

# Minutes

## Post Election Meeting

**Friday, 5 April 2024**

**Time:** 9.30 am

**Location:** Council Chambers  
82 Brisbane Street  
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

**Scenic Rim Regional Council****Post Election Meeting****Friday, 5 April 2024****Minutes**

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**1 Attendance**

Cr T S Sharp, Mayor  
Cr A J Hay  
Cr K R Cryer  
Cr S A Moriarty  
Cr J Sanders  
Cr M J Chalk  
Cr D A McInnes OAM

**Executive Officers**

D Keenan, Chief Executive Officer  
J Rutledge, Manager Human Resources / Acting General Manager People and Strategy  
M Lohmann, Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /  
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity  
S Osman, Manager Maintenance and Operations / Acting General Manager Asset and  
Environmental Sustainability  
O Pring, General Manager Council Sustainability

**Staff**

J Pukallus, Principal Specialist Governance and Assurance  
S Keepence, Governance Officer

**2 Apologies**

Nil

**3 Opening of Meeting**

Mayor Tom Sharp opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

**4 Prayers**

Rev Dr Je Cheol Cook from Scenic Rim Uniting Church attended and offered prayers.

## 5 Mayor's Address

*"Congratulations to all of the Councillors and thank you to the people of this region for your overwhelming endorsement in entrusting the governance of this region to us for the next four years.*

*With the election now behind us, the task ahead is to unite as a governing body in an attempt to consider in unison, the challenges ahead for the next four years.*

*Thank you."*

## 6 Councillors' Addresses

Mayor Tom Sharp invited each of the Councillors to give a short address.

Division 1 - Cr Amanda Hay:

*"Thank you Mayor.*

*Firstly, thank you to the 54% of those who did vote, for voting to re-elect me and trust the stewardship of Division 1 to me for the new term. Being a Councillor means providing a service not only to Division 1 but to the broader Council area as part of a unified team and as the conduit between Council, residents and ratepayers. It means careful and responsible management of the strategic direction of our Council from which operational issues and core services are determined and prioritised for the benefit and betterment of our region.*

*I hope to fulfil that goal by putting residents at the centre of what we do and by encouraging them to have their say and know that communication is not a one-way street; things will change. I hope that Council becomes less focused in its perception that all development is good development. It isn't and nor is it necessarily progress. We have a large number of legacy issues which have arisen from prior Council decisions, some dating back decades, where future impacts were not foreseen but have become costly, if not impossible to remedy. I will work towards achieving a balanced approach where infrastructure keeps abreast of development in both growing and established communities, rather than lagging behind.*

*I will also be working towards finding a better balance between tourism and mitigating the impact growth from tourism has on the broader community, particularly on Tamborine Mountain, where residents seem to be left out of the equation in pursuit of tourism dollars.*

*I am looking forward to the next four years with far more enthusiasm and anticipation under a different style of leadership; one which is inclusive and values the input from each of its elected representatives and to a Council which is high functioning and strategically focussed and which is able to attract and retain staff. After all our people are our greatest asset. Not for me motherhood statements, shared visions, lip service and the other fluffy stuff, but rather a pared-down, tell it how it is approach.*

*Special thanks to my partner Stewart, for his unwavering support during recent times with many and varied competing priorities. The best indicator of future behaviour is past behaviour.*

*Thank you."*

## Division 2 - Cr Kerri Cryer:

*"Thank you Mayor.*

*Good morning CEO, Mayor, fellow Councillors, the Executive Team, Council staff and members of the gallery.*

*I first considered a role in Council many years ago, even before the start of COVID and now, as I most respectfully present before you today, I would like to begin by acknowledging the residents of Division 2, to greatly thank them for their support and vote of confidence. I would also like to thank others in subsequent divisions for their keen interest and encouragement during the campaign, highlighting the fact that we are not just standing to represent our own divisions, but for the Scenic Rim region as a whole. In this sense, I would also like to acknowledge all of the candidates who put themselves forward. It is not the easiest of tasks and it has been quite a privilege to take this interesting journey with them. I would also like to recognise outgoing Division 2 Councillor Jeff McConnell and the legacy he has left as well as the very informative handover he provided.*

