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Ordinary Council Meeting

16 October 2019

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**MINUTES OF NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2019 AT 2:00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Taylor (Interim General Manager), Joy Walker (Acting Group Manager Services), Phillip Wilson (Group Manager Corporate/CFO), Allan Hollway (Executive Manager Organisational Development) Monique Kiernan (Minute Taker)

1 WELCOME

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillors, Officers and the community to the meeting of the Norfolk Island Regional Council and opened the meeting at 2:00pm.

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.

CONDOLENCES

Cr McCoy recorded the passing of:

- James Gary Robertson
- Bryan Maisey Griffiths
- Kalven Dean Buffett
- Helen Patricia Adeline Connolly

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Councillors stood in silence.

3 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2019/199

Moved: Cr David Porter

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That the apology received from Cr Robin Adams be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Officer	Agenda Item	Type	Nature of Interest
Councillor David Porter	13.3 Building and Development Application 26/2019	Pecuniary Interest	Own and operate accommodation property.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019****RESOLUTION 2019/200**

Moved: Cr Rod Buffett
 Seconded: Cr David Porter

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED**UNANIMOUS****5.2 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019****RESOLUTION 2019/201**

Moved: Cr Rod Buffett
 Seconded: Cr Lisle Snell

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 September 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED**UNANIMOUS****6 PUBLIC ACCESS**

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTE**7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - PUBLIC MEETING ON LAND RATES****RESOLUTION 2019/202**

Moved: Cr John McCoy

Seconded: Cr Lisle Snell

That consistent with Resolution 2019/191 of 18 September 2019 requesting the Mayor and General Manager facilitate as soon as possible a public meeting to encourage presentation and discussion on the impact of land rates on Norfolk Island land holders, Council supports a public meeting being convened for this purpose on Monday 21 October 2019 at 5:30pm at Governors Lodge.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

8 STATUS REPORTS**8.1 LAND RATES - RESOLUTION 2019/191**

The purpose of this report is to provide answers to questions raised by the Deputy Mayor at the September 2019 Ordinary Council meeting.

NOTED

8.2 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019

The purpose of this report is for the Team Leader Tourism and Economic Development to provide a monthly update of industry news to Council, the Tourism Advisory Committee and the Community.

NOTED

8.3 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to provide a Planning and Environmental Services update to Council.

NOTED

8.4 COMMERCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on project activities in the Commercial Services section of Council.

NOTED

8.5 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on current activities in the Infrastructure Services Branch of Council.

NOTED**8.6 ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the activities of the Organisational Development Division which includes Organisational Development, Human Resources, Workplace Health and Safety (WHS), Risk and Internal Audit, Integrated Planning and Reporting for the month of September.

NOTED**8.7 FIRE SERVICES ACTIVITIES UPDATE JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Fire Service Activities undertaken in the period July - September 2019.

NOTED**8.8 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT NORFOLK ISLAND WASTEWATER OPTIONS PAPER**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the community feedback received on the draft Norfolk Island Wastewater Options Report and the next steps for the project.

NOTED

9 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**9.1 MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2019****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

1. That the Minutes of the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2019 be received and noted.
2. The Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee recommends that the 230th anniversary of the wrecking of HMS Sirius on Norfolk Island in March 2020 be recognised by NIRC as an important event in Australia's earliest history and celebrated with a focus on the important role Norfolk Islanders have played in the recovery, care, and display of her artefacts over the past 30 years. The HCAC recommends that the Team Leader – Heritage Management investigates activities to communicate this to the local and Australian communities via media release, articles in the Norfolk Islander, use of video and imagery of Islanders involved in the work etc; and investigates undertaking oral histories and getting a commemorative stamp and coin created.
3. That the Mayor convey the Norfolk Island Museum Trust's letter to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.
4. That the report by the Team Leader – Heritage Management in regards to calling for the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee members to progress the actions dealt with at this meeting as listed in the 'Heritage and Culture Strategy 2017–2020', be received and noted.
5. That the above recommendation be amended by adding "Progress the Action Items 30 (Culture), 5 (Heritage) and 8 (Heritage) dealt with at this meeting.
6. That the Norfolk Island Museums and Research Centre Update report for August 2019 be received and noted.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That the following words be added at the end of the motion '7. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee by the Team Leader – Heritage Management as soon as practicable'.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION 2019/203

