



MINUTES OF THE 142ND BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2020 @ 10:00am

Civic Reception Room, Cairns Regional Council and via Tele-Conference

REPRESENTATIVES

	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
VIA PHONE	Cr Jack Bawden	Carpentaria Shire Council
VIA PHONE	Cr Mark Nolan, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
DEPUTY CHAIR	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
VIA PHONE	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
VIA PHONE	Cr Ramon Jayo, Councillor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Cr Jason Woibo, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Bradley Creek, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
VIA PHONE	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

CEO'S

	Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
VIA PHONE	Mr Mark Crawley, CEO	Carpentaria Shire Council
VIA PHONE	Mr James Gott	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Mr Mark Stoermer, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr David Munro, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
VIA PHONE	Mr Leon Yeatman, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OBSERVERS

VIA PHONE	Cr Jonathan Evans	Croydon Shire Council
VIA PHONE	Cr Mary Brown	Hinchinbrook Shire Council

INVITED GUESTS

VIA PHONE	Hon Craig Crawford MP	Minister for Fire & Emergency & Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
VIA PHONE	Mr Greg Hallam	LGAQ
VIA PHONE	Ms Sarah Buckler	LGAQ
VIA PHONE	Ms Crystal Baker	LGAQ
VIA PHONE	Ms Katrina Houghton	Economy .id
VIA PHONE	Mr Rob Hall	Economy .id
VIA PHONE	Mr Keenan Jackson	Economy .id
	Mr Michael Christie	Jacobs Group

FNQROC STAFF

	Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
	Ms Linda Richardson	Executive Coordinator
	Ms Amanda Hancock	Procurement Coordinator
	Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Assets & Sustainability Coordinator
	Mr Lachlan Rankine	Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
VIA PHONE	Ms Anne Stunzner	Advisor (Consultant)

APOLOGIES

Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
Mr Alan Rayment, CEO	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr Mark Kelleher, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Bob Owen, Interim CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Steve Wilton, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

2748 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 10:06am. The Deputy Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, paying respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

The Deputy Chair highlighted to the incoming board the return on investment as an FNQROC member and the collaborative success to date. The Deputy Chair acknowledged past FNQROC Chair Cr Gilmore, who recently received an Order of Australia in recognition of his regional efforts.

ACTION: FNQROC to send a letter of congratulations to Cr Gilmore.

2749 Apologies & Meeting Housekeeping

Apologies as noted and meeting housekeeping points outlined for the new board.

2750 Hon Craig Crawford MP Board Address (via Phone)

The Deputy Chair invited Hon Craig Crawford MP, Minister for Fire & Emergency and Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to address the board on opportunities to support the FNQROC members as they recover from COVID-19, in particular our ATSI communities who have been affected deeply under the Bio Security Determination restrictions.

The Minister thanked the board for the invitation and noted the following key points:

- Local Government will be aware of the release of [Queensland's Economic Recovery Strategy](#)
- 12 June: Bio security Restrictions changed over to State based directives
- 10 July: State intention to release all restrictions based on current case/transmission numbers
- Airline connectivity: QF and Jetstar planning large number of flights/fare into Qld (including Cairns) to support regional tourism
- Funding/Economic Stimulus Package Announcements including:
 - \$50b Infrastructure Guarantee (outside Infrastructure Investment Program)
 - \$400m Accelerated Works Program designed to get 'shovel ready' works fast-tracked
 - \$200m Works for Qld COVID Recovery Package
 - \$11.25m Household Resilience Program, specifically to improve the resilience for NQ homes
 - \$50m Qld Tourism Industry to fast track tourism projects and national icons
 - \$10m Small Business Adaption Grants Program to help small businesses continue to trade
 - \$7m Domestic Tourism Campaign for local spending campaigns
 - Additional \$'s available for Mining/Resources Exploration, Agriculture and Construction/Home Buyers Stimulus Packages, Airline Routes, etc

The Minister noted that each council will have different needs, but highlighted two key takeaways:

1. Local Government: Make sure CEO's are aware of what money is available via a multitude of funding programs and clearly identify intended projects to ensure they meet the criteria;
2. DATSIP: Minister encourages councils to make contact with his office to understand what funding and support is available.

