



Agenda

Angurugu

LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

On

22 March 2022

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Local Authority Ordinary Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Angurugu on Tuesday, 22 March 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES



ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
REFERENCE	1591966
AUTHOR	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

SUMMARY:

This report is to table, for the Council's record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Local Authority Members and what absences that the Council gives permission for.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority:

- (a) **Notes the absence of <>.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from <>.**
- (c) **Notes <> are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) **Determines <> are absent without permission of the Local.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	2.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1592226
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This report lists the community and Council appointed members and the resignation and vacancies of the Local Authority.

BACKGROUND

The meeting needs to consider the membership of the Local Authority.

A Local Authority can have between 6 and 14 members, including the appointed Councillors.

GENERAL

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority.

Angurugu

Marianne Walsh
Gregory Mamarika
Jonathan Nunggumajbarr
Ronald Wurrawilya
Mathew Wurrawilya
Geraldine Amagula
Dorothea Lalara

The following Councillors are appointed by the Council as members of the Local Authority.

Angurugu

Gordon Walsh
Constantine Mamarika

It must be noted that the Chief Health Officer rules #55 concerning vaccination against COVID apply to Local Authority meetings.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report

CONFLICT OF INTEREST



ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1592278
AUTHOR	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that “A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

- (a) a direct interest;
- (b) an indirect financial interest;
- (c) an indirect interest by close association;
- (d) an indirect interest due to conflicting duties.

GENERAL

A conflict of interest is a situation that has the potential to undermine a person’s ability to be impartial because of the possibility of a clash between the person’s self-interest and professional interest or public interest.

When this occurs the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove them self from the decision making process.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today’s meeting.

OR

That the Local Authority notes any conflicts of interest declared at today’s meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report

PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1592280
AUTHOR	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**UMMARY:**

The Local Authority is asked to confirm the unconfirmed minutes from the previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

In line with the Northern Territory *Local Government Act 2019* (Chapter 6, Part 6.3, Section 101- 3), The audit committee, council, council committee or local authority must, at its next meeting, or next ordinary meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment), including any confidential business considered at the meeting, as a correct record of the meeting.

According to the *Local Authority Guideline 1* (Part 12, Section 12.4), Members at a provisional meeting can confirm the minutes of a previous provisional meeting. However, members at a provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of a previous Local Authority meeting.

GENERAL

Local Authority members need to read the unconfirmed minutes carefully before they endorse them as a true record of the previous meeting.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 23 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) LAAng_29112021_MIN



Mission

East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.

Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

29 November 2021

Local Authority

04 February 2022

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Marianne Walsh, Local Authority Members, Gregory Mamarika, Jonathan Nunggumajbarr, Ronald Wurrawilya, Mathew Wurrawilya and Councillor Gordon Walsh.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development
Michael Fitisemanu – Community Development Coordinator Angurugu

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

OBSERVERS

President Banambi Wunungmurra (Left at 10:35 AM).

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:20 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

This report is to table, for the Council's record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Local Authority Members and what absences that the Council gives permission for.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

152/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Gregory Mamarika)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Geraldine Amagula, Dorothea Lalara and Councillor Constantine Mamarika.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Geraldine Amagula.**
- (c) Notes Geraldine Amagula and Dorothea Lalara are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines Councillor Constantine Mamarika is absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

Local Authority

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2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

This report lists the community and Council appointed members and the resignation and vacancies of the Local Authority.

153/2021 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Marianne Walsh)

That the Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

154/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to confirm the unconfirmed minutes from the previous meeting.

155/2021 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 27 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Guest Speakers

6.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

SUMMARY:

Chantal Bramley, Stakeholder Engagement Project Manager from Power and Water Corporation.

156/2021 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for their presentation.

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Local Authorities**5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER****SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

157/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Gregory Mamarika)

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for Council to endorse.

General Business**7.1 NEW ANINDILYAKWA AND REMAINING EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS****SUMMARY:**

This is an update to the Local Authority on developments regarding a proposed new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Council.

158/2021 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority:

Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including through:

- a) Support for the development, transition to and services of the new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government, as agreed.
- b) Formal commitment by the Northern Territory Government to provide funding necessary to ensure continuity of capacity, service delivery levels and sustainability across the East Arnhem Region.
- c) Requests that EARC CEO and Executives keep all staff informed about developments on the creation of a proposed new Anindilyakwa council.

7.2 CEO REPORT**SUMMARY:**

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

159/2021 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Gregory Mamarika)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the CEO report.