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

1. That the Minutes of the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2019 be received and noted.
2. The Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee recommends that the 230th anniversary of the wrecking of HMS Sirius on Norfolk Island in March 2020 be recognised by NIRC as an important event in Australia's earliest history and celebrated with a focus on the important role Norfolk Islanders have played in the recovery, care, and display of her artefacts over the past 30 years. The HCAC recommends that the Team Leader – Heritage Management investigates activities to communicate this to the local and Australian communities via media release, articles in the Norfolk Islander, use of video and imagery of Islanders involved in the work etc; and investigates undertaking oral histories and getting a commemorative stamp and coin created.
3. That the Mayor convey the Norfolk Island Museum Trust's letter to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.
4. That the report by the Team Leader – Heritage Management in regards to calling for the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee members to progress the actions dealt with at this meeting as listed in the 'Heritage and Culture Strategy 2017–2020', be received and noted.
5. That the above recommendation be amended by adding "Progress the Action Items 30 (Culture), 5 (Heritage) and 8 (Heritage) dealt with at this meeting.
6. That the Norfolk Island Museums and Research Centre Update report for August 2019 be received and noted.
7. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee by the Team Leader – Heritage Management as soon as practicable

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

At 2:50pm, Allan Hollway (Executive Manager Organisational Development) arrived at meeting.

9.2 MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2019**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

1. That the Minutes of the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2019 be received and noted.
2. Commencing with resolutions from the August Council meeting, individual recommendations be listed in the recommendations forwarded to the Ordinary Council Meeting.
3. That the Norfolk Island Museums and Research Centre Update report for September 2019 be received and noted.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That the following words be added at the end of the motion '4. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee by the Team Leader – Heritage Management as soon as practicable and all future committee recommendations'.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS**RESOLUTION 2019/204**

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

1. That the Minutes of the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2019 be received and noted.
2. Commencing with resolutions from the August Council meeting, individual recommendations be listed in the recommendations forwarded to the Ordinary Council Meeting.
3. That the Norfolk Island Museums and Research Centre Update report for September 2019 be received and noted.
4. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee by the Team Leader – Heritage Management as soon as practicable and all future committee recommendations.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

9.3 MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RESERVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2019**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

1. That the Minutes of the Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 October 2019 be received and noted.
2. That a Frazer Drone demonstration day be arranged by the Senior Environmental Officer for early November so that Public Reserves Advisory Committee members can see how the drone operates while distributing Argentine Ant bait.
3. That the date for the Melbourne Cup Day meeting (05/11/2019) be changed to the following week (12/11/2019).
4. That Draft Plans of Management for Headstone, Two Chimneys and Point Ross Reserves be placed on public exhibition for 56 Days.
5. That one document be prepared containing 6 separate Plans of Management for environmental issues (pest animals, noxious weeds, threatened species, habitat rehabilitation etc) for the 6 Reserves in the KAHVA area, rather than prepare 6 separate Plans for these Reserves.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That the following words be added at the end of the motion '6. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Public Reserves Advisory Committee by the Team Leader as soon as practicable and all future committee recommendations'.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That the following words be added to the end of the amended motion '7. That Council be provided at the November 2019 Council meeting with scientific and medical evidence that there is no adverse impact on the health of residents from the eradication of Argentine Ants as a result of aerial baiting and/or baiting from vehicles with blowers'.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION 2019/205

