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TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

22-23 March 2023

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COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Day One

22 March 2023

Mayor Mosby opened the meeting at 10.35am, welcomed Councillors and Torres Strait Island Regional Council Executives and staff and made cultural acknowledgement of Country and community across the TSIRC footprint. Mayor Mosby made special reference to how delighted he was to have an “in person” meeting and have the ability to engage with the Warraber Community on another level. It was very satisfying for Mayor Mosby to be able to talk to the Community face to face and hear the struggles and success stories. Mayor Mosby also gave special acknowledgement to those communities who may be experiencing Sorry Business at this time.

Mayor Mosby also acknowledged:

- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome, wisdom, knowledge and understanding upon our lives. our family, our organisation, our people and region
- Traditional Owners of this land we gather today
- Elders, leaders, past, present and emerging
- Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Staff

Cr John Levi opened the meeting with prayer and a minute of silence for those who may be experiencing Sorry Business at this time.

Cr Kabay Tamu directed Councillors, visitors and staff to note the emergency evacuation plan, the safe exits and where to muster safely, should the occasion arise.

The following attendances were confirmed:

Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Mayor

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 4 – Mabuag

Division 5 - Badu

Division 6 – Arkai

Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)

Division 10 – Warraber

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 14 – Erub

Cr Pillemon Mosby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Conwell Tabuai

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Laurie Nona

Cr Lama Trinkoon**(by telephone dial-in)*

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Kabay Tamu

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Hilda Mosby

Cr Jimmy Gela

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Torres Strait Island Regional Council – Administrative Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Mr James William
Executive Director Building Services	Mr Wayne Green
Executive Director Corporate Services	Ms Noeleen Selke
Executive Director Engineering Services	Mr David Baldwin
Executive Director Financial Services	Ms Hollie Faithfull
Head of Community Services	Mr Dawson Sailor
Senior Legal Officer	Ms Julia Mauro <i>(by telephone dial-in)</i>
Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO	Ms Julie Marino
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	Ms Trudy Lui
TSIRC Secretariat	Mr Darryl Brooks

Observers

N/A	Mr David Kempton
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Mayor Mosby confirmed, therefore, that the required quorum of Councillors were present for the meeting to proceed.

Mayor Mosby requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and advise if any relevant legal proceedings were current pertaining to Council business to be considered at the meeting. No such declarations were made by Councillors. Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors to be mindful of making relevant declarations if other matters arose throughout the duration of the meeting.

The following apologies were noted:

APOLOGIES - Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Division 1 – Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby
Division 9 – Lama	Cr Getano Lui Jnr (Deputy Mayor)
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen
Division 15 - Mer	Cr Aven S. Noah

The participation of Cr Lama Trinkoon via telephone dial-in was approved by the Council.

The apology for Cr Dimas Toby was approved by Council.

MOVED:	Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr John Levi (Division 7)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

The apology for Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) was approved by Council.

MOVED:	Cr Keith Fell (Division 4)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

Mayor Mosby allowed Council to consider a late submission in relation to Cr Rocky Stephen (Division 13) and the Council resolved to:

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- Consider the Protected Zone Joint Authority's Fisheries Workshop on Horn Island on 22-23 March 2023 as official Council business;
- Approve the nomination of Cr Rocky Stephen to attend Protected Zone Joint Authority's Fisheries Workshop on Horn Island;
- Approve leave taken by Cr Rocky Stephen as leave taken on 22-23 March 2023 previously approved official Council business;
- Confirm that Council authorises the payment of the monthly meeting allowance for Cr Rocky Stephen; subject to review of Council Policy in this instance.

The apology for Cr Rocky Stephen was approved by Council.

MOVED:	Cr Jimmy Gela (Division 14)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Francis Pearson (Division 11)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

It was noted by Mayor Mosby that in the Trustee Meeting of today's date there was an action item already created for Mr David Kempton to liaise with administration to create a template for Council use when Councillors are required to submit a formal submission in order to be excused from attending Council meetings to attend "other" meetings that are of significance to Council and are considered Council business. This template is to be assessed by Council against current Policy.

Mayor Mosby declared the apology/matter regarding Cr Aven S. Noah will be discussed in Closed Business.

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1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 Council ratifies the Minutes of the **Strategic Advisory Reference Group Meeting** held on 7 February 2023.

