



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2024
AT 9:00 AM**

**AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE
18 Pearce Street, Katherine NT 0850**



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Hylands', written over a large, faint watermark that says 'Draft'.

Brian Hylands
Chief Executive Officer



The meeting opened at 9:07am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair) - Walangeri Ward	Brian Pedwell
Deputy Mayor- Daguragu Ward	Georgina Macleod
Councillor - Pine Creek Ward	Yvette Williams
Councillor - Timber Creek Ward	Deborah Jones

Staff Present

Chief Executive Officer	Brian Hylands
Director of Corporate and Community Services	Trudy Braun
Manager of Executive Services Governance and Executive Services Officer	Keira Townsend (Minutes Secretary) Isabella Hall

Guests

Project Support Officer - Dept of Chief Minister and Cabinet	Dilan Andra Hannadige
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2. Apologies

Apologies: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Absent: Nil

OCM-2024/80 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

Council have received and accept the apology of Cr Andrew McTaggart.

3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff

Mayor Brian Pedwell declared a material interest in item Confidential Item 16.2.1.4: Section 19 ARLA Lesase - Yarralin



5. Confirmation of Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 May 2024

ITEM NUMBER 5.1.

OCM-2024/81 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 May 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

6. Call for Items of General Business

- GB 1: SurePact Grants Management System
- GB 2: Collecting Commercial Dumping Fees and Charges
- GB 3: Backhoe
- GB 4: Sport and Recreation Coordinators
- GB 5: Follow up water for Pine Creek cemetery
- GB 6: Potholes on road to Kybrook Farm / flood damage on Tabletop road

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15pm

Meeting resumed at 1:18pm

7. Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

ITEM NUMBER 7.1.

OCM-2024/82 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Mayoral Report is received and noted; and,
- B. That Council endorses all travel and accommodation costs pertaining to the Mayor's duties.

Note: Mayor Pedwell attended the Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 29 May 2024 via Teams.



8. CEO Update

CEO Report

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

OCM-2024/83 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the CEO Report be received and noted.

9. Reports to Council

9.1. Reports for Council Decision

9.1.1. Regional Plan and Budget 2024-25 for Adoption

OCM-2024/84 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That Council adopts the 2024-25 Regional Plan pursuant to Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- B. That Council approves the submission of the Victoria Daly Regional Council 2024-25 Regional Plan to the Agency pursuant to Section 35(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

9.1.2. Declaration of Rates and Charges 2024-25

OCM-2024/85 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. Pursuant to section 227 of *Local Government Act 2019* ('the Act'), the Council declare the following rates for the 2024/2025 financial year:

Class 1 Allotments (Residential rate 1) - A fixed charge of \$1,293.23 per annum.

Class 2 Allotments (Commercial rate 1) - A fixed charge of \$1,518.14.

Class 3 Allotments (Conditional rate 1) - The rate that applies is 0.000770 of the assessed value, and the minimum charge is \$946.94 for the year.

Class 4 Allotments (Conditional rate 2) - The rate that applies is 0.008741 of the assessed value, and the minimum charge is \$2,241.18 for the year.

Class 5 Other Allotments - A fixed of \$1,293.23 per annum.



- B. Pursuant to section 239 of the Act, the Council declare the following charges for the 2024/2025 financial year:

The garbage collection charge for residential allotments:

- **Once-a-week collection service (Pine Creek and Timber Creek)** - A fixed charge of \$955.87 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment.
- **Twice-a-week collection services (Kalkarindji, Daguragu, Yarralin, Pigeon Hole and Nauiyu)** - A fixed charge of \$1,433.81 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment

Garbage collection charge for commercial allotments:

- **Once-a-week collection service (Pine Creek and Timber Creek)** - A fixed charge of \$1,743.05 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment.
- **Twice-a-week collection services (Kalkarindji, Daguragu, Yarralin, Pigeon Hole and Nauiyu)** - A fixed charge of \$2,614.58 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment

The waste management fee for residential allotments - A Fixed charge of \$621.32 per annum.

The waste management fee for commercial allotments - A Fixed charge of \$1,132.98 per annum.

- C. The amount expected to be raised in the 2024/25 Financial Year:

General Rates **\$1,352,799.41**

Waste Management Charge **\$983,052.65**

- D. Rates and charges may be paid in four approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:

1st instalment - 30 September 2024

2nd instalment - 30 November 2024

3rd instalment - 31 January 2025

4th instalment - 31 March 2025

- E. That an interest charge of 17% per annum is applied to rates and Charges that are not paid by the due date.

