

DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

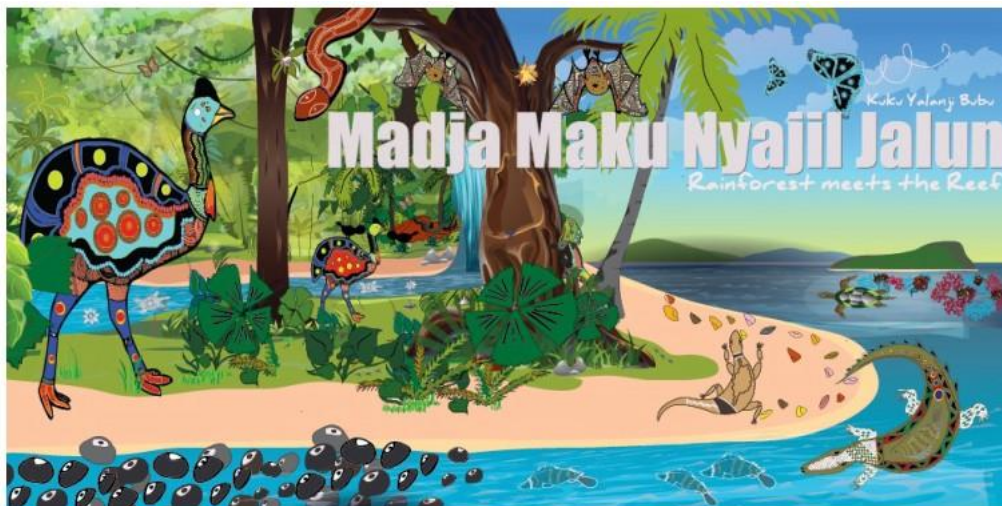
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, 25 May 2021

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Douglas Shire Council would like to show its appreciation by acknowledging local indigenous artists Lenice Schonenberger, Loretta Pierce (Lenoy) and Ronald Bamboo for providing the cover artwork entitled "**Daintree Ferry**"

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Mayor Cr Kerr opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on Tuesday, 25 May at the Mossman Council Chambers.

Cr Kerr gave notice that, in accordance with *Section 277E of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be restricted in numbers of public attendance because of health and safety reasons associated with the public health emergency involving COVID-19. Cr Kerr also advised that this Ordinary Meeting of Council will be available to view via Live Stream on Council's Website and will be available for others to watch at a later time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Kerr acknowledged the Kuku Yalanji people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which this meeting is being held and paid respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and extended that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be listening or watching this morning.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Cr Michael Kerr (Mayor), Cr Lisa Scomazzon (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peter McKeown, Cr Abigail Noli and Cr Roy Zammataro.

APOLOGIES

Nil

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Stoermer (Chief Executive Officer), Juanita Holden (Manager Governance), Tara Killeen (Chief Financial Officer), Peter Tonkes (Manager Water and Wastewater), Natasha Murray (Manager Infrastructure), Lisa Golding (Acting Manager People and Community Services), Tom Volling (Senior Media and Communications Officer), Tim Ellis (Arts and Culture Officer), Gabriel Nucifora (Project Manager), Neil Beck (Team Leader Planning), Jenny Elphinstone (Senior Planning Officer), Daniel Lamond (Planning Officer), Robert Donovan (Team Leader Property services), Amy Mail (Tourism and Economic Development Officer), Renee Ker (Acting Team Leader Community and Economic Development) and Brenda Jang (Executive Assistant).

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

**4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2021**

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Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr Noli

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 27 April 2021 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 30 APRIL 2021

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Friday, 30 April 2021 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

(A) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FIRST ADJOURNED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 30 APRIL 2021, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 2021

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That the Minutes of the First Adjourned Special Council Meeting of 30 April 2021, held on Wednesday, 5 May 2021 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

(B) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SECOND ADJOURNED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 30 APRIL 2021, HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2021

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That the Minutes of the Second Adjourned Special Council Meeting of 30 April 2021, held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

4.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 17 MAY 2021

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday, 17 May 2021 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

4.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINTUES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 MAY 2021

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Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Noli

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday, 20 May 2021 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1. RADF 2020-21 GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Tim Ellis, Arts and Culture Officer

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council:

1. *ratifies the RADF Committee funding recommendations totaling \$49,227.00 (exc. GST) for 12 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) projects for 2020–2021 detailed in Table One of this report; and*
2. *delegates authority under section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any minor amendments in relation to administering the Regional Arts Development Fund program for 2020–2021.*

Carried Unanimously

**5.2. CONTRACT WO5272-5271 ZIG ZAG ROAD & CAPE TRIBULATION
BLOOMFIELD ROAD PAVEMENT AND CULVERT UPGRADE**

Gabriel Nucifora, Project Manager

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council:

1. *resolves to award Contract WO5272-5271 – Zig Zag Road & Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road Pavement and Culvert Upgrade to Geo Construct Pty Ltd (ABN 42 640 635 445) for \$6,188,299.55 (GST exclusive); and*
2. *delegates authority under section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this contract.*

Carried Unanimously

**5.3. RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT (1 INTO 2 RESIDENTIAL LOTS) AT 349
MOWBRAY RIVER ROAD, MOWBRAY**

Jenny Elphinstone, Senior Planning Officer

Moved Cr Kerr

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Item 5.3 Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 into 2 Residential Lots) at 349 Mowbray River Road, Mowbray be deferred to enable further discussion at a Councillor Workshop and for re-presenting at a future Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

**5.4. MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR A LIMITED FUNCTION FACILITY AT
5146 CAPTAIN COOK HIGHWAY**

Jenny Elphinstone, Senior Planning Officer

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Kerr

That Council approves the development application for Material Change of Use for a Function facility in addition to the continuing use of a Dwelling house over land described as Lot 1 on RP742791, being 5146 Captain Cook Highway Oak Beach, subject to the following:

APPROVED DRAWING(S) AND / OR DOCUMENT(S)

The term ‘approved drawing(s) and/or document(s) or other similar expressions means:

<i>Drawing or Document</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Site Plan</i>	<i>Nordon Jago Architects, Job CON00120, Drawing SK.001.A</i>	<i>25 November 2020</i>

ASSESSMENT MANAGER CONDITIONS & ADVICES

Assessment Manager Conditions

1. *Carry out the approved development generally in accordance with the approved drawing(s) and/or document(s), and in accordance with:*
 - a. *The specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council; and*
 - b. *The following conditions of approval and the requirements of Council’s Planning Scheme and the FNQROC Development Manual.*

Except where modified by these conditions of approval

Timing of Effect

2. *The conditions of the Development Permit must be effected prior to Commencement of Use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.*

Approved Use

3. *Approval is granted for the purpose of a private functions, that are facilitated by an event company, that is a registered company under Commonwealth law, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or the landowner.*

Events

4. *Where the premises is rented on a limited basis the holding of a wedding, or similar event function, this activity is considered to constitute an event under this Development Permit.*

Events Management Plan

5. *The applicant must submit a Function Facility Management Plan that outlines how functions will be managed including, but not limited to, matters such as parking, lighting, ablutions, noise, waste, health, service of food and beverages (including a copy of the associated food license held by a provider for the function) and safety (including crocodile management such as temporary fencing as is necessary). The Function Facility Management Plan must be submitted to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer prior to Commencement of Use. The Function Facility Management Plan must be adhered to at all times during events.*

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Location of the Function facility

6. *The location of the Function facility area must be generally in either of the two areas as nominated on the Nordon Jago Architects drawing SK.001A, Revision A dated 26 November 2019, titled Site Plan as "Wedding Area 01" or "Wedding Area 02" (Council document reference 987372).*

The approved use of Function facility is only for the premises and does not entitle or permit the use to be undertaken beyond the property boundary. If necessary, temporary fencing is to be provided to the eastern property boundary to ensure attendees remain on the land.

Availability of onsite management

7. *When hosting an event, the owner of the property or their representative (which maybe the event company providing for the Function facility) must be present at all times to ensure the Development Permit and the nominated Function Facility Management Plan are complied with.*

The owner or their representative as the Function facility on-site manager is responsible for all persons on the premises (including all invited guests, hosts, employees, charter drivers and subcontractors) display an acceptable level of behaviour at all times.

The owner or their representative, who is attending the premises as the Function facility on-site manager, must make their telephone number available to nearby neighbours and Queensland Police (Port Douglas Station).

The owner or their onsite representative must manage any complaints immediately when a function occurs.