It is about councils applying for the right grant, at the right time and putting forward the right economic argument. Government focus is about stimulating the economy and getting people back into work and looking for new opportunities post COVID.

In closing, the Minister thanked everyone involved in the work to release the region out of the Commonwealth Bio-security laws, with restrictions completely released on July 10.

Questions from the floor:

1. Cr Scott raised concerns that assistance grants now available generally apply to outside SEQ, or includes SEQ and would like to lobby on behalf of the businesses and tourism operators in the Cape who have suffered immensely since COVID. Communities are struggling with limited or no incomes and council is concerned for residents with rates notices due out in the coming months, combined with household bills and insurances.

In response, the Minister noted that FNQ and the Cape would be one of the last sections of Queensland to recover and notes the importance to keep this forefront with Ministerial colleagues. Need to be mindful when talking about the Federal JobKeeper Program, economic stimulus packages, unemployment rates, etc and FNQROC needs to send the same message when meeting with Ministers.

The Deputy Chair thanked the Minister and noted FNQROC would be conducting a Mayoral Delegation to State Government in August 2020.

2751 BOARD PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Economy .id via Tele-conference

Mr Keenan Jackson and Ms Katrina Houghton, Economy .id provided an overview of the Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on the FNQROC Region.

Key presentation points included:

- Overview of how the region was tracking prior to COVID with strong growth experienced in the past three (3) years
- FNQ experienced early signs of COVID impacts in February as tourism numbers were affected
- FNQROC economy will experience a substantial fall in June Quarter GRP above the Qld average (-\$528m compared to June 2018/19 and estimated is 1% above the Qld estimates for GRP, but likely to last longer)
- Breakdown of impact by LGA in the region, highest impact on Port Douglas (#2 in Qld) and Cairn (#5 in Qld) due to heavy reliance on tourism/hospitality.
- Overview of visitation drops in numbers and ripple effects on supply chain industries
- Job losses in FNQROC estimated at 10,700, with another 8600 supported by JobSeeker
- Estimation of unemployment calculations difficult to get accurate reflections, but Cairns and Port Douglas have seen the largest % increase of people accessing unemployment benefits, more than double the State average
- Overview of payroll changes by age with young people the most affected (under 30) – real threat of youth disengagement over an extended period of time; Cairns-Douglas not the worst impacted in Australia, but the second worst in Qld
- The length of time to 'bounce-back' challenging (first to be affected, last to recover). Comparison of economic growth for the FNQ region after GFC was 8 years and TTNQ estimate 5 years or more until visitation numbers revert to pre-COVID numbers;
- Reduced income for the hospitality industry, means reduced spending into local economies
- Overview of long term impacts including overseas travel, risk of financial market shock, Export competitiveness (ie international education) – may be a positive outcome for Australia based on it being seen as safe/healthy destination, supply chains, wealth impacts, impact on younger workers and female workers and online retail
- Overview of next steps re restriction openings re Qld border openings (July 10), opportunities for potential travel bubbles (NZ, Singapore, KH, South Korea, Japan)

The Deputy Chair asked for feedback/comments from the floor:

- Cr Scott asked to what extent a resurgence in domestic tourism factored into predictions.

Mr Keenan advised September quarter estimates would include assumptions including domestic travel.

- Mr Crawley asked if there had been any indication on an increase in sales with caravan/camping equipment to provide an estimate re drive market.

Mr Keenan advised no access to this data yet, but will look at retail figures next month and this may assist. Ms Houghton advised a recent TV piece recognised Brisbane caravan retail sales had increased.

