

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, FINANCE AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Councillor Helen LEE (via videoconference);
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT (via videoconference);
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN (via videoconference).

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER; Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference);
- Cindy HADDOW; General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- David HURST; General Manager Council Services and Community Engagement;
- Maricar RHODES; Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Dan BARR, Director Better Cities Group (via videoconference);
- Matt FEUTRILL, Chief Executive Officer – YMCA Northern Territory; and
- Maree FEUTRILL, Manager Remote Pools Project.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 9:20am. The Mayor welcomed members and staff to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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57/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee approves the tendered apologies from Councillor Samuel EVANS, Councillor Owen TURNER.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Finance Committee Meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS MINUTES - 24 MAY 2023

58/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 24 May 2023 and affirms them to be true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION LIST - FICM

59/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

Dan BARR; Director of Better Cities Group, presented to Committee regarding Sports and Recreation Master Plan at 9:31am and left the meeting at 10:00am.

7 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Numbulwar to Roper road – Councillor Edwin NUNGGUNAJMARR;
- Update on Deputy Mayor Election – CEO Marc GARDNER; and
- Condolence Letter to Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council – Mayor Tony JACK

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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60/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the incoming correspondence report.

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

61/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee notes the outgoing correspondence.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

62/2023 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report.

10.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - VEHICLE ALLOWANCE FOR COUNCILLORS

63/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the report in relation to the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal determination and vehicle allowances for Councillors; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to present Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal – Vehicle Allowance for Councillors report to Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled on 23 August 2023.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 DEED OF VARIATION - 4-G2UY0XJ - CULTURE AND CAPABILITY PROGRAMME - BROADCASTING

64/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation for Culture and Capability Programme – Broadcasting report; and
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the deed of variation of \$758,345.48.

Meeting moved into Confidential session at 10:30am, Maree FEUTRILL and Matt FEUTRILL presented to Committee in regards to Remote Pools Project and left the meeting at 11:05am.

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

65/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

14.4 Remote Pools Project - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (b) (c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e), 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; AND information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; AND 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; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

RETURN TO OPEN

66/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be re-opened to the public.

12.2 HOUSING, MUNICIPAL AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR 2023-25

67/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Funding Agreement for 2023-25 report; and
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the agreement of \$845,898.00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06am and reconvened at 11:29am.

12.3 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING AGREEMENT 2023-2028

68/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) notes the Public Library Funding Agreement 2023-2028 report;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the agreement for \$217,556.00; and
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to the relevant department.

12.4 RGRC LOCAL AUTHORITIES - UPDATE ON LA FUNDING AND FUTURE PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

69/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the information on RGRC Local Authority funding, Northern Territory Government (NTG) audit of past funding and the recommendations to Local Authority members on future Local Authority Projects;
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to include the time frames and progress on projects in the Local Authority Project report; and
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to advocate on the matter to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Meeting and to the Local Authority Members.

12.5 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.06.2023

70/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 June 2023.

12.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

71/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to include the due date of the Local Authority Project funding.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL BURIAL SITES

Deferred this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled on 23 August 2023.

13.2 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

72/2023 **RESOLVED** (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) **CARRIED**

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Major Projects report.

13.3 LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - COMMUNIQUE

73/2023 **RESOLVED** (Awais Ur REHMAN/Helen LEE) **CARRIED**

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Land Development Committee Terms of Reference and Communique from the 05 July 2023.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 NUMBULWAR TO ROPER ROAD - Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR

74/2023 **RESOLVED** (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) **CARRIED**

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the update on Numbulwar to Roper road conditions; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to Department of Infrastructure and Planning Logistics (DIPL) in regards to Numbulwar to Roper roads assessment.

16.2 UPDATE ON DEPUTY MAYOR ELECTION – CEO Marc GARDNER

75/2023 **RESOLVED** (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) **CARRIED**

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the verbal update by the Chief Executive Officer on the resignation of Deputy Mayor and informs the Committee to elect the new Deputy Mayor in August Ordinary Meeting of Council. Nomination period to elect a new Councillor for the Never Never Ward open in August and end in September and have the by-election for the Never Never Ward.

16.3 CONDOLENCE LETTER TO DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL - Mayor Tony JACK

76/2023 **RESOLVED** (Awais Ur REHMAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) **CARRIED**

That the Finance and infrastructure Committee requests the Chief Executive Officer to write a condolence letter to Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm and reconvened at 1:26pm.

14.4 REMOTE POOLS PROJECT

60/2023 **RESOLVED** (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Awais Ur REHMAN) **CARRIED**

That Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Remote Pools Project report;
- (b) considers entering into an agreement with YMCA of the Northern Territory & Community Services Ltd for the management of swimming pools in the communities of Ngukurr and Borroloola;
- (c) makes public the resolution from this report in the open minutes of this meeting; and
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to review against the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) and for two years subject to annual review via assessment report.
- (e) requests to present Remote Pools Project report to the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled on Wednesday, 23 August 2023

14.5 OUTSTANDING RATE BALANCES & ACTION UNDERTAKEN.

61/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the report for Outstanding Rate Balances & Action Being Undertaken to Recover the Due Rates for The FY 2022-2023;
- (b) considers waiving the interest fees for outstanding rates for 17 Jose Street; and
- (c) makes public the resolution from this report in the open minutes of this Council meeting.
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to present Outstanding Rate Balances & Action Undertaken report to the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled on Wednesday, 23 August 2023 and in writing doubtful debts associated with debts and for 17 Jose street.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

77/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

14.1 Confirmation of Finance and Infrastructure Committee Previous Confidential Minutes - 22 March 2023 - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

14.2 Action List - FICM - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

14.3 Human Resources Strategy - Workforce Engagement Action Plan - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iv), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.4 Remote Pools Project - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (b) (c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e), 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; AND information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; AND 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; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

14.5 Outstanding Rate Balances & Action Undertaken. - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(b) (c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e), information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; AND 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; AND information*

subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 1:28pm

RETURN TO OPEN

78/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 2:11pm.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:15 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 July 2023 and will be confirmed on Wednesday, 27 September 2023.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday, 27 September 2023.