MOVED:	Cr Laurie Nona (5)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr John Levi (Division 7)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

1.2 Council ratifies the Minutes of the **Strategic Advisory Reference Group Meeting** held on 7 March 2023.

MOVED:	Cr Lama Trinkoon (Division 6)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Laurie Nona (5)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

Cr Laurie Nona enquired re: the status of the SARG action items regarding various letters to Ministers.

Mr James William replied that two of the five letters have been drafted and are awaiting legal advice. These letters will be sent by COB Friday week.

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1.3 Council ratifies the Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Council Meeting** held on 22 February 2023

MOVED:	Cr Laurie Nona (5)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Lama Trinkoon (Division 6)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

1.4 Council ratifies the Draft Minutes of the **Special Council Meeting** held on 6 March 2023.

MOVED:	Cr Lama Trinkoon (Division 6)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Laurie Nona (5)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

Cr Keith Fell spoke on behalf of Councillors for Secretariat to revert back to the original format in the minutes and Agenda as the current format was confusing.

Secretariat agreed to revert back to the original format moving forward.

2 ACTIONS LIST FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Council notes the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer on the actions list from the previous Council meeting.

MOVED:	Cr John Levi (Division 7)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Council notes the verbal report provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

4 BUILDING SERVICES

4.1 Demolition Works – Lot 62 Chapman Street, Badu tender /Contract number No. TSIRC 2023 _410.

Recommendation:

Council resolves to note the Building Services Report for February 2023.

MOVED:	Cr John Levi (Division 7)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Laurie Nona (Division 5)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

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Cr Lama Trinkoon had a question regarding "Housing". Mr Wayne Green said that he is meeting with "Housing" on Friday and there is no timeframe at the moment regarding Cr Lama Trinkoon's question and that on his return will provide Cr Lama Trinkoon with an update.

Cr Keith Fell said we should shape the Housing Strategy and build a case and lobby with that, a house is the heart of the family and wants tenants to be able to design their own home.

Cr Laurie Nona said when building a house we should decide how it is built – we are a community that enjoys an outside lifestyle – we should build the house so it fits island lifestyle.

Cr Seriako Dorante enquired about Hammond Island Building Camp.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Mr Wayne Green to provide a report on Hammond Island Building Camp.	Executive Director, Building Services	

Cr Francis Pearson asked if we had an electrician. Mr Wayne Green replied that yes, we have a number of electricians and a tender that is out at present. Cr Francis Pearson said we have a number of lights and works not completed. Mr Wayne Green Noted this comment.

Cr Laurie Nona also spoke regarding the electrician contract and said that there are no Torres Strait Island apprenticeships for an electrician that he is aware of. If an electrician comes to Island then they must support an apprenticeship of a local person.

Mr Wayne Green identified a local traditional owner who is in based in Badu - she is getting her license finalised.

It was discussed that we should have a partnership with TAFE college to share courses. It would be desirable if TAFE worked with Council to organise apprenticeships for Torres Strait Islanders.

5 CORPORATE SERVICES

5.1 Community Grants Program Allocation – March 2023

Recommendation:

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Vincent Mau for the requested amount of \$2,500.00 exclusive of GST;
- Erub Community for the requested amount of \$1,500.00 exclusive of GST;
- Goshen Ministry International Outreach for the requested amount of \$1,800.00 exclusive of GST;

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- Gelam Youth Sports & Recreation for the supported amount of \$1,564.95 exclusive of GST, being approximately 40% of the grant funds requested;
- Church of the Living God (Mer Island) for the supported amount of \$1,564.95 exclusive of GST, being approximately 30% of the grant funds requested;
- St Mark's Cathedral for the supported amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST, being 25% of the grant funds requested;
- Iama Junior Rugby League Team for the supported amount of \$3,500.00 exclusive of GST, being 50% of the grant funds requested; and
- Mopwalle Mabo for the supported amount of \$2,500.00 exclusive of GST, being approximately 43% of the grant funds requested.

Council resolves to **decline** Community Grants Program funding to the following applicant in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Tabipa Mau for the amount of \$2,500.00 as per recommendation by Cr Torenzo Elisala that the applicant is not a current resident of Dauan Island;
- Suzanne Anau for the amount of \$2,000.00 as per recommendation by Cr Dimas Toby that the Boigu Community has exhausted their funding for this financial year;
- Nelson Gibuma for the amount of \$2,500.00 as per recommendation by Cr Dimas Toby that the Boigu Community has exhausted their funding for this financial year; and
- Gur Segur Club for the amount of \$1,700.00 as per recommendation by Cr Jimmy Gela.