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

1. That the Minutes of the Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 October 2019 be received and noted.
2. That a Frazer Drone demonstration day be arranged by the Senior Environmental Officer for early November so that Public Reserves Advisory Committee members can see how the drone operates while distributing Argentine Ant bait.
3. That the date for the Melbourne Cup Day meeting (05/11/2019) be changed to the following week (12/11/2019).
4. That Draft Plans of Management for Headstone, Two Chimneys and Point Ross Reserves be placed on public exhibition for 56 Days.
5. That one document be prepared containing 6 separate Plans of Management for environmental issues (pest animals, noxious weeds, threatened species, habitat rehabilitation etc) for the 6 Reserves in the KAHVA area, rather than prepare 6 separate Plans for these Reserves.
6. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Public Reserves Advisory Committee by the Team Leader as soon as practicable and all future committee recommendations.
7. That Council be provided at the November 2019 Council meeting with scientific and medical evidence that there is no adverse impact on the health of residents from the eradication of Argentine Ants as a result of aerial baiting and/or baiting from vehicles with blowers.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

9.4 MINUTES OF THE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2019**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

1. That the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2019 be received and noted.
2. That a letter of thanks be sent to Kyle Czech for his contributions to the TAC.
3. That an EOI be sent out for the vacant TAC position of Tourism Operator.
4. That the Tourism and Economic Development Report September 2019 be received and noted.
5. That the RDA Report be received and noted.
6. Confirmation that the Tourism Action Plan Stage Three (2.1 to 3.4) has been received, reviewed, amended, approved and noted.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

That the following words be added at the end of the motion '7. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Tourism Advisory Committee by the Team Leader as soon as practicable and all future committee recommendations'.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION 2019/206

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

1. That the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2019 be received and noted.
2. That a letter of thanks be sent to Kyle Czech for his contributions to the TAC.
3. That an EOI be sent out for the vacant TAC position of Tourism Operator.
4. That the Tourism and Economic Development Report September 2019 be received and noted.
5. That the RDA Report be received and noted.
6. Confirmation that the Tourism Action Plan Stage Three (2.1 to 3.4) has been received, reviewed, amended, approved and noted.
7. That a copy of the recommendation agreed by Council be forwarded to the Tourism Advisory Committee by the Team Leader as soon as practicable and all future committee recommendations

CARRIED**UNANIMOUS****10 REPORTS FROM GENERAL MANAGER****10.1 BUY LOCAL SURVEY REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with results from the Buy Local Survey.

RESOLUTION 2019/207

Moved: Cr David Porter

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

1. That the Buy Local survey report to Council be circulated to the business community and the Chamber of Commerce
2. That the Buy Local survey be conducted again in 2020
3. That Council review its procurement policy to establish if it is feasible for more items to be purchased locally, where it is fiscally responsible.

CARRIED**UNANIMOUS**

10.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS

This report has been prepared to allow the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by 30 September 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019/208

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

That

1. The Interim General Manager's Report 'Disclosure of Interest Returns' be received and noted; and
2. Council notes the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by 30 September 2019.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

10.3 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS REVIEW JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019

The purpose of this report is to inform Council and the community of the progress of the tasks adopted by resolution of Council, during the period July to September 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019/209

Moved: Cr David Porter

Seconded: Cr Lisle Snell

That Council notes the progress of tasks from resolutions adopted by Council for the period the July to September 2019.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

11 REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Nil

12 REPORTS FROM GROUP MANAGER CORPORATE / CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**12.1 INVESTMENT REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2019**

The purpose of this report is for Council to note investments held as at 30 September 2019

RESOLUTION 2019/210

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr David Porter

That Council notes;

- the Investment Report for September 2019,
- total deposits held at 30 September were \$20,646,375, and
- accrued interest earned on investments was; \$25,759 for September, and \$78,973 year to date.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

13 REPORTS FROM GROUP MANAGER SERVICES**13.1 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING APPLICATION 19/2019**

Under Section 44 of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)* (the Act) development applications for ‘permissible (with consent) use or development’ are to be referred to the Council together with a copy of any submissions and a report and recommendation on the application. After the application and recommendation has been referred to Council, Council makes a recommendation on the application and refers that recommendation to the Minister.