Maximum number of persons

8. *The maximum number of attendees (excluding Function facility employees) is 80 persons, at any one event. A maximum of 20 employees/sub-contractors associated with the function can attend the site at any one time.*

Operations

9. *The Function facility can only operate during either of the following times:*
- a. *Daytime function – between 10:00 am and ending by 5:30 pm and all persons attending the Function facility (excluding employees) must be transported off the premises by 6:00pm that day;*
 - b. *After a daytime function all employees associated with the Function facility must depart the premises by 7:00pm and while attending and leaving and leaving must do so in a quiet manner;*
 - c. *Evening function – between 2:30pm and ending by 10:30pm and all persons attending the Function facility (including employees) must be depart the premises by 11:00pm that evening;*
 - d. *Function facility employees may attend the day prior to, during the day or the day after an evening function to setup and pack away equipment. At all such time the employees must behave in an orderly and quiet manner;*
 - e. *Only one function (either an evening function or a daytime function) is to be held per day;*
 - f. *A maximum of 12 events being held in any one calendar year.*
 - g. *A maximum of two (2) daytime functions and one (1) evening can be held each calendar month between and including the months of April to November; and*
 - h. *The land owner or their representative must keep a register of events*

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including the date, anticipated and actual start and finish times and name of the event function manager/ operator.

- i. No persons are permitted to stay on and either reside or camp on the premises other than the accommodation of persons associated with the established land use of House.*

Transport of attendees

- 10. With the exception of disabled persons utilising self-drive or assisted driver transport, all persons attending the function (excluding employees and those who are residing on the premises) must be transported to and from the Function facility by a chartered bus. Attendees are to be transported to and from their place of accommodation.*

Onsite parking and access

- 11. All vehicles associated with events must be parked only onsite in the area identified as the "Carpark" as detailed on the Site Plan. Parking of vehicles associated with the events at the Function facility on the adjacent Captain Cook Highway is not permitted.*

For parking areas and internal access driveways a minimum of a solid ground cover must be provided and maintained to a satisfactory standard for the life of the approved use (e.g. - blue stone and gravel products) to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

All pedestrian accesses within the premises must have either a sealed surface or a minimum full ground cover must be maintained at all times (e.g. a defined pedestrian walkway of gravel or grass) to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

Loading and Unloading

- 12. All loading and unloading must occur within the property boundaries of the land.*

Sound emissions

- 13. Sound emitting from the site from entertainment, music or related activities must not exceed a maximum noise level of no more than 5dB(A) above background when measured from the following points along the boundary:
 - a. at the vehicle entry off the Captain Cook Highway; and*
 - b. at the eastern corner boundary of the property, where the applicant is required to survey and stake this position.**

No entertainment, music or related activity is to be emitted after 10:30pm.

Lighting

- 14. Lighting must not be directed toward nearby properties; and where applicable, shields and baffles must be installed on lighting to prevent spill onto adjoining properties.*

Ablution Facilities

- 15. Sufficient toilets facilities with an adequate supply of toilet paper, potable water and soap must be provided for and maintained during each event.*

Waste

- 16. Waste receptacles must be provided of sufficient number and size capable of containing the volume of waste produced on the premises during each event. Waste generated during each event must be disposed of at an appropriate waste disposal facility.*

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Dust

17. *Dust emissions or other air pollutants must not extend beyond the boundary of the site. Where dust can be seen extending beyond the boundary of the site, the event manager must immediately provide a directive to cease the activity, or immediately implement corrective actions to prevent activities from causing further dust movements beyond the property boundaries.*

ADVICE

- This approval, granted under the provisions of the Planning Act 2016, shall lapse six (6) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Planning Act 2016.*
- All building site managers must take all action necessary to ensure building materials and / or machinery on construction sites are secured immediately following the first cyclone watch and that relevant emergency telephone contacts are provided to Council officers, prior to commencement of works.*
- This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Note, Council's Local Laws currently regulate use of foreshore areas for commercial activities.*
- The food and beverage providers at each event must hold relevant licenses and approvals under the Queensland Food Act 2006.*
- Despite condition 12 noise emanating from the site must not cause a noise nuisance in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and the Environmental Protection Policy (Noise) 2008.*
- Light emanating from the site must not cause a light nuisance to surrounding properties in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994.*
- Ablution facilities are to be provided having regard to the Commonwealth Premises Standards and the Building Code of Australia, under the Building Act 1975.*
- For information relating to the Planning Act 2016 log on to www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au . To access the FNQROC Development Manual, Local Laws and other applicable Policies, log on to www.douglas.qld.gov.au .*