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the Spirit of Promise Ministries for the supported amount of \$3,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the following voluntary divisional contributions:

- \$500 – Mabuiag;
- \$500 – Dauan;
- \$500 – Warraber;
- \$500 – Erub;
- \$500 – Saibai; and
- \$500 – Mayor's discretionary funds

MOVED: Cr Laurie Nona (Division 5)
SECONDED: Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)

THOSE IN FAVOUR: Unanimous
THOSE AGAINST: N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

Cr Laurie Nona and Cr Seriako Dorante asked re: In Kind Grants. Who approves these types of grants?

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Ms Hollie Faithfull replied that our Chief Executive Officer approves these grants.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Short presentation to Council to walk through In Kind Grants to be incorporated at the May 2023 Workshop.	Executive Director Corporate Services	

Cr Hilda Mosby seeks support from Council re: Death Insurance / Funeral Insurance and to hold a community session or workshop. Mindset is when you are dead – it's Council's problem- rather we spend money on the living. Everyone MUST have death and funeral insurance. Some Councils already have that implemented.

Mayor Mosby and Mr James William support Cr Hilda Mosby in this statement.

Action	Responsibility	Status
All Divisions (including all Councillors) to be provided information in relation to Funeral Insurance and are encouraged to urge their communities to consider taking up individual Funeral Insurance Plans.	Executive Director Corporate Services	

5.2 Information Report – People and Wellbeing

Recommendation:

That Council note the contents of this report.

MOVED: Cr Keith Fell (Division 4)

SECONDED: Cr Conwell Tabuai (Division 3)

THOSE IN FAVOUR: Unanimous

THOSE AGAINST: N/A

RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

Executive Director, Corporate Services asked Council what do Councillors want to see in these information reports – what information do they want see captured?

Mayor Mosby replied that this report should be an update of employees and a transition action plan.

Executive Director, Corporate Services said there is a report coming to Council in May – an Organisational Review. Does Council wish for me to ask each Councillor what they want captured in this report?

Cr Keith Fell commented that positions in our Divisions are not being filled as opposed to Cairns based positions that are filled quickly – it doesn't weigh up. In Division we need staff on the ground – why does it take such a long time to fill a Divisional position? Who gets the blame? The Councillor.

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Mayor Mosby suggested to improve the report we should incorporate total breakdown of staff:

- Percentage of full time; part-time; and casual staff in Cairns;
- Percentage of full time; part-time; and casual staff on Island.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Future reporting to identify full-time and part-time positions, both in Cairns and the Torres Strait Islands, with clear distinction between Cairns-based positions and positions based in the Torres Strait Islands.	Corporate Services	

Action	Responsibility	Status
A report/audit on what houses are available on Island for staff to relocate to the region. Factor into TAP available housing and office space.	Head of Community Services	Update to be presented in report to SARG May 2023 Meeting.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Grafton Street Cairns lease. Confirmation on current leasing end date	CEO Mr James William	

Mayor Mosby said that we still need a footprint in Cairns for technology and the rest absorbed back into the region.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Mr Scott Mason, Consultant to TSIRC, Local Government professional and passionate advocate for remote Australia to visit communities on Island region to appreciate the challenges of living remotely.	Chief Executive Officer.	

6 ENGINEERING SERVICES

6.1 Information Report - Capital Works Projects Update

Recommendation:

That Council notes this report.

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Executive Director, Engineering Services noted Cr Keith Fell's comment and actioned re: ECOI samples not transported back to Cairns before they go "off".

MOVED: Cr John Levi (Division 7) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

6.2 Information Report – Monthly Water and Wastewater Report

Recommendation:

That Council notes this report.

MOVED: Cr Lama Trinkoon (Division 6) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr Keith Fell (Division 4) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

Cr Laurie Nona and Cr Seriako Dorante are in support of a sewerage treatment plant and said it was a priority.

Cr Keith Fell said TSRA and TSIRC historically had an alignment together re: governance and need to work together on various infrastructure issues and work our way forward to address these issues.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Engage TSRA to work with TSIRC to plan a way forward for our various infrastructure issues.	Executive Director Engineering Services.	