Accordingly, application DA.BA 19/2019 is referred to Council for consideration and a recommendation under section 44 of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*:

DA.BA 19/2019

- Applicant: S Friend and G Friend
- Subject Land: Portion 2a2 Stockyard Road
- Proposed Use or Development: *Residence – Dual Occupancy: Construct two detached dwellings*

It is recommended that Council recommends to the Minister’s delegate that the development application is approved subject to conditions in the Notice of Decision.

The Application and Assessment Report have been viewed by the Councillors and the Application is available for viewing by the public at the Planning Office. The Assessment Report may be viewed by the public after a decision is made (section 48 c) under the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*.

RESOLUTION 2019/211

Moved: Cr Rod Buffett

Seconded: Cr David Porter

That

1. The Norfolk Island Regional Council, pursuant to section 44(2) of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*, makes a recommendation to approve DA.BA 19/2019 in accordance with the statutory requirements of that Act and in accordance with the recommended Notice of Decision; and
2. The Norfolk Island Regional Council, pursuant to section 44(4) of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*, refers DA.BA 19/2019 to the Minister’s delegate with Council’s recommendations on the application.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

13.2 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING APPLICATION 25/2019

Under Section 44 of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)* (the Act) development applications for ‘permissible (with consent) use or development’ are to be referred to the Council together with a copy of any submissions and a report and recommendation on the application. After the application and recommendation has been referred to Council, Council makes a recommendation on the application and refers that recommendation to the Minister.

Accordingly, application DA.BA 25/2019 is referred to Council for consideration and a recommendation under section 44 of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*:

DA.BA 25/2019

- Applicant: J Nobbs-McCowan
- Subject Land: Portion 39r4 Taylors Road
- Proposed Use or Development: *Industry – Light : Joinery*

It is recommended that Council recommends to the Minister’s delegate that the development application is approved subject to conditions in the Notice of Decision.

The Application and Assessment Report have been viewed by the Councillors and the Application is available for viewing by the public at the Planning Office. The Assessment Report may be viewed by the public after a decision is made (section 48 c) under the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*.

RESOLUTION 2019/212

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That

1. The Norfolk Island Regional Council, pursuant to section 44(2) of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*, makes a recommendation to approve DA.BA 25/2019 in accordance with the statutory requirements of that Act and in accordance with the recommended Notice of Decision; and
2. The Norfolk Island Regional Council, pursuant to section 44(4) of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*, refers DA.BA 25/2019 to the Minister’s delegate with Council’s recommendations on the application.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

At 3:48 am, Cr David Porter left the meeting.

13.3 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING APPLICATION 26/2019

Under Section 44 of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)* (the Act) development applications for ‘permissible (with consent) use or development’ are to be referred to the Council together with a copy of any submissions and a report and recommendation on the application. After the application and recommendation has been referred to Council, Council makes a recommendation on the application and refers that recommendation to the Minister.

Accordingly, application DA.BA 26/2019 is referred to Council for consideration and a recommendation under section 44 of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*:

DA.BA 26/2019

- Applicant: Noble Property Trust
- Subject Land: Portion 47c4 Martins Road
- Proposed Use or Development: Change of Use to *Residence – Dwelling House and Residence – Accommodation Unit; and construction of one Residence – Accommodation Unit and Signage.*

It is recommended that Council recommends to the Minister’s delegate that the development application is approved subject to conditions in the Notice of Decision.

The Application and Assessment Report have been viewed by the Councillors and the Application is available for viewing by the public at the Planning Office. The Assessment Report may be viewed by the public after a decision is made (section 48 c) under the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Rod Buffett

Seconded: Cr Lisle Snell

That

1. The Norfolk Island Regional Council, pursuant to section 44(2) of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*, makes a recommendation to approve DA.BA 26/2019 in accordance with the statutory requirements of that Act and in accordance with the recommended Notice of Decision; and
2. The Norfolk Island Regional Council, pursuant to section 44(4) of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*, refers DA.BA 26/2019 to the Minister’s delegate with Council’s recommendations on the application.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr John McCoy

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That DA.BA 26/2019 be deferred to the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

FOR

Cr John McCoy
Cr Rod Buffett

AGAINST

Cr Lisle Snell

RESOLUTION 2019/213

Moved: Cr John McCoy

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That DA.BA 26/2019 be deferred to the 20 November 2019 Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED**FOR**

Cr John McCoy

Cr Rod Buffett

AGAINST

Cr Lisle Snell

At 4:00pm, Cr David Porter returned to the meeting.

