

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 26 May 2021



Item 1: Leave Policy

At last month's Meeting, Council requested the "Leave Policy" be bought back to Council. Clause 5.6-5.11 deals with taking annual leave. (See Attachment 1)

Recommendation:

That Council note the provisions of the Policy.

Item 2: Postponement of the July Ordinary Meeting of Council

In consultation with the Director Finance and Corporate Services and the Mayor it is proposed to postpone the scheduled 14 July 2021 Meeting until 28 July at which time the 2021-22 Budget and Financial Statements for 2020-21 can be finalised.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the postponement of the scheduled 14 July 2021 Ordinary Meeting until 28 July and the Meeting be held in the Cairns Office.

Item 3: Road Opening Application for 20 Roads in Hope Vale

The previous Council and Hope Vale Congress agreed on a number of proposed road openings to regularise the current 'tracks' that are used by the community and considered 'roads' by users but have not been formally gazetted as 'roads' for public use. These road openings will also regularise water bores which have historically been situated on land under trusteeship of Congress and in retrospect should have been under Council control for maintenance purposes.

This Road opening application was made by Congress and has been advertised accordingly for public submissions. DATSIP Officers have confirmed no submissions were made during the advertising period. The advertising period was necessary as it allows for people to formally object to the application if they have reasons to do so. Accordingly, it is significant that no member of the public objected to the road opening application being progressed.

As Council has maintained these roads in the past, the road opening of the 20 roads does not have an additional financial impact or impost on Councils operations or budget into the future.

It should be noted the road openings can only be approved by the Department of Resources (old DNRME). Accordingly, RILIPO is requesting Council to consider 3 actions to formalise the process towards the road openings as recommended.

Council will recall this was the subject of a briefing provided by DATSIP Officers in March wherein it was explained the project was started back with the former Council and in consultation with Congress. A RILIPO Officer will attend this Meeting to again assist Council in understanding the road application process and the history to the agreement with Congress to progress the application as advertised.

Recommendation:

That Council

- 1. Make a decision not to object to the road openings and is in support of such a road opening as it will provide surety to the community and Council. (Attachment 2)**
- 2. Complete form C (DNRME form) as reflected in the application**
- 3. Forward the Councils decision and completed form C to RILIPO.**

Item 2: New fees for hire of 'Pioneer Hall'

Given Pioneer Hall has now been officially opened the Council needs to set fees for the use, 'hire', of the hall. As it is fully airconditioned has kitchen 'food' preparation facilities and is equipped with new tables and chairs it is considered appropriate the all day hire be set at \$650 and half day at \$325, with a deposit at \$500, with prepayment of fees prior to use.

Recommendation:

That Council amend its fees and charges schedule to include the new fees for the hire of Pioneer Hall. Full day \$650, half day \$325 , Bond \$500 and prepayment must be made other wise hire will not be allowed.

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