- Economy .id reiterated that the FNQROC website is updated when data is available

ACTION: FNQROC to send a copy of the Economy .id presentation to Council Members

3.2 FNQROC Organisational Board Overview

Ms Irvine, FNQROC Executive Officer provided an Organisation Overview to the board, noting the two (2) areas we work in – Strategic Advocacy and Operational Collaboration, with the following key points highlighted:

Strategic Advocacy:

- Critical we work together as our region is reliant on each other. As a group, we act as a region for the region.
 - Tourism & Agriculture: Ag reliant on backpacker and grey nomads for picking, tourism reliant on showcasing local products and flights in/out more viable to have Ag product in the belly
 - Tourism offerings extend across the region, beyond Cairns
 - Tertiary Hospital Services supporting the region and minimising travel for treatment
 - Tertiary Education Services enabling us to keep our youth in region
- We have 5 strategic economic goals and a long-term operational plan. These strategic goals will be reviewed and amended over the next 6 months as the new board sees fit.
- We have numerous policies in place and will review and amend 2 of these at each meeting as required. The first review will be the Charter and Operational Guidelines at the next meeting.
- Unfinished business from the previous board include:
 - Mobile Communications Blackspot Audit
 - Regional Road Investment Strategy (Draft presented today)
 - Dam Study (Stage 1 drafted using Rockhampton as a base study). Aiming to have study complete to feed into the Water Reform Discussion Paper
 - Broadband Gap Analysis (project not commenced)

Operationally:

D Irvine introduced the FNQROC staff and provided an overview of the structure working with the board and advisory committees, noting all are here to support our council members.

The team are currently working on the following operational projects:

- Regional Road & Transport Group (RRTG)
- Regional Procurement (Two (2) tenders currently under evaluation)
- Development Manual Review
- Strategic Waste Strategy
- Regional Events (post COVID/event planning)
- Natural Assets Stewardship Accord
- Myriad of submissions

D Irvine advised that FNQROC rarely sends out media releases and this is because 'you' are FNQROC. We prefer and encourage you to do own your media releases on the advocacy activities you do with FNQROC. It is you, with the support of neighbouring Mayors going to Brisbane and/or Canberra who do the advocacy work and save the \$'s for your communities.

ACTION: Circulate the FNQROC Charter and Operational Guidelines in preparation for upcoming review in August.

3.3 Jacobs Group re Regional Road Investment Strategy (RRIS)

The Deputy Chair invited Mr Michael Christie, Jacobs Group to provide an overview of the RRIS Executive Summary findings. Mr Christie expressed his thanks to FNQROC and provided an overview of the project.

Key presentation points included:

- Noted this is a 20-year Planning document, including 4 key components including Tourism Network, Heavy Vehicle Network, First & Last Mile Network and Implementation Plans
- The report gives structure and metrics to regional road infrastructure planning, development and investment priorities and provides a strong evidence-based document that can be used by the FNQROC board when advocating at Federal and State governments and aligned to government plans
- What does the document look like?
 - 3 Technical Reports (Tourism, Heavy Vehicle, First and Last Mile)
 - 1 Advocacy Document (The Total Ask)
 - 1 Implementation Plan detailing priority lists of SCR & LG Structural Deficiencies (CAPEX Needs) and SCR & LG Fatigue deficiencies (Routine Maintenance Expenditure Needs)
 - Detailed Mapping (live set of data) providing foundation for Asset Management Planning, as well as evidence base for Advocacy efforts
- The report has identified \$921mil required over 20 years, with \$560m immediate deficiencies.

In closing, Jacobs is seeking direction from the board as to how to roll out the Implementation Plan.

The Deputy Chair asked for feedback/comments from the floor:

- Cr Scott noted it was a valuable summary, bringing a lot of critical information into one succinct document.
- Mr Munroe asked for clarification re references within the table in Appendix A (ie Road Width/Length and \$ values). L Rankine advised that each dot on the mapping represents an individual deficiency and when there is a large set of failures, it can be difficult to package up as the works extend through multiple councils. In the initial sense of the report, 50km packages has been identified as the likely limit of works
- D Irvine advised that we are current seeking comments on the report and will be presenting at the RRTG Technical Committee in July. However to develop up the Implementation Plan and requirements for advocacy, what we need from the board is how you want to ask for the \$560m? We can't go forward and ask for it in 1 year, but what we can say is that currently we have a current deficiency of \$560m and we want 'x' amount over the next 5-10 years to bring those deficiencies up to speed. We need a decision from the board – do we want to package up as \$50m over 10-20 years or a higher value per year.
- Cr Hughes asked if funding application was successful how would it be administered and divided between councils, and is there a priority framework for Councils. D Irvine advised that all projects are run through a priority process (based on the analysis that both State and Federal use to allocate funding).
- In terms of localised roads, FNQROC will have a priority ranking and advocate based on this, but it is the political decision of councils to determine what local roads they wish to fund first. Not bound by what we say is the highest priority.
- In relation to TIDS, D Irvine advised we get funding of \$5.79m per year, this is allocated based on a priority ranking tother with council's capacity and willingness to match that funding. TIDS program

includes 2 years fixed + 2-year indicative. If a council withdraws a project within the fixed term, the funding goes to the next highest priority project (may be in a different council).

- During election cycles, governments will want to fund to particular areas and Councils will have the ability to use the RRIS as supporting evidence to advocate on an individual basis, but FNQROC will always advocate at a regional level for the best regional benefit.
- Mr Christie noted that any funding request needs to understand what industry can actually deliver over the nominated period.

The Deputy Chair asked the board for comments around the best approach at a State/Federal level and suggested 'going in hard' seeking the full \$560m particularly in light of the State elections and stimulus funding currently available.

Cr Hughes agreed 100% with the comment of 'going hard'. When you look at data/stats presented this morning we have abnormalities across the board in terms of road projections and road identifications and getting some conflicting information from TMR in how some roads are to be viewed moving forward. Leverage this document as terms of safety, strategic transport corridors, strategic tourism corridors to underline and reinforce the direction that this group of councils want to proceed with and actually see some results.

The Deputy suggested a resolution for the Implementation Plan would be to ask the State and Federal Governments for the full funding of \$560m over 4 years.

D Irvine suggested for the immediate ask to have the following four (4) lists in priority order:

- State Bridging / Program Maintenance
- State CAPEX
- Local Government CAPEX
- Local Government Bridging / Program Maintenance

Mr Christie confirmed that this approach was possible, but may require testing with a wider audience.

"The board resolved to seek \$560m over a 4-year period from both State and Federal Governments and aligned to the four (4) lists in prioritised order"

ACTION: D Irvine/L Rankine to work with Jacobs Australia in developing the prioritised lists for the Regional Road and Investment Strategy.

2752 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Manning

SECOND: Cr Scott

That the minutes of the 140th FNQROC Board Meeting held 03 February 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

MOVED: Cr Toppin

SECOND: Cr Kerr

That the minutes of the 141st FNQROC Board Meeting held 27 April 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Taken as read in the agenda with actions completed, in progress or within the agenda for further discussion.

2672 Minute – ADD 5 Strategic Priorities review to post-LG Election board agenda 2020

See Agenda Item 8.1

2705a Minute – M Olsen (TTNQ) to extract Customer Service matrix re Visitor Survey results and provide to FNQROC

Complete (circulated by email 10/02/20)

2718 Minute – L Hannan (LGAQ) to take on notice timeframe for legislation changes and report to FNQROC when clear timeframes known

Complete

2723a Minute – FNQROC to share QGRN presentation and details with minutes for direct contact by councils

Complete

2723b Minute – Chair requested D Irvine/L Rankine to follow up with Telstra to determine indicative pricing for data to support the RRIS Tourism Routes

In progress, still trying to get costings from Telstra

2735b Minute – C Baker (LGAQ) to highlight concerns raised re Informal/Closed Meeting provisions with Intergovernmental Relations team who are leading draft LGAQ submission

Complete

2742 Minute – As councils develop their Recovery Plans send to Executive Officer

In progress

2743a Minute – D Irvine to coordinate A Marsh (QRA) to present to the FNQROC Board on 11 May 2020 via video conference