*Acknowledgements and great thanks must go to my husband Paul, my children Rebecca and Adrian, my family and friends for their help and support given both pre and post election and especially now as I move forward as Councillor for Division 2 of the Scenic Rim.*

*It is with great honour, I accept the role of Councillor, to now be able to work for and represent my community and the Scenic Rim region. The support experienced from local community has been immense and I hope too they are as excited as I am taking on this role from this point in time. I congratulate the Mayor and all other elected Councillors and very keenly look forward to working with everyone, as well as with the Council Executives and staff, as we navigate the best outcomes for our region.*

*Thank you all."*

## Division 3 - Cr Stephen Moriarty:

*"Good morning. Thank you Mayor.*

*Good morning CEO, Council officers and fellow Councillors and visitors in the gallery. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to have been elected to serve as Division 3 Councillor in the Scenic Rim Regional Council, the community in which I was born and raised and have called home for most of my life.*

*I would like to thank everyone for their messages of congratulations since I have been elected. It has been quite overwhelming the support I have felt from the community. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution made by my predecessor, Virginia West, for her 20 years of service to the region, firstly as a Councillor in the Beaudesert Shire Council and then the Scenic Rim Regional Council. Virginia retired from office undefeated in five elections; a record that she should be rightly proud of. I am sure I join many here in wishing Virginia all the best for the future.*

*Although elected unopposed, I took the opportunity to visit all the Division 3 polling booths on election day and it was great to meet people, some of whom I have known for many years and others I was meeting for the first time and to hear of their hopes and aspirations for our region moving forward, and how our Council can better serve the community. As I have spoken to people across Division 3, some common concerns have emerged - continued development without adequate infrastructure is probably at the top of the list.*

*My focus is to be part of a strong and united Council that puts the needs of residents and ratepayers at the forefront of every decision. As I have discovered this week, Council loves a good acronym so I will add another one to the list, TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More.*

*It is my sincere wish to be part of a Council team that comprises not only the Mayor and Councillors elected by the residents and ratepayers of the Scenic Rim, but also includes Council officers and staff, the numerous volunteers that give tirelessly of their time and effort to upgrade and maintain Council assets such as sport and recreation facilities, the various Chambers of Commerce and various community groups who all make a valuable contribution to the fabric of our communities. I have already met with members of the Canungra Chamber of Commerce to discuss traffic and parking issues in the centre of town. Re-engaging with TMR, Transport and Main Roads, to find real traffic solutions for Canungra will be a priority for this Council moving forward. Likewise water security for Canungra into the future is a major concern for residents. I look forward to future meetings with stakeholders across the region to ensure our communities' needs are heard and acted upon. I believe that a strong, united Council that engages with the community and is responsive to community concerns will be able to achieve much in our region.*

*To this end I will continue to make myself available to individuals and community groups as often as possible and will make my Council contact details as soon as they become available, which they are now. We will have a new look Council moving forward with Tom Sharp as Mayor, and a nice blend of new and experienced Councillors. I would like to congratulate Mayor Sharp and all other Councillors on their election and look forward to working with them to achieve the best possible future we can for our region.*

*Thank you."*

#### Division 4 - Cr Jennifer Sanders:

*"Thank you Sir.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to speak today as part of this new and refreshed Council. It is great to be with a group of motivated and passionate community representatives as we head into the next four years.*

*We have a huge area coupled with a growing population and a massive requirement for infrastructure that goes with this growth. Our lifestyle is the envy of many and we want to share it. This will mean real growing pains for this Council. As an elected community representative we want the best for our region and for our villages. There is only a small amount of money to cover such a large area and as there are so few of us, we really do pay a lot for the privilege of living here. Council has to be frugal and strategic in order to find the best ways to help build community resilience and sustainability.*

*I will do my very best to represent my community and to be fair and honest in my dealings. I will work hard to be the best representative I can be and thank you for the trust that you've placed in me."*

## Division 5 - Cr Marshall Chalk:

"Thank Mr Mayor.