14 NOTICES OF MOTION**14.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - RECOGNITION AND PROMOTION OF THE NORFOLK ISLAND LANGUAGE**

I, Councillor Robin Adams, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 16 October 2019, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

Noting -

1. The United Nations have proclaimed 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.
2. The United Nations *International Year for Indigenous Language 2019* is a priority of the Norfolk Island Youth Council – see Youth Council Minutes in Council’s Agenda for July 2019.
3. The Norf’k language is recognised as the official language of Norfolk Island in the Norfolk Island Language (Norf’k) Act 2004. (See attached)
4. Norf’k was recognised in 2007 as an endangered language by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).
5. The Norfolk Island Museums currently have a Norf’k language display at the Pier Store Museum. This museum shares the story of the Mutiny on the Bounty; the Pitcairn story and the history of Norfolk from the arrival of the Pitcairners through to the modern day.
6. Council is to continue to advocate for the teaching of Norf’k Studies and the Norfolk Island Language under LOTE at the Norfolk Island Central School. (See Operational Plans 2018-2019 and 2019-2020).
7. The *Norfuk Ito Kalcha Salan Inc.* have submitted an application to register involvement in the 2019 United Nations *International Year of Indigenous languages* and are seeking support from Council and other community groups and individuals to collaboratively promote Norf’k language as part of celebrating the United Nations *International Year of Indigenous Languages*. (See attached)
8. The intent of the Mission of the Norfolk Island Community Strategic Plan 2016-2026: is to “*protect and enhance our unique culture, heritage, traditions and environment for the Norfolk Island people. We will do this through promoting a healthy and sustainable lifestyle, by looking after our community assets, and by fostering a prosperous economy,*”,

accordingly, Council -

1. Recognises the United Nations *International Year of Indigenous Language 2019* is a Norfolk Island Youth Council priority;
2. Compliments the Museum staff on the promotion of the Norf’k language, culture and traditions at the Museums;
3. Acknowledges that Norf’k Studies and the Norfolk Island Language continue to be taught at the Norfolk Island Central School; and
4. Supports *Norfuk Ito Kalcha Salan Inc.* application to register involvement in the UN *International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019*.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That the following words be added after point 8. in the motion '9. And noting the Expert Report on the Distinctiveness of Norfolk Islander Ethnicity, culture and the Norfolk language by Professor Peter Muhlhausler, M.A (Oxon); MPhil., Ph.D. FASSA.'

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS**RESOLUTION 2019/214**

Moved: Cr Lisle Snell

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

Noting -

1. The United Nations have proclaimed 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.
2. The United Nations *International Year for Indigenous Language 2019* is a priority of the Norfolk Island Youth Council – see Youth Council Minutes in Council's Agenda for July 2019.
3. The Norf'k language is recognised as the official language of Norfolk Island in the Norfolk Island Language (Norf'k) Act 2004. (See attached)
4. Norf'k was recognised in 2007 as an endangered language by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).
5. The Norfolk Island Museums currently have a Norf'k language display at the Pier Store Museum. This museum shares the story of the Mutiny on the Bounty; the Pitcairn story and the history of Norfolk from the arrival of the Pitcairners through to the modern day.
6. Council is to continue to advocate for the teaching of Norf'k Studies and the Norfolk Island Language under LOTE at the Norfolk Island Central School. (See Operational Plans 2018-2019 and 2019-2020).
7. The *Norfuk Ito Kalcha Salan Inc.* have submitted an application to register involvement in the 2019 United Nations *International Year of Indigenous languages* and are seeking support from Council and other community groups and individuals to collaboratively promote Norf'k language as part of celebrating the United Nations *International Year of Indigenous Languages*. (See attached)
8. The intent of the Mission of the Norfolk Island Community Strategic Plan 2016-2026: is to "*protect and enhance our unique culture, heritage, traditions and environment for the Norfolk Island people. We will do this through promoting a healthy and sustainable lifestyle, by looking after our community assets, and by fostering a prosperous economy,*",
9. And noting the Expert Report on the Distinctiveness of Norfolk Islander Ethnicity, culture and the Norfolk language by Professor Peter Muhlhausler, M.A (Oxon); MPhil., Ph.D. FASSA.