Complete

2743b Minute – ALL Council members to nominate individual FNQ RRTG representatives and advise D Irvine ASAP

Complete

2745 Minute – L Richardson to circulate the recent financials with the minutes

Complete

ELECTION OF FNQROC INTERIM CHAIR

2753 FNQROC Interim Chair

D Irvine thanked Cr Scott, Deputy Chair for acting as Interim Chair during this period and advised that an Interim Chair will be elected at the next FNQROC Board Meeting to be held in Brisbane (11 August). D Irvine requested that anyone interested in this position should advise her direct by Friday 3rd July. D Irvine will then:

- a) Advise the Board on who is nominating, and
- b) Work with any interested candidates to assist in mentoring ahead of the FNQROC Mayoral State Delegation.

ACTION: Mayors interested in the Interim Chair position to contact D Irvine by Friday 3rd July 2020

ACTION: D Irvine to advise the Board on potential candidates and work with those interested parties in preparation for the FNQROC Mayoral State Delegation (August 2020)

ADVOCACY

2754 Advocacy Update from FNQROC

Introduction to Ms Anne Stunzner, FNQROC Advocacy Advisor

D Irvine introduced Ms Anne Stunzner (via phone) and provided an overview of her engagement as Advocacy Advisor to FNQROC Member Councils. A Stunzner provided an overview of her experience and knowledge on what advocacy strategies work and do not work during delegation visits. Key takeaway comments include:

- Plan well ahead
- Always be nice to Diary managers (Gate Keepers) to keep the doors open for appointments
- Provide opportunities for events
- Present bios and briefing notes well ahead so advisors are prepared
- Engage with Senior bureaucrats where appropriate, as some portfolios are run by their department (ie Health, Military)
- Read up on the person you are meeting with, it demonstrates preparedness
- United front on primary issues very important, not just with councils, but also with other advocacy organisations. Major infrastructure asks should be agreed across all organisations and aligned
- Manage your time in the meeting and do not be aggressive
- Understand the realities of State / Federal governments are projects related to the portfolios they are responsible for
- Provide opportunities to the Ministers for regional good news stories
- Keep it simple – connect your region to the rest of Australia; show relevance
- Only talk about relevant priorities per portfolio. Lay out project using timelines
- Tell the story (positives and negatives around the campaign) to support a strong economic ask
- Think about wearing something memorable (ties/scarf) – branding and gift to the Minister
- Send follow up thank you letters, noting advisors in the room and include actions/promises
- Could be some value in breaking into smaller groups per portfolio, but hold group functions.
- FNQROC delegations have been well-organised and conducted to date and the Ministers love the authenticity of local Mayors and stories.

ACTION: A Stunzner to send full list of notes to L Richardson for circulation with the minutes

FNQROC Mayoral State Delegation (August)

D Irvine advised that the State Government Sitting Weeks had altered due to COVID-19 and that the FNQROC Mayoral Delegation would now take place from 11-13 August 2020. As part of this delegation, the next FNQROC Board Meeting will be held in Parliament House on Tuesday 11th August, with an open invitation for local MPs and key Ministers to attend. This delegation is extremely timely given the State elections will be held in October 2020. Sample packs have been provided for new Mayors outlining example meeting schedule, advocacy briefs, etc

D Irvine advised the board it was critical to now identify Infrastructure and Policy priorities for the region in preparation for the delegation visit and as guided by A Stunzner and these advocacy briefs need to be completed by early July.

Consistent regional priorities for delegations have been:

- Introductions - for many Board Members this will be the first time meeting Ministers and Shadow Ministers. Reiterate to Ministers to meet with you when they are in your community
- Roads – the FNQ Regional Road Investment Strategy will be tabled
- Water Security – More information regarding the States view re North Johnstone diversion project. Shadow Ministry continues to provide support for Nullinga Dam.
- Social Housing – Important, particularly for indigenous communities of FNQROC

Others advocacy issues raised:

- Cr Manning raised concerns around a Kidney Transplant Unit that was promised for Cairns, has been given to Townsville (this particularly impacts indigenous communities). This facility should be positioned where the biggest demand is, believing this was a poor political decision, especially in light of current global pressures and the understanding that life spans are extended when communities are treated 'on country'. Suggested FNQROC advocate the State on this issue and garner support from TCICA.

