



# MINUTES

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**Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC)  
General Meeting  
Held at the Community Hall, Hammond Island  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008**

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**Present:**

Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub  
Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 - Boigu  
Cr. Raymond Soki, Division 2 - Dauan  
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 - Saibal  
Cr. Kelth Fell, Division 4 - Mabuiag  
Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 - Badu  
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 - Kubin  
Cr. Toshie Kris – Division 7 – St. Pauls  
Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8 - Hammond  
Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama  
Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber  
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 - Poruma  
Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke  
Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 - Ugar  
  
Cr. Ron Day, Division 15 - Mer  
Mr. John Scarce, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Malcolm Flavel, Executive Manager – Housing & Ports  
Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager – Community Services  
Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.

**Observers:**

Members of the Public  
Mr. Wayne Seek, General Manager, Torres Strait Regional Authority

Meeting opened in prayer at 11.00am by Cr. Enosa.

**3. Apologies:**

Nil

**4. Deputations:**

Nil

**WELCOME**

Welcome to Country by Mr. John Mills, Community Elder and Traditional Landowner of Hammond Island

Welcome & acknowledgement of Traditional Landowners by The Mayor  
Cr. Fred Gela.

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## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Day* that the minutes of the Post Election Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008, held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 be adopted.

Motion carried.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Name change to TSIRC Logo - to include names of St. Pauls & Kubin
2. Discussion on composition of Standing Committees – to be discussed in this report.
3. Confirmation of General Meeting dates
  - if all dates are confirmed
  - Warraber swapping their dates with Badu for the General Meeting. Warraber General Meeting will now be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008, and Badu on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008.
  - Accommodations for General meetings in the Communities – Councillors would consider billeting if there isn't any accommodation available such as a guest house, hostel etc on some Islands.

## 5. TRANSITION ACTION PLAN

### **5.1 Enterprises**

#### **Resolution**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bosun* that Council carries out the Communities' wishes as captured within the Transitional Action Plan to divest all enterprises to a Community based organisation.

Further authorising the Acting Chief Executive Officer to work in conjunction with the TSRA, to develop Business Plans for each of these enterprise and to isolate in the 2008 – 2009 Budgeting process \$450,000 from Council Operating Funds provide by the TSRA to undertake this work.

Motion carried

1 Against

### **5.2 DOGIT**

#### **Resolution**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Enosa* that Council carries out the Communities' wishes as captured within the Transitional Action Plan and engages in the process of transferring the DOGIT to a Community based land trust.

Motion carried.

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## 5.3 Executive Organisational Structure

### Resolution

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Mackie that Council adopts the Executive Organisational Structure developed by the TSIRC LTC as the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Corporate Structure. It is proposed that the Executive Organisational Structure is reviewed at each monthly General Meeting.*

**Motion carried.**

- *Resolved that Chief Executive Officer is to relay to TSIRC Staff, Council's appreciation and thanks to all Staff for their tireless effort and hard work during this transition.*

## 5.4 Adoption of Transition Action Plan

Lay on the Table

**Resolved that Council break for lunch 12.35pm – 1.30pm**

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Resolution

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Bero that the Council establishes three (3) Standing Committees:*

1. Housing & Economic Development
2. Corporate and Finance
3. Community and Engineering

*Further that the Standing Committee comprises of five (5) different Councillors and the quorum of the Standing Committee be three (3), with a review in three (3) months time.*

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Kris that Cr. Banu, Cr. Fell, Cr. Day, Cr. Bedford, Cr. Bosun are appointed to the Housing & Economic Development Standing Committee.*

*Moved Cr. Banu, Seconded Cr. Bosun that Cr. Kris, Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Cr. Soki, Cr. John Mosby, Cr. Bero are appointed to the Corporate & Finance Standing Committee.*

*Moved Cr. Soki, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Cr. Pearson, Cr. Guivarra, Cr. Enosa, Cr. Lui, Cr. Mackie are appointed to the Community & Engineering Standing Committee.*

*Further that Council conducts its Standing Committee Meetings over a teleconference, and investigate videoconference and live web scenarios.*

**Motion carried.**

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- *It was noted that the (3) three Standing Committees are to elect their Chairperson at their first Meeting to be held two (2) weeks prior to the General Meeting at Boigu on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.*
- *Standing Committee Meetings are to be held two (2) weeks prior to General Meetings each month.*

### **7. RESOLUTIONS OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)**

For Council information. Rec'd.

### **8. COMMUNITY FORUM BRIEFING**

For Council information. Rec'd.

### **9. EXPENSE POLICY**

#### **Resolution**

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Banu that Council proposes to make the Expense Reimbursement Policy as presented, and to forward the Director-General for his approval before formally adopting and publicly advertising.*

**Motion carried.**

- *Council will leave the flexibility to each individual Council themselves to decided whether they want to get paid for their meals or pay for themselves and seek reimbursement from Council.*

### **10. EXECUTIVE MANAGERS REPORT**

#### **10.1 Executive Manager - Engineering**

Lay on Table

#### **10.2 Executive Manager - Community**

Lay Table

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## CLOSED BUSINESS

### Resolution

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Bosun that in accordance with Section 463 of the Local Government Act 1993, it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss section 463 (1) (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees, 463 (1) (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving it, 463 (1) (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local Government further the public in attendance are asked to leave – 4.15pm.*

*Council's Acting CEO Mr. John Scarce, Executive Manager –Community Services Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager – Housing & Ports Mr. Malcolm Flavel, and Mrs Tania Sailor Executive Secretary left the room at 4.35pm while item 12 was discussed.*

## BUSINESS FROM CLOSED SESSION RATIFIED – 4.45pm

Mr. Scarce, Mr. Sunderland, Mr. Flavel, & Mrs Sailor rejoined the meeting.

### 10.3 Executive Manager – Housing & Ports

For Council information.

Rec'd

### 11. SAIBAI LEGAL ACTION

For Council Information.

Rec'd.

### 12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) APPOINTMENT

*Moved Cr. Bero, Seconded Cr. Bosun that Council appoints Mr. John Scarce, current Acting Chief Executive Officer, to the position of Chief Executive Office subject to contract negotiations, further authorises Cr. Fred Gela Mayor to negotiate the contract within the confines of the Mercer report excluding housing.*

Motion Carried.

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## 14. GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business.

In concluding the meeting the Mayor expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to Divisional Member for Hammond, Cr. Pearson and commended her for a successful coordination of one of the first significant meeting of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council on Hammond.

5.00pm Meeting closed with a prayer by Cr. Mackie.



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Cr Fred Gela  
Mayor



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Mr John Scarce  
Chief Executive Officer