSS

19/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee accept the variation to the funding agreement for Manyallaluk Creche Operational from Department of Social Services by 2 signatures and a witness on both copies of the agreement.

13.2 GRANTS - HACC VARIATION NO.2 - DSS

20/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee accept the variation to extend the HACC program for 4 months by 2 signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the funding agreement.

13.3 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2015

21/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Geoff Bishop)

Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee receive and note financial reports as at 30th April 2015.

Manager Finance presented the financial report as at 30th April 2015 with a verbal report. DCG and Manager Finance answered questions and clarified various aspects of the report.

ACTION: Manager Finance to present at next FCM a financial report outlining the council's financial position considering the probable carry forward or return of unexpended grants.

Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting, the time being 09:52 am

13.4 RATES - WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

22/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Geoff Bishop)

Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee adopts the Waste Management Policy with minor amendments as follows:

- Name change to 'Waste Collection Charges Policy'.

DCG and Manager Finance presented a verbal report explaining the need and operation of this policy.

Manager Finance answered questions and clarified various aspects of the policy.

DCG advised that this policy's scope is for household and small business rubbish collection and that commercial rubbish collection may be considered on a case by case basis.

DCSI provided a verbal update on the revenue made from the waste management facilities and explained the community engagement process that will be implemented to educate community members of Council's new waste management practices.

COUNCIL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

14.1 PROPOSED GOLD MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAVANNAH WAY

23/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

- (a) That Council apply for gold membership of the Savannah Way.

DCSI provided a verbal report on the how this membership may assist Council while seeking funding opportunities. DCSI also advised the Committee that tourism development is occurring in the Region.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane left the meeting, the time being 10:19 am

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane returned to the meeting, the time being 10:21 am

14.2 PROPOSED SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS - BARUNGA AND ROBINSON RIVER

24/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Geoff Bishop) Carried

- (a) That Finance Committee receive and note report on proposed development applications for subdivision of Barunga (part of NT Portion 3629 and NT Portion 1636) to create 156 lots and subdivision of Robinson River (part of NT Portion 3975) to create 82 allotments.

DCSI provided a verbal report on the implications of these subdivisions.

*Break for morning tea, the time being 10.22 am
Resume from morning tea, the time being 10.35 am*

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

CONTRACTS & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

25/2015 RESOLVED (Geoff Bishop/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) 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 Proposed Roads Budget 2015-16** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 18.2 BUDGET 2015-16 - RGRC FIRST DRAFT BUDGET 2015-16** - *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 interests of council or some other person.*
- 18.3 Waiver of Fees** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

26/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Geoff Bishop)

Carried

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mayor Tony Jack declared an interest in 18.1.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting, the time being 10:39 AM

18.1 PROPOSED ROADS BUDGET 2015-16

27/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Geoff Bishop)

Carried

(a) That Finance Committee receive and note proposed Roads Budget 2015-16.

Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting, the time being 10:51 am

18.2 BUDGET 2015-16 - RGRC FIRST DRAFT BUDGET 2015-16

28/2015 RESOLVED (Geoff Bishop/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

(a) That Finance Committee receive and note first draft budget 2015-16.

ACTION: DCG to provide a report to Council at the next OCM that details the programs that Council deliver that are not core services and the cost of operating those programs.

18.3 WAIVER OF FEES

29/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Geoff Bishop)Carried

(a) That Finance Committee waive fees as detailed in this report.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 11.30am.

This page and the preceding 4 pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 and confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday 24th June 2015.



Mayor Tony Jack

ACTING MAYOR.
JUDY MACFARLANE.