D Irvine advised that any other potential advocacy items are required by Friday 3rd July for review and consideration by the Board (this needs a rapid turnaround).

ACTION: ALL councils to provide briefs on additional advocacy priorities by Friday 3rd July to be considered by the board for inclusion at the FNQROC Mayoral State Delegation.

2755 Advocacy Update from FNQROC Council Members

The Deputy Chair invited any advocacy updates from around the table:

Water Security

- Cr Manning noted that CRC, MSC and TRC attended a presentation by Joe Moro to discuss matters relating to Water Infrastructure, particularly linked to the North Johnstone Diversion project. To date conceptual, but appears to make sense and it was the belief of Cr Gilmore that we need to look at an alternative to Nullinga Dam, based on the Building Qld decision.
- Mr Franks advised that a conceptual basic Hydro study is required to commence the project and the three (3) participating councils have resolved to invest \$5k each to commence works and put forward a request to FNQROC to fund the gap, if costs more than \$15k and take the project forward.

The Deputy Chair asked for comments from the floor:

- Cr Kerr noted that DSC also experience problems with water supplies and asked if the scope could be broadened to benefit the entire region?

- Important for Councils to understand that Water Supply is a State Government issue and Bulk water Infrastructure for agriculture it is a Federal issue.
- It was noted that CCRC were provided with a presentation on the project and are still giving consideration to their participation
- Cr Hughes raised concerns if the partial funding of this project would be setting a precedence as other projects are presented to the board. Suggested proceeding with caution when adding funding (not just advocacy) support. Regional support/collaboration vital, but need a definition / policy instruction around precedence.
- Cr Marti noted that this project is not just water for local councils, as would supply water into Cairns and support the Agriculture industry, providing a strong regional benefit and fits within the advocacy issue of Water Security for FNQROC.

The Deputy Chair noted that understanding that this project was of regional benefit, suggested a 50% financial support, with a maximum capping and suggested that D Irvine draft an guideline/policy of what we deem as 'regional benefit'.

MOVED: Cr Manning

SECOND: Cr Toppin

'That FNQROC contribute 50% towards the cost of the Hydro study in relation to the North Johnstone Diversion project, in conjunction with CRC, MSC and TRC and the work will be undertaken under the auspicious of FNQROC'

CARRIED

ACTION: D Irvine to draft a guideline/policy of what FNQROC deem as 'of regional benefit'.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLAN

2756 Review of FNQROC Strategic 5 Priorities

D Irvine advised that the review will be undertaken at the October FNQROC Board Meeting.

2757 Regional Road Investment Strategy (RRIS) Executive Summary (Final Report)

See Item 3.3

2758 Illegal Dumping Partnerships Program (Update)

D Irvine advised that the Illegal Dumping Partnerships Program had commenced working with participating FNQROC Member Councils Cassowary Coast, Mareeba Shire and Carpentaria Shire Councils (noting that Tablelands Regional Council had withdrawn).

2759 Animal Management Technical Committee (AMTC) Recommendations

D Irvine advised the board that AMTC had made the recommendation to the FNQROC Board for continuance as a Technical Committee meeting quarterly. She gave a brief overview of the current work they are undertaking being an MOU between Councils, Qld Police and TMR for animals on roads.

MOVED: Cr Scott

SECOND: Cr Woibo

The FNQROC Board endorsed the continuance of the Animal Management Technical Committee (AMTC).