CONCURRENCE AGENCY CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS

<i>Concurrence Agency</i>	<i>Concurrence Agency Reference</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Doc ID</i>
<i>State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) within the Department of State Development, Manufacturing Infrastructure and Planning</i>	<i>2012-20341 SRA</i>	<i>30 March 2021</i>	<i>Doc 1005593</i>

REASONS FOR DECISION

- The reasons for this decision are:*
 - Sections 60, 62 and 63 of the Planning Act 2016;*
 - to ensure the development satisfies the benchmarks of the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0; and*

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- c. *to ensure compliance with the Planning Act 2016.*
2. *Findings on material questions of fact:*
 - a. *the development application was properly lodged to the Douglas Shire Council 15 December 2020 under section 51 of the Planning Act 2016 and Part 1 of the Development Assessment Rules;*
 - b. *the development application contained information from the applicant which Council reviewed together with Council's own assessment against the 2017 State Planning Policy and the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0 in making its assessment manager decision.*
3. *Evidence or other material on which findings were based:*
 - a. *the development triggered assessable development under the Assessment Table associated with the Rural Zone Code;*
 - b. *Council undertook an assessment in accordance with the provisions of sections 60, 62 and 63 of the Planning Act 2016; and*
 - c. *the applicant's reasons have been considered and the following findings are made:*
 - i. *Subject to conditions, the development satisfactorily meets the Planning Scheme benchmarks.*

Carried Unanimously

**5.5. APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE IN STRATA OVER
PART OF STEWART STREET DAINTREE ADJOINING LOT 1 ON RP708742**

Property Services

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That Council:

1. *delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, to execute a Form Part C as Road Manager, in order to allow an application to be lodged with the Department of Resources (DOR), with respect to permanently closing the road (in strata) over part of Stewart Street Daintree adjoining Lot 1 on RP708742; and*
2. *advises the Department of Resources that it has no objection to the proposed application for permanent road closure (in strata) adjoining Lot 1 on RP708742 to encompass the existing verandah for the Big Barra adjoining Stewart Street Daintree, subject to the following conditions:*
 - *the area subject to the closure being dealt with by way of a Term Lease in strata between the applicant and DOR;*
 - *any development and use of the air space to be subject to a development application being lodged with Council;*
 - *the use must not obstruct or impede the use of the subject road by both pedestrian and vehicular movement;*
 - *the Lessee is to indemnify Council against any claim for damages or injury, which may occur as a result of the structure being erected over the footpath;*

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- *should the lease be cancelled or the structure demolished, then the area of closure (in strata) is to be re-opened as road; and*
 - *the above will be at no cost to Council.*
3. *Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to finalise all matters associated with the application.*

Carried Unanimously

**5.6. APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE OVER ESPLANADE
ADJACENT TO LOT 2 ON RP724386 PORT DOUGLAS**

Property Services

Moved Cr Kerr

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council:

1. *Advises the Department of Resources (DOR) that it objects to the application for permanent road closure over road reserve adjoining Lot 2 on RP724386, Esplanade Port Douglas, indicated as Lot A on drawing CNS21/010. The reasons for this objection are as follows:*
- *current water infrastructure is unlikely to be able to service the requirements of the proposed development and future demand will require water main upgrades and an interconnection between Murphy Street and Macrossan Street to meet the requirements of Council's drinking water quality management plan. This interconnection will occur via the road reserve, which is associated with the road closure application. If the road is closed it could jeopardise the supply of portable water in this area; and*
 - *due to significant stormwater and drainage issues in the area, there will be a future requirement for major stormwater services to be laid within the subject road closure area. There would be significant costs in establishing this new infrastructure, the extent of which will be unknown until a needs and solutions analysis is commissioned in a future Council budget.*
2. *Delegates authority under section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any and all matters associated with the application.*

Carried Unanimously

5.7. DOUGLAS SHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2021-2024

Amy Mail, Tourism and Economic Development Officer

Moved Cr Kerr

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That Council adopts the Douglas Shire Economic Development Strategy 2021-2024.

