



# **MINUTES**

## **Special Meeting of Council**

**Monday, 3 July 2023**

Council Chambers,  
Civic Centre, Stuart Highway, Katherine

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT **THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD ON THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE FIRST NATIONS** PEOPLE OF THE KATHERINE TOWNSHIP AND SURROUNDING COUNCIL COMMUNITIES. WE RECOGNISE THE FIRST NATIONS CULTURE AS ONE OF THE LONGEST SURVIVING CULTURES IN THE WORLD AND WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ELDERS BOTH PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

## 2 OPENING PRAYER

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

## 3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

Mayor Elisabeth Clark declared the meeting open at 4.04pm.

## 4 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 ATTENDANCE

#### ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Councillor Maddy Bower (via video conference)
- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath

#### OFFICERS

- Ms Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Brendan Pearce – Director Infrastructure and Environment
- Casey Anderson – Administration Manager
- Amanda Haigh – Governance and Executive Officer (minute taker)

### 4.2 APOLOGIES

Mayor acknowledged that Councillor Amanda Kingdon was not present at the meeting.

### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mayor reminded elected members of responsibility to declare any conflict of interest.

## 6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 6.1 RATES DECLARATION 2023-24 - REVISED DIFFERENTIAL RATES

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

SCM-060-2023

**Moved:** Councillor Trembath

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

1. That Council approves the amended differential rates in respect of those classifications.
  - (a) Agriculture (A) allotments that are used solely for workers accommodation, rates will be raised by application of a differential rate of 0.00249.
  - (b) Agriculture (A) parcel area equal to or greater than 100,000m<sup>2</sup> and being allotments on which there are situated Major Cattle Facility, rates will be raised by application of a differential rate of 0.003759.

**CARRIED 4/0**

Good to see this coming to council and proves the transparency, honesty and integrity the organisation has.

CEO will put processes in place so these types of errors don't happen in the future.

## 7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.09pm.