*I would first like to start by congratulating everyone in the room; the new Councillors for their election. It is not an easy thing to put yourself forward in the community to represent, and I am pleased we have all come together now and we can work together as a team moving forward. I would like to also thank my community of Division 5 for re-electing me for a second term. It's been an interesting journey so far with many challenges and many more to come, which I am motivated to see through and, and make really good measured decisions.*

*I would like to also thank particularly my wife and children. They, not only through the election, but through the course of a term, there's many sacrifices you must make and they bear the brunt of that, so a special thank you to them for their support. I would also like to thank my parents especially and other helpers throughout the election. Very similar to my football days they tend to make all the tackles and run the ball and cop the bruises just like we do on the field and they do through the election, so they stood strong beside me; they always have and always will, so I thank them especially for their contribution.*

*As this term of Council now is started, I look forward to seeing through the initiatives that we started last term. There is so much work that went into what we wanted to do so I am really looking forward to now having a second term to see through all those really important things that were either started or are progressing through the works in Council here, and also using my experience as now a second term Councillor to guide the new Council through the start of this term and try and find new and exciting ways to enhance the lives of our community.*

*Sometimes it's a thankless job and it's very easy to tell people what they want to hear and it's very difficult to tell the truth, but I will always represent on the truth and try and tell people the right thing all the time and represent in that manner, and stand behind what I do and what I say. So that's my commitment to this term and I will continue that, so thank you very much and let's progress on for this term.*

*Thank you."*

## Division 6 - Cr Duncan McInnes:

"Thank Mr Mayor.

*Congratulations to all other elected officials here today and I look forward to working with our team in Council here.*

*I would ... it's probably not real easy for me here; my wife Mary, my late wife Mary, encouraged me to stand and without her guidance and help, we got there and I pay tribute to my girls who, I think they probably wanted me to stand so I wouldn't be in their hair more than anything else. To many helpers and, we've got eight booths we had to look after in Division 6, so we needed a lot of helpers and there were a lot of people putting their hand up to help, which I appreciate.*

*Lastly but not least, to the voters who saw confidence in me to re-elect me for a fourth term in Council, I was very appreciative. We shouldn't go past without mentioning the other candidates that did put their hand up for Division 6 in Elissa and Stephen, and it was good to, as selfishly it might be you mightn't want to have an election but I am sure Stephen even feels, and it happened to me in the previous election where there wasn't anyone stood and it's not good for democracy that we don't have someone challenging us and I think it brings out the better person in us by actually having some candidates stand against us.*

*Unity has been mentioned a few times here and it's right and it's very important that we sort of, and I believe we will have a united Council here. Does that mean we won't disagree? I hope we disagree quite regularly, but when we do disagree, we actually move on and we make a decision and we're all behind that decision, so I am looking for a cohesive Council moving into this term of Council and I believe it will be and I hope it's, and it's very important for our community that we do.*

*There are a number of projects that have been, have been carried forward. There are revitalisation plans, sport and rec plans and things like this that we've started and there's a lot more work and a lot more money needed to, to follow those through and we do require the State and Federal Governments with grants to actually stump up and help us there and I look forward to working with our State and Federal Members as we move forward.*

*Our population is changing and so are the expectations and we have to be an adaptable Council in a strong financial state to make sure this continues. Compared to many other Councils we are in a good position. Does that mean there's not room for improvement? No it doesn't. We should ensure there is continuous improvement in this place and I look forward to, as a team, ensuring that happens.*

*I look forward to the next four years with renewed enthusiasm for the whole benefit of Scenic Rim. Even though elected by Division 6, it is important that we represent the whole of Scenic Rim and I look forward to that part moving forward. So thank you for the help that we've had and we look forward, look forward to continuing that system."*



## 7 Appointments

### 7.1 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

**Executive Officer:** General Manager Council Sustainability

**Attachments:** Nil

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### Recommendation

That:

1. Pursuant to section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council appoint a Deputy Mayor; and;
2. Council decide the duration of the appointment of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Jennifer Sanders nominated Cr Duncan McInnes for the role of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Duncan McInnes accepted the nomination

Cr Marshall Chalk seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were called.

