



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

STRATEGIC ADVISORY REFERENCE GROUP

Date: Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Time: 1:15pm – 2:00pm

Venue: Video conference – VMR# 8 – 02 9916 5402

**SARG Meeting
Video Conference**

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Present: Mayor Mosby (Cairns)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr (Iama)
Cr Rocky Stephen (Cairns)
Cr Aven Noah (Mer)
Hollie Faithfull, Acting Chief Executive Officer (Cairns)
Ilario Sabatino, Chief Operating Officer (Hammond)
David Baldwin, Chief Engineer (Cairns)
Julia Maurus, Manager Legal Services (via phone)
Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (Cairns)
Kathy Cochran, Secretariat Officer (Cairns)

Apologies: Cr Keith Fell, SARG Member (Mabuiag)
Cr Hilda Mosby, SARG Member (Masig)
Cr Torenzo Elisala, SARG Proxy Member (Dauan)

Opening Prayer:

Mayor Mosby invited Cr Stephen to open the SARG meeting in prayer.

Acknowledgements:

Mayor Mosby acknowledged and paid respects to Traditional owners of the land on which we meet (Cairns) and the Zenadth Kes Region. Mayor also paid respect and condolences to families in sorry business.

Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive Officers, Councillors, and staff and informed SARG, Cr Mosby may join the meeting later as she is attending to another matter on ground.

Apologies:

Moved: Cr Stephen; Second: Cr Noah

That the apology of Cr Keith Fell and Cr Hilda Mosby be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

COI/ MPI Disclosures:

No declaration made. Mayor encouraged Councillors and staff to make a declaration at any time throughout the meeting, as necessary.

Outstanding Strategic Action Items

- Action Items updated

ACTION: Add Churches in-kind support for VC and conference rooms for inclusion in discussion of in-kind policy at November workshop.

ACTION: Team to ensure regular update is provide to SARG on action items until completed.

Mayor requested an update on the Regional Assembly and the position of a Project Manager assigned to commencing the groundwork for the Assembly and informed SARG the project has the full support of the Council. CEO informed SARG the Team is waiting on Legal advice on whether to have it in house or with TSRA.

Minutes – SARG Meeting – 10th August 2020

Amendment – Cover sheet – date of the meeting to read 16th October 2020.

Amendment – Mayor Update – numbering of items to be corrected.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; *Second:* Cr Rocky Stephen

That the minutes of the SARG meeting held on 16th October 2020 is endorsed as an accurate record of that meeting taking into account the above amendment.

MOTION CARRIED

Strategic Updates:

a. Acting Chief Executive Officer: -

1. Industrial relation matter

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Lui; *Second:* Cr Stephen

That in accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss matters of the following nature:

b) industrial matters affecting employees.

MOTION CARRIED

- 1. Industrial Relation Matter

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Stephen; *Second:* Cr Noah

That SARG move out of closed business.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Mayor Update:

1. Standing Committee's Executive Support Officer

Mayor Mosby invited Acting Chief Executive Officer to speak on the proposed Executive support officer for the Standing Committees.

- Cultural Arts, Land and Heritage – Executive support – Chief Operating Officer
- Economic Growth – Executive support – Acting Chief Financial Officer
- Governance and Leadership – Executive Support – Chief Operating Officer
- Housing, Safe and Healthy Communities – Executive Support – Chief Operating Officer
- Climate Change Adaptation and Environment – Executive Support – Chief Engineer

After some discussion, it was suggested the Housing, Safe and Healthy Community Executive support be shared between Chief Operating Officer and Chief Engineer due to some cross overs with housing infrastructures and council services.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Lui; Second: Cr Stephen

That SARG accept the Executive supports officer for the following Standing Committees;

- **Cultural Arts, Land and Heritage – Executive support – Chief Operating Officer**
- **Economic Growth – Executive support – Acting Chief Financial Officer**
- **Governance and Leadership – Executive Support – Chief Operating Officer**
- **Housing, Safe and Healthy Communities – Executive Support – Chief Operating Officer and Chief Engineer**
- **Climate Change Adaptation and Environment – Executive Support – Chief Engineer**

MOTION CARRIED

2. Regional Assembly

Mayor Mosby provided a verbal update on the Regional Assembly and spoke about a consultant to work with TSIRC on the Framework and the Terms of reference and having a separate Secretariate that sits outside of the three entities (TSRA, TSC and TSIRC).

ACTION: ACEO to obtain legal advice on setting up a separate secretariat.

ACTION: ACEO - The current budgeted amount of \$25k be topped up at Budget Review and contact TSRA to see what fund they have to contribute and what funding is available to access.

2:34pm – Cr Hilda Mosby joins the meeting

ACTION: Team to contact Dr Sara to have a deputation with the new Council.

3. Indigenous Employment Policy

- Framework
- Reconciliation Act Plan

ACTION: Team to workshop with Councillor - Indigenous Employment Policy and Framework and Reconciliation Act Plan for TSIRC.

Mayor Mosby suggested a Committee be formed within the organisation to steer the working group with a collective and cohesive approach and aligning it to Regional Governance

4. Draft Councillor Workshop Agenda

Acting CEO advised the November Workshop agenda will be distributed to SARG members tonight for comment.

ACTION: ACEO to send out Workshop agenda out to SARG members for comment.

5. Project Management Plan

- Elphinstone Close Business Case for Logistics

Mayor requested a time allocation on the Workshop Agenda for an update on the Business cases including what the funding obligation are and what has TSIRC signed up for.

ACTION: Team to provide SARG with the partnership agreement with the AFL House.

6. Local Regional Housing Plans

Mayor provided and update to SARG focusing on

- Clear picture for future Housing in the Region
- Housing Register of needs
- Concept of Housing Authority

7. Risk – Closed Business

For later discussion.

8. International Development

Mayor flagged the idea of a Sister city – staff to do research on Regional Governance and similar issues that other countries have faced.

9. General Business

Cr Lui suggested the newly appointed Foreign Affairs staff member on TI be invited to deputise with Council at the next meeting to discuss traditional inhabitants under the Treaty obligation and for the constant dialogue.

ACTION: Team to extend an invitation to the new Foreign Affairs appointment on TI to meet the full Council to discuss traditional inhabitants under the Treaty obligation.

Mayor Mosby thanked everyone for their attendance.

10. Next Meeting Dates

- 27th November 2020

11. Closing prayer

Mayor Mosby closed the meeting in prayer.

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