Carried Unanimously

5.8. PORT DOUGLAS GRAN FONDO FESTIVAL - RESOURCE AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Amy Mail, Tourism and Economic Development Officer
Renee Ker, Acting Team Leader Community and Economic Development

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council:

1. *enters into a three-year Resource and Performance Agreement with event organisers for the Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival with \$50,000.00 (GST Incl.) in Year One; \$50,000.00 (GST Incl.) in Year Two; and \$50,000.00 (GST Incl.) in Year Three;*
2. *offers in-kind support for each year's event with promotional assistance including through Council's mobile noticeboards if available, and during each festival with in-kind use of Port Douglas Community Hall and Port Douglas Sports Complex, if available and practicable; and*
3. *delegates authority under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to administer matters associated with the above.*

Carried Unanimously

5.9. SOLE/SPECIALISED SUPPLIER REGISTER

Tara Killeen, Chief Financial Officer

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council resolves to:

1. *approve the attached list of Sole suppliers and/or Specialised suppliers under S235 (a) and (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the supply of equipment and services, for a period of two years; and*
2. *delegates authority under section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to Sole Suppliers subject to Council's normal procurement policies and practices.*

Carried Unanimously

5.10. FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2021

Tara Killeen, Chief Financial Officer

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 30 April 2021.

Carried Unanimously

5.11. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR EMPLOYEES POLICY

Juanita Holden, Manager Governance

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr Kerr

That Council adopt the Conflicts of Interest Policy as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5.12. CEO REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 2021

Mark Stoermer, Chief Executive Officer

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council receives and notes the Organisational Report Card and the Report from the Chief Executive Officer for the period January to March 2021.

Carried Unanimously

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr Kerr

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to engage a probity auditor to investigate the contract process for the Daintree Ferry contracts including the original two ferry tender, the outright purchase of the existing ferry and the solicitation, evaluation and award of the interim ferry solution.

Background

The current Daintree Ferry contract expires on 30 June 2021 and Council has now purchased the existing ferry from Sirron Enterprises (Qld) Pty Ltd and has engaged Diver's Den to operate the ferry as of 1 July 2021 in order to ensure continuity of service. The process by which Council arrived at this solution has been long, arduous, and fraught with risk. Considerable stress has been placed on the community while a solution has been worked out.

As the Mayor said in his open letter to the community dated 21 May 2021, Council made repeated offers and overtures to Sirron. Comments have been made by some that the contractual process was a debacle. For the sake of transparency, it is essential that a probity audit be conducted so that the community understand the processes involved and has faith in the decisions that Council has ultimately made.

Further, Council has not completed a longer term two ferry contract and that tender has expired.

The probity audit must therefore cover the period from initial consultations in 2018 until now. It must include the initial tender process as well as the interim contract tender and the attempts to extend the current contract with Sirron. The probity audit must also include the process by which Council procured the ferry.

It is understood that some information will be of a commercial in confidence nature. There should be two final reports. One report should include all information and should be provided to Councillors, the Audit Committee, and management. A second report should include all information that can be made public, and Council should make that report available to the public. While I am confident that staff have done the best job under

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It is understood that costs will be involved; however, the public is entitled to understand the lengths to which Council went to secure the ferry service and to ensure that Council is not put into this position in the future.

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That the motion be amended to read:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to engage a probity auditor, through the Audit Committee Chair, to investigate the contract process for the Daintree Ferry contracts including the original two ferry tender, the outright purchase of the existing ferry and the solicitation, evaluation and award of the interim ferry solution.

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The amended motion became the substantive motion and was put to the vote.

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr Noli

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Carried unanimously

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

8. PETITIONS

**8.1 PETITION TO REMOVE UNSAFE EXIT FROM ATHERTON STREET TO
CEDARS STREET - MOSSMAN DAINTREE ROAD. MOSSMAN**

Juanita Holden, Manager Governance

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Noli

That the petition to remove unsafe exit from Atherton Street to Cedars Street – Mossman - Daintree Road, Mossman be received and referred to a responsible officer for consideration and report back to Council.

Carried unanimously

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.02am.

CONFIRMED THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2021



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MAYOR/CHAIR