### Motion

That:

1. Council appoint Cr Duncan McInnes as Deputy Mayor; and;
2. Council endorse the duration of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for a four year term.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Carried unanimously

**7.2 Appointment of Local Disaster Management Group Chair and Deputy Chair****Executive Officer:** General Manager Council Sustainability**Attachments:** Nil

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**Recommendation**

That:

1. Council appoint a Councillor as Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group; and
2. Council appoint a Councillor as Deputy Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group.

Cr Duncan McInnes nominated Cr Stephen Moriarty as Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group.

Cr Stephen Moriarty accepted the nomination.

Cr Amanda Hay seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were called.

**Motion**

That Council appoint Cr Stephen Moriarty as Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Carried unanimously

Cr Stephen Moriarty did not vote on his appointment as Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group.

Cr Stephen Moriarty nominated Cr Duncan McInnes as Deputy Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group.

Cr Duncan McInnes accepted the nomination.

Cr Jennifer Sanders seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were called.

**Motion**

That Council appoint Cr Duncan McInnes as Deputy Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders




Carried unanimously

Cr Duncan McInnes did not vote on his appointment as Deputy Chair of the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group.

### 7.3 Audit and Risk Committee - Amendment and Appointment

**Executive Officer:** General Manager Council Sustainability

**Attachments:**

1. Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference (current) 
2. Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference (with tracked changes) 
3. Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference (with recommended amendments) 

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### Recommendation

That:

1. Council adopt the amended Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference;
2. Pursuant to section 210 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council appoint two Councillors as members of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee; and
3. Council appoint a Councillor to the role of proxy pursuant to the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.

Cr Jennifer Sanders nominated Cr Amanda Hay as a member of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee.

Cr Amanda Hay accepted the nomination.

Cr Marshall Chalk seconded the nomination.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk  
Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

### Motion

That:

1. Council adopt the amended Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference;
2. Pursuant to section 210 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council appoint two Councillors as members of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee; and
3. Council appoint a Councillor to the role of proxy pursuant to the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.

Cr Stephen Moriarty nominated Cr Jennifer Sanders as a member of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee.

Cr Jennifer Sanders accepted the nomination.

Cr Marshall Chalk seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were called.

Cr Duncan McInnes nominated Cr Marshall Chalk for the role of proxy member of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee.

Cr Marshall Chalk accepted the nomination.

Cr Jennifer Sanders seconded the nomination.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk  
Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

### **Amended Motion**

That:

1. Council adopt the amended Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference;
2. Pursuant to section 210 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council appoint two Councillors as members of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee, being Cr Amanda Hay and Cr Jennifer Sanders; and
3. Council appoint a Councillor to the role of proxy pursuant to the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference, being Cr Marshall Chalk.

Carried unanimously

## 8 Meeting Arrangements

### 8.1 Establishment of Ordinary Meeting Arrangements

**Executive Officer:** General Manager Council Sustainability

**Attachments:** Nil

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#### Recommendation

That:

1. Council adopt the following proposed Ordinary Meeting dates for April - December 2024, with meetings commencing at 9.00 am:
  - Wednesday, 17 April 2024;
  - Wednesday, 22 May 2024;
  - Wednesday, 26 June 2024;
  - Wednesday, 24 July 2024;
  - Wednesday, 28 August 2024;
  - Wednesday, 25 September 2024;
  - Wednesday, 30 October 2024;
  - Wednesday, 27 November 2024;
  - Wednesday, 18 December 2024; and
2. Council acknowledge that Ordinary Meetings scheduled in April - December 2024, will be held in the Council Chambers, 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert, unless otherwise specified.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

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Carried unanimously

## **9 Council Election Results**

### **9.1 Council Election Results**

**Executive Officer:** General Manager Council Sustainability

**Attachments:**

1. Notice of Election Results 

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### **Recommendation**

That Council acknowledge the Electoral Commission of Queensland's Notice of Election Results of the 2024 Quadrennial Election for the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay  
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

### **Motion**

That Council acknowledge the Electoral Commission of Queensland's Notice of Election Results of the 2024 Quadrennial Election for the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Carried unanimously

Meeting closed at 10:14 am

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**Cr Tom Sharp**  
**Mayor**