Cr Keith Fell said water is essential to life and it would be interesting to look at the budget at the May workshop to decide on these engineering concerns:

- No more having to boil water for everyday use; and
- No more pumping raw sewerage into our waters

Cr Lama Trinkoon said in Brisbane the Regulator will lift boil water notice when directed by Queensland Public Health. The Regulator is "by the book" with a consistency of data which needs to be closed out before Boar Water Notice is released.

7 HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 February 2023 Information Report – Community Services

Recommendation:

That Council notes this report.

MOVED: Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr Keith Fell (Division 4) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

Action	Responsibility	Status
Blue Card information update to be provided to Councillors.	Executive Director Corporate Services	

8 DEPUTATIONS

8.1 Torres Shire Council

Dalassa Yorkston | Chief Executive Officer
 “2023 Winds of Zenadth Kes Cultural Festival “The Masig Statement”
 M: 0429 691 333

Council noted advice from the Torres Shire Council that its deputation could not proceed due to airline flight delays.

The Head of Community Services will provide a schedule of the Festival to all Divisions.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Program schedule of the “2023 Winds of Zenadth Kes Cultural Festival “The Masig Statement” to be circulated the all Divisions.	Head of Community Services	

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8.2 iOR Petroleum Pty Ltd

Stewart Morland | iOR Managing Director

Peter Domenighini | Head of Shoreside Operations, iOR Marine

Scott Kessell | Special Projects

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The Council noted the presentation by the iOR Marine deputation.

8.3 Skytrans Airlines

Alan Milne | Chief Executive Officer

Samantha Collings | Horn Island Base Manager (0439 535 495)

Action	Responsibility	Status
TSIRC delegation to CASA for discussions re: New Safety Rules re: Airstrips.	SEACEO	Delegation due to speak face to face with CASA on 19 April 2023. With CEO; Mayor Mosby; Deputy Mayor and Mr David Kempton (TSIRC legal advisor).

The Council noted the comments provided by the Skytrans Airlines delegation. Further Action Items arising from these discussions are addressed under Agenda Item 10 "Business Arising/Other Business".

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The Mayor called a motion for the Council to move into Closed Business at 3.10pm.

MOVED: Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)

SECONDED: Cr John Levi (Division 7)

THOSE IN FAVOUR: Unanimous

THOSE AGAINST: N/A

RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

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9 CLOSED BUSINESS

9.1 Corporate Services

9.1.1 Badu Lot 623 on SP253545 lease surrender

Recommendation:

1. That Council surrender Lease 715599222 over Lot 623 on SP253545 Yalla Street, Badu Island by providing six months' written notice to the lessor on the basis that Council no longer requires the premises; and
2. That pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act*, that Council delegate to Mayor Mosby and Chief Executive Officer each the power to negotiate, make, sign, amend and discharge the lease surrender.

MOVED: Cr Laurie Nona (Division 5) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr John Levi (Division 7) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

Action	Responsibility	Status
An audit on all Leasing arrangements across the TSIRC footprint to be undertaken.	Senior Legal Officer	

9.2 Engineering Services

9.2.1 Dauan Pontoon and Gangway Insurance Claim

Recommendation:

Council resolves to:

Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with the Dauan Pontoon and Gangway Insurance Claim Settlement Offer.

MOVED: Cr Keith Fell (Division 7) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr Francis Pearson (Division 11) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

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9.2.2 Award Tender No. TSIRC 2021-355 Hammond Island

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to:

- Subject to funding approval and finalisation, award the Tender No. TSIRC2021-355 – Hammond Island DRFA Works to Torres Strait Island Homes Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$862,569.80 excl. GST; and
- Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOVED:	Cr Seriako Dorante (Division 8)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Keith Fell (Division 4)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

9.2.3 Funding Matter – TSIRC.0028.2122J.REC Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA)

Recommendation:

That Council resolves:

- To enter into the proposed funding agreement, TSIRC.0028.2122J.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA), administered by Queensland Recovery Authority (QRA) in relation to Council's submission of TSIRC.0028.2122J.REC for grant sum of up to \$5,331,064.70 (excl. GST); and
- Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the agreement; and,
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

MOVED:	Cr Keith Fell (Division 4)	THOSE IN FAVOUR:	Unanimous
SECONDED:	Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)	THOSE AGAINST:	N/A
		RESOLUTION STATUS:	Carried

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9.2.4 Australian Research Council Linkage Project – Griffith University & TSIRC Collaboration

Recommendation:

That Council resolves:

- To enter into a research collaboration agreement with the Griffith University whereby Council provide contributions to the amount of \$217,500 (equivalent in-kind) and a cash amount of \$16,000; and
- Pursuant to Sections 236 and 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer power to negotiate, make, sign, amend or discharge a Collaboration Agreement for Griffith University's ARC Linkage Project, without limitation.