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- b) Request that Council consider the concerns regarding the impending legal sale of Kava and the need for genuine engagement and consultation prior to legalisation in the NT and consider that the President write to the Chief Minister on this matter.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:05 PM**160/2021 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Gregory Mamarika)****MEETING RESUMES AT 1:02 PM****161/2021 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Gregory Mamarika)****7.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT****SUMMARY:**

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

162/2021 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Mathew Wurrawilya)**That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.****7.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE****SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide an update on the Animal Management program delivery within Angurugu.

163/2021 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)**That the Local Authority note the report.****7.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT****SUMMARY:**

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 October 2021 within the Local Authority area.

164/2021 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)**That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 October 2021.**

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7.6 GRANT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

165/2021 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Ronald Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.

7.7 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22

SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

166/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Note the 2021/22 Budget Revision.**
- b) Recommends \$80,000 from Councils unallocated equity be used for the Gravesite Identification project in Angurugu.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 25 January 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 2:20 PM.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 29 November 2021.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1592353
AUTHOR	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

BACKGROUND

The current Local Authority Action Items List, and updates on progress to complete them, is attached.

GENERAL

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented. New actions will be added to the Action Register.

If an action is completed the Local Authority need to request for the item to be removed from the Action Register, for the Council to endorse.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) LA Action Register_Angurugu - Feb 22

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
143/2021 Series of Murals	That the Local Authority continues to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.	12.05.2021 – Ongoing 25.05.2021 – Local Authority have decided on the Map of Groote Eylandt, Artistic map representing the Groote archipelago.
		11.10.2021 - Ongoing and will await the other localities preferred options - LA to suggest artist direction to put the draft concept for review - under a fee for service arrangement. 29.11.2021 – Angurugu Local Authority in line with the views of other two Anindilyakwa Local Authorities interpretation of the Groote Archipelago and the significance of, as part of the series of Murals. Report submitted in Local Authority for ideas on map design.
001/2020 RESOLVED Playground Position	That the Local Authority support the positioning of the playground within the area of Lot 591 as a suggested alternative after the Office of Township consultation.	12.05.2021 – Placed out for quotation, no submission have been received to this date. Will be placed out for submission in next round. 12.10.2021 - Ongoing with RFQ to be re-released. 12.01.2022 – RFQ will be released end of January – limited trades due to break.
Angurugu Local Area Management Plan and Street Names	That the Local Authority: (a) Holds a workshop to consider any adjustments to the current Local Area Traffic Management Plan for Angurugu and supply feedback at the next scheduled Local Authority meeting. (b) Request the archive records of street names be located and used, and consider street name suggestions for new streets for the purpose of further consultation at the next Local Authority meeting.	12.10.2021 – Ongoing will revisit with the next OTL meeting - missed the October meeting. 12.01.2022 – Ongoing action item and will go to the next OTL meeting.

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Water line to the cemetery \$20,000		12.10.2021 – Ongoing - RFQ to be release November 12.01.2022 – Approval granted, project moving forward. RFQ will be sent out end of January due to leave and extended commitments
130/2020 – Chief Executive Officer Report	The Local Authority: Requests that a Coordinator from the different Council program areas is invited periodically to provide an update to the Local Authority in addition to the CEO report.	02.02.2021 – To invite the Community Night Patrol Coordinator to present to the Local Authority. Director Community Development to investigate what other stakeholders are doing for cross-cultural training for new employees, such as GEMCO, GEAT and ARDS, and report back on options for training EARC employees – for both Anindilyakwa and Yolngu communities. 12.05.2021 – Will report at next Council meeting 25.05.2021 – Updated provided to LA members – Ongoing 29.11.2021 – Ongoing. Item progressed to HR. Committed to HR Fundamental videos as part of Stage One – Stage One is ready for employees to view when they on board, videos are available in language. Videos will be used for training and development of employees as well. Stage Two of the project is updating/changing other documents. 13.01.2021 – ARDS have been contacted for engagement to create HR fundamental videos in language. HR continue to source viable Cultural inductions for incoming staff.

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Gravesite Identification		<p>26.05.2020 – Project underway with ALC; a GPS locator is being used to locate and map graves to update the gravesite identification.</p> <p>Council amendment – Write a letter to advocate for additional funding for all communities for gravesite identification that has been and will be undertaken.</p> <p>28.07.2020 - The Director Community Development is requested to engage community consultants to identify gravesites and purchase materials; the Local Authority approves the expenditure up to \$15,000 of Local Authority Project Funds.</p> <p>02.02.2021 – EARC has been working closely with ALC Anthropologist, Hugh Bland, to help identify the graves in the Angurugu cemetery. The burial register is being updated as the project progresses. This cemetery mapping remains an ongoing process, but it is underway.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Further consultations need to be completed. Ongoing</p> <p>25.05.2021 - Updated provided to LA members – Ongoing</p> <p>29.11.2021 – To project this project LA members are recommended to allocate 80k to project from unallocated equity, later in this LA meeting under the budget review item.</p> <p>13.01.2022 – Council approved budget of 80k in December 2021. Formal expression of interest for project will be released in Feb 2022.</p>

