



MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting 3 July 2020

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orn 3 Julai 2020*

**MINUTES OF NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON FRIDAY, 3 JULY 2020 AT 11:00**

PRESENT: Cr Robin Adams (Mayor), Cr Rod Buffett (Councillor), Cr John McCoy (Deputy Mayor), Cr David Porter (Councillor), Cr Lisle Snell (Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Roach (General Manager), Meliame Plant (Minute Taker)

1 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed Councillors, Officers and the community to the meeting of the Norfolk Island Regional Council.

2 STATEMENT OF RESPECT

The Norfolk Island Regional Council promotes a climate of respect for all. We will endeavour to inspire in our community shared civic pride by valuing and protecting our unique culture and environment, both natural and built, for the current and future generations. We, the elected members and staff of the Norfolk Island Regional Council undertake to act with honesty and integrity, to conduct ourselves in a way that engenders trust and confidence in the decisions we make, and the actions we take on behalf of the Norfolk Island community. We acknowledge the Norfolk Island people, the traditional custodians of this Island.

3 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION 2020/101

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That the apology received from Cr David Porter be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

Nil

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

NIL

5 PUBLIC ACCESS

NIL

6 REPORTS FROM GENERAL MANAGER**6.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE: INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF NIRC OPERATIONS****SUMMARY**

This Report is to present a Terms of Reference to Council as a result of Council's Resolution 2020/84, as a result of a Mayoral Minute as follows:

THAT –

1. Council instructs the General Manager as a matter of priority to bring to Council for its endorsement terms of reference for the engagement of an appropriate consultant to conduct a full independent governance and financial audit of NIRC operations; and that the General Manager request the Commonwealth Government to meet the audit cost.
2. The terms of reference include legislative, regulatory and policy framework amendments to improve the operation of NIRC, with an underlying principle of reduction of service delivery cost and red tape.
3. In calling for this review/audit, Council acknowledges that these actions have been taken to ensure a stronger future for the Island through sustainable revenue sources, expenditure management and a pathway towards less reliance on Commonwealth funding.
4. Council lead the communication locally as this must be an Island driven initiative.
5. Notwithstanding Council resolution 2020/56 of 20 May 2020 Council now requests the election be delayed by two months or to a later date if deemed necessary by the Commonwealth to allow for the review/audit to be undertaken and a report received and adopted by the existing Council to allow the newly elected Council to enter their term unburdened by this process.

RESOLUTION 2020/102

Moved: Cr Rod Buffett
Seconded: Cr John McCoy

That Council adopts the Terms of Reference tabled at today's Friday 3 July Meeting.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUS

7 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

8 QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

NIL

9 CLOSE OF COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11:27am.

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Councillor Robin Adams

Mayor

Dated: 3 July 2020