MOVED: Cr Keith Fell (Division 4) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr Francis Pearson (Division 11) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

9.2.5 TSIRC Fuel Price Update

Recommendation:

That the Council notes the report and maintains fuel pricing as per current fees and charges.

MOVED: Cr Lama Trinkoon (Division 6) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr Conwell Tabuai (Division 3) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

9.3 Financial Services

9.3.1 Financial Dashboard Report – February 2023

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2022-23 year to date, for the period ended 28 February 2023, as required under *Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED: Cr Keith Fell (Division 4) **THOSE IN FAVOUR:** Unanimous
SECONDED: Cr John Levi (Division 7) **THOSE AGAINST:** N/A
RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

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9.4 Building Services

9.4.1 Demolition Works – Lot 62 Chapman Street, Badu

Tender/Contract No. TSIRC 2023_410

Recommendation:

Council resolves to:

- Submit Tender for Lot 62 Chapman Street, Badu - Demolition Works Tender/ Contract No.:TSIRC 2023-410 proceeding with Paul Ware Constructions Tender Submission price of \$565,500.00 excluding GST and
- Once approved by QBuild, delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the contract entered into for the demolition works of Lot 62 Chapman Street, Badu Tender/ Contract No.: TSIRC 2023-410; and
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

MOVED: Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)

THOSE IN FAVOUR: All

SECONDED: Cr Francis Pearson
(Division 11)

THOSE AGAINST: N/A

RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

The Mayor called a motion for the Council to move out of Closed Business at 5.35pm.

MOVED: Cr Laurie Nona (Division 5)

THOSE IN FAVOUR: All

SECONDED: Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2)

THOSE AGAINST: N/A

RESOLUTION STATUS: Carried

Cr Keith Fell (Division 4) closed Day 1 of the meeting in prayer.

FURTHER ACTION ITEMS OF DAY ONE

Action	Responsibility	Status
May Workshop – a TAP framework recommendation report to be presented to Council	CEO James William	

Action	Responsibility	Status
June Council – TAP framework to be adopted at the June Ordinary Meeting	CEO James William	

Action	Responsibility	Status
Scott Mason's (Consultant) report on findings/recommendations on the TSIRC organisational structure to be presented to Council at May Workshop	CEO James William/Scott Mason	

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9:00am – 9:10am

Welcome and Opening Prayer.

Mayor Phillemon Mosby opened the second day of in person Council meeting for March 2023, at Warraber and made cultural acknowledgement of Country and community across the TSIRC footprint. Mayor Mosby made special acknowledgement to Cr KabaTamu for the bountiful Welcome Dinner organised for the Council and staff by the hardworking Warraber Community, making special note of the traditional practice of *Sibwanan* (giving visitors a welcome gift). These gifts are a gesture of thanks from the Community for the work being done by Councillors and staff on their behalf. CR

Mayor Mosby also made a special acknowledgement and welcome to our community member who joined us.

The Mayor Mosby also gave special acknowledgement to those communities who may be experiencing Sorry Business at this time.

Cr Kabay Tamu directed Councillors, visitors and staff to note the emergency evacuation plan, the safe exits and where to muster safely, should the occasion arise.

Mayor Mosby conducted a roll call and declared a Quorum was achieved and welcomed everyone to the second day of March Council meeting of 2023.

Mayor Mosby also acknowledged:

- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome, wisdom, knowledge and understanding upon our lives, our family, our organisation, our people and region
- Traditional Owners of this land we gather today
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Cr John Levi opened the meeting with prayer and a minute of silence for those who may be experiencing Sorry Business at this time.

10 BUSINESS ARISING/OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 The following issues were raised and discussed as Strategic Matters:

1. Cr Keith Fell : Mail delivery due to Skytrans not servicing Mabuiag and Erub their mail is not being delivered on timely manner (waiting up to 3x months, this is not good enough).