accordingly, Council -

1. Recognises the United Nations *International Year of Indigenous Language 2019* is a Norfolk

Island Youth Council priority;

2. Compliments the Museum staff on the promotion of the Norfolk language, culture and traditions at the Museums;
3. Acknowledges that Norfolk Studies and the Norfolk Island Language continue to be taught at the Norfolk Island Central School; and
4. Supports Norfolk Ito Kalcha Salan Inc. application to register involvement in the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

15 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLUTION 2019/215

Moved: Cr David Porter

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

16.1 Tender SPT781920 Evaluation - Freight Handling Logistics (Supply of Self-Propelled Barge)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - dii of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

The meeting was closed to the public at 4:08pm with members of the Gallery vacating the Chamber and Broadcasting being suspended.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION 2019/216

Moved: Cr David Porter

Seconded: Cr Rod Buffett

That Council moves out of Closed Session at 4:41pm and resumed the Ordinary Council meeting. The Gallery was opened to the public with Broadcasting continuing.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

16.1 TENDER SPT781920 EVALUATION - FREIGHT HANDLING LOGISTICS (SUPPLY OF SELF-PROPELLED BARGE)

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to Council on the Freight Handling Logistics (Supply of Self-Propelled Barge) Tender SPT781920. Given current budgetary constraints and the higher than expected costs for providing a barge service to Norfolk Island it is recommended that Council reject all tenders until an adequate budget can be obtained next Financial Year 2020-2021.

MOTION

Moved: Cr David Porter

Seconded: Cr Lisle Snell

1. That the tenders received in response to SPT781920 be rejected in accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering.
2. That in accordance with Clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering, Council enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
3. That in accordance with Clause 178(4)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering, Council notes the reasons for declining fresh tenders as referred to in subclause (3) (b)-(d).
4. That in accordance with Clause 178(4)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering, Council notes the reasons for determining to enter into negotiations with the person or persons referred to in subclause (3)(e).

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr John McCoy

Seconded: Cr David Porter

That the following words be added to the end of the motion '5. That the outcome of any negotiations be brought back to Council'.

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION 2019/217

Moved: Cr David Porter

Seconded: Cr Lisle Snell

1. That the tenders received in response to SPT781920 be rejected in accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering.
2. That in accordance with Clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering, Council enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
3. That in accordance with Clause 178(4)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering, Council notes the reasons for declining fresh tenders as referred to in subclause (3) (b)-(d).
4. That in accordance with Clause 178(4)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Part 7 Tendering, Council notes the reasons for determining to enter into negotiations with the person or persons referred to in subclause (3)(e).
5. That the outcome of any negotiations be brought back to Council.

CARRIED**UNANIMOUS****17 QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Nil

Councillor Snell extended his best wishes to Mayor Robin Adams who will be leaving for Sydney for medical reasons. This is the first Council meeting in three years that the Mayor has missed. This was endorsed by all other Councillors.

Councillor Snell also congratulated the Deputy Mayor on running the meeting well.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will take place on Wednesday 20 November 2019 held at the Norfolk Island Regional Council Chambers commencing at 2:00pm.

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:47pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 20 November 2019.

Mayor Robin Adams

Date