CARRIED

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

2761 Hon Mark Bailey MP, re Major Projects Business Case Fund (MPBCF) re Kuranda Range Road (KRR) (Mar 2020) (DM6396672)

Noted

2762 Western Qld Alliance of Councils re LGAQ Rural Water & Wastewater Guarantee (May 2020) (DM6399462)

Noted

2763 Cr Marti, Tablelands Regional Council re advocating for Distribution of Molasses in Qld (May 2020) (DM6399470)

The Deputy Chair invited Cr Marti (TRC) to speak to this item. Cr Marti provided an overview of the current situation relating to the distribution of molasses in Qld and in particular, how recent decisions made by MSF Sugar will affect the Tablelands region.

As resolved at the TRC Council meeting held 30 April 2020, TRC have undertaken advocacy efforts at both a Federal and State level, but have no further update to report as yet.

FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

Nil

FNQROC REPORTS & MOU'S

Nil

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2764 Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet Financials YTD

MOVED: Cr Manning

SECOND: Cr Kerr

That the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet Reports for the current financial year to date be accepted.

CARRIED

ATTENDANCE & MINUTES OF MEETINGS

2765 Meetings Attended by Executive Officer

As noted. D Irvine advised that these are listed for the boards' information and questions can be asked at these meetings as needed.

2766 FNQROC Advisory Committee Minutes (01 Apr – 31 May 2020)

As noted. D Irvine advised this meeting provides an opportunity for the board to ask about Advisory Committee minutes as listed on the FNQROC website, or for committees to bring items to the attention of the board.

2767 Confidential Meeting Minutes (01 Apr – 31 May 2020)

As noted. D Irvine advised that we do not publicise these meeting minutes or include them in board agendas, as it is a public document. Minutes and/or information can be made available to the board upon request.

2768 FNQROC Western Council Meeting Minutes & Agreed Actions

Action Items as noted. D Irvine advised that these meetings are held every 3-4 months to address any issues/concerns or opportunities specific to Western Councils. Any resolutions or directions are listed in this section of the agenda when seeking FNQROC Board support.

2769 LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Mr Greg Hallam (LGAQ) provided an overview of the tabled Executive Summary and highlighted that FNQROC will be represented by Cr Manning (CRC) and Cr Woibo (Hope Vale) on the LGAQ Executive.

2770 GENERAL BUSINESS

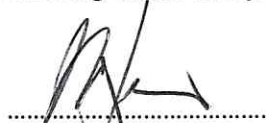
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NEXT MEETING

2771 Next Meeting

The Deputy Chair advised that the next FNQROC Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 11th August 2020** to be held in Parliament House, Brisbane.

Meeting Close: 1:10pm



Cr Peter Scott, Deputy Chair

ACTION ITEMS: 19 June 2020

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
2723b	Follow up with Telstra to determine indicative pricing for data to support the RRIS Tourism Routes.	FNQROC D Irvine / L Rankine	In progress
2748	FNQROC to send a letter of congratulations to Cr Gilmore on the awarding of an OAM.	FNQROC D Irvine	In progress
2751a	FNQROC to send a copy of the Economy .id presentation to Council Members with minutes.	FNQROC L Richardson	Complete
2751b	Circulate the FNQROC Charter and Operational Guidelines in preparation for upcoming review in August.	FNQROC L Richardson	
2751c	D Irvine/L Rankine to work with Jacobs Australia in developing prioritised lists for the Regional Road Investment Strategy.	FNQROC D Irvine L Rankine	In Progress
2753a	Mayors interested in the Interim Chair position to contact D Irvine by Friday 3 rd July 2020.	ALL Councils	In progress
2753b	D Irvine to advise the Board on potential candidates and work with those interested parties in preparation for the FNQROC State Delegation (August 2020).	FNQROC D Irvine	
2754a	A Stunzner to send full list to L Richardson for circulation with the minutes.	FNQROC A Stunzner L Richardson	Complete
2754b	ALL councils to provide briefs on additional advocacy priorities by <u>Friday 3rd July</u> for consideration by the board for inclusion in the FNQROC State Delegation.	ALL Councils	
2755a	D Irvine to draft a guideline/policy of what FNQROC deems as 'of regional benefit'.	FNQROC D Irvine	