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Also can we arrange or co-ordinate a charter re: ECOLI testing. We need to support Erub, Mabuiag in their ECOLI testing. Samples are going “off” and are rendered useless as it is difficult to get in and out of Community to get samples tested in time.

Mr James William responded that we can raise that opportunity today with Skytrans. Our challenge is we do not have the funds as our budget is limited. Please raise this issue with Skytrans at their deputation today.

Mayor Mosby met with TSRA and DATSIP and last week TSRA had a Board meeting re: TSIRC seeking their support to subsidise a charter flight. We have sent a forma request letter to subsidise a chopper or charter. We are exploring alternatives.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Contact Australia Post to confirm what is the current contract and provide feedback about the service to date for Mabuyag and Erub.	Mr Dawson Sailor	

2. Cr Keith Fell : Staff Issue due to the reality of positions within divisions have been vacant for extensive period of time resulting in community members as well as our own staff making assumptions.

Mayor Mosby requested that this matter be discussed in Closed Business do due to the possible nature that this matter may directly relate to operational matters.

3. Cr Keith Fell : Questions from Community why positions within community are not being filled.

Mr James William responded to this matter in Closed Business.

4. Cr Keith Fell : Raised his disappointment about Councillors and Staff attendance at community events especially when we are in division for Council business (OM). That leadership should be mindful that we all Island people and should pay our respect.

5. Cr Conwell Tabuai : Border Force Presence. Currently the facility on Saibai is not being fully utilised and there is a lack of Border Protection presence on Saibai let alone the border. There are a lot of cross border breeches under the treaty.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Deputy Mayor Cr Lui to flag this with their next engagement with Australian Border Force.	Mayor Mosby/Deputy Mayor	

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Action	Responsibility	Status
Mayor's Office to organise fortnightly catch up with Australian Border Force, DFAT, QPS, AFP & ADF for most frequently visited communities.	Mayor Mosby	

6. Cr Conwell Tabuai : Support for Divisional Staff

Cr Conwell Tabuai raises concerns for support for organisational values/appreciation which should reflect on Council's commitment in succession planning that is consistent, is open, and transparent.

7. Cr Laurie Nona : Current tenure of departmental officers to the region.

There are number of recurring incidents where current officers in-charge are bound by the actions of the previous Officer.

Cr Nona feels that Officers need to have ownership over their decisions. The current tenure period does not provide sufficient time for the officers to own their own decisions.

Deputy Mayor Cr Lui to flag this with their next engagement with DFAT.

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Current tenure of departmental officers to the region. There are number of recurring incidents where current officers in-charge are bound by the actions of the previous Officer. Officers need to have ownership over their decisions. The current tenure period does not provide sufficient time for the officers to own their own decisions	Deputy Mayor Cr Lui to flag this with their next engagement with DFAT.	

8. Cr Laurie Nona : Badu Island Sports Oval

Cr Nona brings to Council's attention the upcoming Island of Origin Rugby League Carnival on Badu. He raises safety concerns for the sporting infrastructure on Badu, whilst he is reasonably satisfied with the current oval, it's the grandstands, score house and canteen that is in poor condition. This is a 12x team carnival. The carnival is from 16-18 June 2023.

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Action	Responsibility	Status
Regarding the upcoming Island of Origin Rugby League Carnival on Badu. There are safety concerns for the sporting infrastructure on Badu, grandstands, score house and canteen are in poor condition. This is a 12x team carnival. The carnival is from 16-18 June 2023.	Executive Director Building Services	

9. Cr Torenzo Elisala : Breeches under the Treaty: Security is paramount.

- Issues regarding compliance;
- Unauthorised visits;
- Lack of security presence;
- Lack of penalties for those who breach the treaty.

We are unaware of what's happening, who's responsible and when is it supposed to be done by. We need to have authority on the ground that listens and supports community solutions. At the moment the Community feels invaded by outsiders, especially when we know and hear of drug and people.