9.1.3. Certification of Assessment Records

OCM-2024/86 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That Council acknowledges the Chief Executive Officer's certification of the assessment record for rateable property in the Victoria Daly Regional Council.

9.1.4. Elected Member Allowances

OCM-2024/87 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

That Council resolves to fix the allowances for elected members for 2024-25FY in accordance with the Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Government Councils.



9.1.5. Budget 2024-25

OCM-2024/88 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That Council adopts the 2024-25 budget including all prescribed content pursuant to section 201 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations (2021)*; and,
- B. That Council adopts long term financial plan (LTFP) including all prescribed content pursuant to section 200 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations (2021)*.

9.2. Reports for Information

Financial Report for period ended 31 May 2024

ITEM NUMBER 9.2.1.

OCM-2024/89 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Financial Report for period ended 31 May 2024 is received and noted.

Corporate and Community Services Report

ITEM NUMBER 9.2.2.

OCM-2024/90 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Corporate and Community Services Report is received and noted.



10. Action Items

Action Item Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.

OCM-2024/91 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Action Item Report is received and noted; and,
- B. That completed items be removed from the action items list.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:48am

Meeting resumed at 11:17am

11. Local Authority

11.1. Local Authority Minutes

Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 29 May 2024

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.1.

OCM-2024/92 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the minutes of the Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 29 May 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That the nomination of John Bonson is approved by the Daly River Local Authority.
- C. That the Council endorses the installation of bollards at the two bus stops in Naiuyu.



Yarralin / Nitjpurru Local Authority meeting held on 4 June 2024

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.2.

OCM-2024/93 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the minutes of the Yarralin / Nitjpurru Local Authority meeting held on 4 June 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That the resignation of Colin Campbell is noted,
- C. That Council request the pest control program performed by Territory Housing continues and is conducted twice yearly,
- D.
 - i. That the Cemetery Signs report is received and noted,
 - ii That YNLA approve the designs of the signs for the old and new cemeteries; and,
 - iii That the YNLA approves the purchase of a grave cover,
- E.
 - i. That the Yarralin Water Fountains report is received and noted; and
 - ii. That the YNLA has decided on the box seat design.

11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Nil

12. Correspondence

Correspondence Report

ITEM NUMBER 12.1.

OCM-2024/94 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Correspondence Report is received and noted.

13. General Business

13.1 SurePact Grants Management System

OCM-2024/95 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

That Council approves subscription to the SurePact Grants Management system and expenditure up to \$18,000 for the annual subscription and up to \$15,000 for the 12 week implementation support program.



13.2 Collecting Commercial Dumping Fees and Charges

Action:

- Signs to be installed at landfills and waste management facilities directing contractors dumping commercial waste to attend the relevant Council Service Centre to register the type and volume of waste being dumped for the charging of appropriate fees.
- Develop a plan / mechanism to ensure fees and charges are collected for the disposal of commercial waste.
- Address issue with DIPL to identify processes for ensuring their subcontractors are paying sufficient fees and charges for the dumping of their commercial waste at the Council's landfills and waste management facilities.

13.3 Backhoe

Action: CEO to consider option of a roaming backhoe

13.4 Sport and Recreation Coordinators

Note:

- Cr Jones would like to thank sport and recreation coordinators, Siby and Ludek for the support they provided at the Barunga Festival.
- Council would also like to thank sport and recreation coordinators, Siby and Ludek, for their hard work and how well they operate their programs across multiple communities.

13.5 Follow up - water for Pine Creek cemetery

Action:

- CEO will follow up to see if a water tank can be installed to service the cemetery.
- Possibility of available tanks at Kalakrindji - estimated cost of freight to Pine Creek required.

13.6 Potholes on road to Kybrook Farm / flood damage on Tabletop road

Action: - Confirm quotes to fill potholes.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15pm

Meeting resumed at 1:18pm



14. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

The meeting moved into confidential session at 1:19pm.

14.1. Regional Museums Grant Offer

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person*

14.2. Affixing of Common Seal to 2024-25 Services Australia Host Contract (Centrelink)

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person*

14.3. Yarralin Lot 54 & 55 – Removal of Dwellings

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14.4. Section 19 ALRA Lease - Yarralin

Status 51(1)(a) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

14.5. Progress Report on Grant Applications

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person*

The meeting returned to open session at 2:22pm.

15. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 30 July 2024.

The meeting closed at 2:23pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Tuesday 25 June 2024.

Mayor Brian Pedwell