



MINUTES OF THE 56TH BOARD MEETING OF THE FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP

MONDAY 11 December 2017

Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room, 119-145 Spence Street, Cairns

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Trevor Pickering	Croydon Shire Council
	Chair Cr Peter Scott	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Julia Leu	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin	Etheridge Shire Council
Deputy Chair	Cr Tom Gilmore	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Sandra Burke	Department of Transport and Main Roads
OBSERVERS:	Mr Tim Cronin, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, Interim CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr Norm Garsden, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Ms Hurriyet Babacan, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Sanjay Ram	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Ms Olivia Thompson	Department of Transport and Main Roads
RAPT REPRESENTATIVES:	Ms Jo Lencz	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Ms Olivia Thompson	Department of Transport and Main Roads
FNQROC STAFF:	Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer

Mr Lachlan Rankine	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms Amanda Hancock	Procurement Coordinator
Ms Teresa Schmidt	Office & Project Coordinator

APOLOGIES:

Cr Terry James, Deputy Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Victor Mills	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Ms Janelle Menzies, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Michael Rowland, Chair	Weipa Town Authority

106 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 1.05 pm. Chair, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Cook Shire Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cr Scott acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid respects to Elders past and present and emerging.

107 Apologies

As noted above.

108 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

The Board positions were declared open.

Ms Darlene Irvine called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Cr Peter Scott

NOMINATED by Cr Julia Leu

SECONDED by Cr Trevor Pickering

Cr Scott accepted the nomination of Chair.

There being no further nominations, Cr Scott was declared elected as Chair of the FNQ RRTG.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

Cr Tom Gilmore

NOMINATED by Cr Peter Scott

SECONDED by Cr Julia Leu

Cr Gilmore accepted the nomination of Deputy Chair.

There being no further nominations, Cr Gilmore was declared elected as Deputy Chair of the FNQ RRTG.

109 Presentations

Nil this meeting.

110 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Warren Devlin

SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

“That the minutes of the 55th Far North Queensland Roads and Transport Group held on 9 October 2017, as distributed with the agenda be confirmed.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

111 Minute 96 – Cr Devlin to provide proposed projects on Gregory Development Road and current funding available to Ms Burke so that she may find alternative funding other than TIDS to fill the gap

Cr Devlin advised that Etheridge Shire Council provided a memo on the proposed projects for Gregory Development Rd (20/10/17) and he received a response from the Department of Transport and Main Roads advising that the Council is able to apply for TIDS funding or through the Roads to Recovery Program to undertake these works.

Cr Devlin noted that the Gregory Development Road is a State road and is strategically important for the Genex solar project, tourism and cattle industry. There are safety issues and he would like two passing lane opportunities; he would like to discuss with TMR the option of re-sheeting funds going towards passing lane opportunities. Cr Devlin looking at further discussions with the State Government Minister.

Cr Devlin advised that there was positive feedback from the community on Georgetown/Forsyth Road upgrade that previously secured TIDS funding.

Cr Devlin requested that the group work on a plan around protocols for TIDS funding to be allowed to be allocated on State roads.

Mr Ram and Ms Burke arrived 1.16 pm

Ms Irvine confirmed that the current FNQ RRTG policy does not allow for TIDS funding to be allocated on State roads.

Ms Lencz confirmed that the TIDS policy does allow funding to be allocated to State roads; it is up to the RRTG group. Other RRTG's (western groups) do allow allocation on State controlled roads.

Cr Devlin would like Mayors of FNQROC and NWROC to come together to argue case for Royalties for Regions funds to be reinvested into infrastructure in the region.

Question raised by Cr Gilmore – Where western councils have put TIDS on state roads has this impacted on what the district has traditionally spent on that road?

Ms Burke advised that (within FN) the funds are redistributed to roads within that network.

Ms Burke confirmed that the purpose of the TIDS program is for Local Government Roads and the TIDS funds are relatively small.

Cr Gilmore asked if the State Government funding on State roads had reduced.

MOVED: Cr Warren Devlin

SECOND: Cr Desmond Tayley

The FNQ RRTG technical committee considers options or methodology for the allocation of TIDS funding on State controlled roads.

CARRIED

112 Minute 101 – Ms Burke to follow up on the status of the Beef Roads funding and confirm with Croydon Shire Council if the project proposals report has been submitted with the Commonwealth Government

Ms Burke confirmed that the project proposal report had been submitted to the Commonwealth Government.

113 Minute 102 – Ms Burke to follow up with Cr Kremastos on the planned road closures for the delivery of the Mt Emerald wind farm turbines

Ms Burke confirmed that she was meeting with Cr Kremastos later in the week.

114 Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting

The minutes for the RRTG Technical meeting, no. 95 held on 5 October were noted.

115 Works Program Update

Noted.

116 Update from the Roads and Transport Alliance

Ms Lencz provided a copy of the Annual Report and update:

- Waiting for announcement of new State Government Minister
- Expenditure report for State wide TIDS program – currently 23% as at end of Nov. FNQ at 19%. Drop from end of October figures. Concern across state regarding invoicing against accruals.
- TMR Regional Transport Plan , work continuing
- New FNQ LRRS map released

Ms Burke suggested that there needs to be a discussion around who from Council submits the accrual information to DTMR and that the process needs to be tightened up.

117 Joint Purchasing & Resource Sharing

Ms Hancock advised that she is seeking Councils indicative program for the 2018/19 Regional Bitumen Reseal arrangements by the end of January 2018.

118 Road safety

Ms Burke left 1.50pm

Cr Devlin raised the safety concerns about the bridge on the Gilbert River which is a safety issue for Etheridge and Croydon Shire Councils due to its narrow width and concerns with cracks.

Ms Irvine confirmed that the issue was raised at the Western Councils forum and FNQROC is following up with a request to DTMR for a copy of the bridge inspection report.

119 Asset Management

No issues.

GENERAL BUSINESS

120 TIDs funding on State Controlled Roads

Refer earlier discussion (111).

121 Torres and Cape York Councils Alliance (TCYCA)

Cr Scott mentioned the group which comprises of the Mayors from the Cape, Torres Strait and Weipa Town Authority (WTA). Weipa Town Authority has offered to host the secretariat of TCICA.

Ms Burke returned 1.53pm

Cr Scott also advised members that there was a change on how NDRRA would work with an upfront payment model. Specific details are yet to be released.

122 Next RRTG Technical Committee Meeting

Ms Irvine advised that the next meeting for the RRTG Technical Committee will be held on 2 February 2018 in Cairns.

123 Next RRTG Board Meeting

The next RRTG meeting will be held in Cairns on Monday 12 February 2018.

124 Conclusion

Cr Scott wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy and safe festive season.

There being no further business the Chair, Cr Scott declared the meeting closed at 1.57 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
111	The FNQ RRTG technical committee considers options or methodology for the allocation of TIDS funding on State controlled roads.	FNQ RRTG

Unconfirmed