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<p>Breeches under the Treaty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues regarding compliance; • Unauthorised visits; • Lack of security presence; • Lack of penalties for those who breach the treaty. <p>Security is paramount.</p> <p>We are unaware of what's happening, who's responsible and when is it supposed to be done by. We need to have authority on the ground that listens and supports community solutions. At the moment the Community feels invaded by outsiders, especially when we know and hear of drug and people trafficking. How can we change all of this? Will this require us going directly to the media?</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Cr Lui to flag this with their next engagement with DFAT</p>	<p>Manager, Legal Services : Mr David Kempton</p> <p>Deputy Mayor – Cr Lui</p>	

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10. Cr Lorenzo Elisala : Community Enterprise Divestment

- Indigenous Knowledge Centre
- Community Kiosk
- Bus

Action	Responsibility	Status
Community Enterprise Divestment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous Knowledge Centre• Community Kiosk• Bus	Executive Director Corporate Services Cr. Rocky Stephen EG SC	

11. Cr Lama Trinkoon : Indigenous Licence Unit.

Cr Trinkoon is concerned about the influx of vehicles coming onto the island (at least 2-3 vehicle every month). The number of infringement notices issued and the need for us to ensure that we are assisting in facilitating such process to encourage our community members to get a drivers' licence.

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Indigenous Licence Unit. There is concern about the influx of vehicles coming onto the island (at least 2-3 vehicle every month). The number of infringement notices issued and the need to ensure that we are assisting in facilitating such process to encourage our community members to get a drivers' licence. Council Officer to contact GBK for likely program that is being delivered on Badu.	Head of Community Services – Mr Dawson Sailor Cr Keith Fell HSHC SC	

12. Cr Seriako Dorante : Sewerage Treatment Plant – (TSRA).

Requesting letter from TSIRC for Hammond Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Mr James William confirmed that letters will be drafted and sent to TSRA directly.

13. Cr Seriako Dorante: Feasibility Study for Ferry Service.

Requesting a letter from TSIRC for Hammond to be included in the current feasibility study for Ugar and Dauan.

Mr James William confirmed that letters will be drafted and sent to TSRA directly.

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14. Cr Seriako Dorante : Grants Officer.

Cr Dorante made an enquiry regarding the Grants officer position whether or not we had one.

Mr James William confirms that last year Council engaged and contracted the services of LGAQ to assist with grant writing. Mr James William also confirmed that the Chair of the Gaming Fund has been invited to attend the May Council Leadership Workshop in Cairns. The focus is not only how TSIRC can apply/lobby for the funding but assist other community organisations to apply for funds directly.

15. Cr Seriako Dorante : Retaining Staff University qualification.

Identify people who are waiting to come back into the region and work for the Council and region.

People want to return to work and region so how do we create opportunities?

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16. Cr Hilda Mosby : Movement Under the Treaty : enquiry regarding nationals approved under Treaty whether or not when in our communities allowed to go to the shop (IBIS). Unaware of the what the rules are around that?

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17. Cr Kabay Tamu : TSIRC Media & Engagement Space

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<p>TSIRC Media & Engagement Space</p> <p>TSIRC is lacking big time in the space of social media in raising issues and celebrating successful stories of our Council, community and constituents.</p> <p>We need to respond to the good and bad stories and issues of our region.</p>	<p>CEO Mr James William to address this matter.</p> <p>SARG to discuss this matter with the consultant engaged by CEO.</p> <p><i>This to be placed on the next SARG meeting agenda.</i></p>	

18. Cr Kabay Tamu : Youth Council for TSIRC

Cr Kabay Tamu questions which Standing Committee is responsible for establishing Youth Council. He has raised this a few times to Council and still nothing is being done about it. We need to look, listen and learn from other counterparts e.g. local government who has youth leadership Council. We need to seek assistance from either the State or Federal Government for their support.

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19. Cr John Levi raises concerns about whether or not Council reimburses or compensates community members for billeting Councillors or staff members.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Concerns about whether or not Council reimburses or compensates community members for billeting Councillors or staff members.	Executive Director Corporate Services/Mr David Kempton	

20. Cr John Levi : OIA – Councillors recent breeches with the regards to reporting their income.

Mr James William has confirmed that this matter has been resolved however will have TSIRC legal department to confirm via email to all Councillors.

21. Mayor Mosby : ROC – Regional Organisation Council
Appointment of Manager/CEO for ROC needs to be done by CEO - Strategic plan to be developed.

Priorities for ROC for the next couple of months before caretaker mode Secure funding to pay to progress One Boat regional governance (Assembly) agenda.

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12 CLOSE & PRAYER

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors for their attendance and participation at the meeting and invited Cr Keith Fell (Division 4) to close the meeting with prayer.

Meeting closed at 2:50pm



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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: March 2023



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Cr. Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: March 2023

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