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Footpath Installation		<p>26.05.2020 – The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services and the Regional Roads Manager will be visiting community to assess the footpath works mid-June 2020.</p> <p>18/01/2021 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services has met with BetaPave about defects and intersection road surface tie in points in conjunction with the roads capital program contractor to resume works once weather clears.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Works still to be completed.</p> <p>12.10.2021 – Update provided to LA members – ongoing and to be finalised with the kerb connection points with Roads contractor - ETA end of November.</p> <p>12.01.2022 – Subject to further discussion with Power and Water and contractors involved in the project. Updates provided in the next LA meeting and to Council in December.</p> <p>– ongoing when works resume after the break, variation for changes to scope to be actioned via way of variation for width increase of standard NT spec to 1200mm – which can be done under existing program budget.</p>

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Guest Speakers
REFERENCE	1592355
AUTHOR	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**GENERAL**

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will present a brief on the upcoming Federal Election and the importance of community participation in this. There are also multiple temporary election work opportunities that would be great for community members. The AEC is also keen to hear how they can reach to communities and encourage them to vote.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION**The Local Authority:**

- a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.
- b) Encourages the Australian Electoral Commission to explore partnerships with other stakeholders.
- c) Supports the Director – Community Development to enter into further discussion with the Australian Electoral Commission on possible solutions and/or partnerships to facilitate the federal election.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1596156
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

GENERAL

The last few months has been a very significant and momentous time for all of us.

Councillors, Local Authority Members and our Workers on Covid

The passion and dedication of all our staff, Councillors and Local Authority Members has been simply outstanding as we have pulled together, with our fellow community members and other Aboriginal organisations and government – to help protect our most vulnerable from COVID-19.

New / Old Councillors

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back two of our old Councillors, Joe Djakala of Milingimbi for the Gummurr Gattjirrk Ward and Bandi Wunungmurra of Gapuwiyak for the Birr Rawarrang Ward, out of the two recent by-elections.

I am confident they will again contribute to Council, their Local Authorities and the local and regional leadership for which they are known, and we will all be wiser and stronger for it.

The Passing of Councillor D. Marika

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Councillor D. Marika who passed away recently, a man of great passion, vision and integrity – and with a keen sense of humour along the way.

Mr Marika continued the long legacy of his father Mathaman and other Yolngu leaders' call for recognition through Land Rights, by his call last year in Canberra for the proper recognition of East Arnhem and all other Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments across the nation, by the other two levels of government.

Out of our many conversations, I will always remember the then Deputy President D. Marika telling me how "Council is the arm of the people of East Arnhem Land."

Till the end he was firm in his commitment that "We Yolngu and Balanda are intertwined to make a strong nation of Australia, where the first Australian Yolngu voice is heard".

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marrpalawuy, family, community and the East Arnhem Region.

We will miss him - but we will carry forward his legacy.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the CEO Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Government
REFERENCE	1596158
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

Council considered and made a resolution at the last Ordinary Council meeting on 24 February about the proper recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Governments. Your Local Authority is asked to review and endorse the next steps to gain support for recognition with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government and Opposition leading up to the Federal election.

BACKGROUND

The Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan was agreed on 29 July 2021.

The agreement is between the Northern Territory Government, the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT) and the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).

The agreement is related to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (2019-2029). Local Government for the first time is an official signatory to Closing the Gap, which the Australian Local Government Association signed up to nationally, and now LGANT with this agreement for the Northern Territory. The signing of the agreement by LGANT is very significant, as it allows a great opportunity for all member councils to be involved in it.

EARC proposed a motion at the 4 November 2021 LGANT General Meeting that LGANT consult with all member councils on the most effective way to involve them in the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan process. The Consultation should include consideration of the involvement of some or all of the Regional and Municipal Members of the LGANT Executive, and/or a Steering Committee of nominated Council representatives, with appropriate support from the LGANT CEO, Council CEO's and senior officers. The motion received unanimous support from all member Councils at the LGANT General Meeting held on 4 November.

At the June 2021 General Meeting of ALGA, EARC was successful with a motion calling upon recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as an Aboriginal Controlled Entity.

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal, State and Territory Governments to commit to nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as an Aboriginal controlled entity across Australia at all levels of Government. Indigenous Local Government being a Local Government Council with a majority representation of both Elected Officials and Constituency of Indigenous Australians.

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Division of Local Government, is conducting a review of Local Authorities, their role and any changes to their role. Various views have been expressed by Senior Officers ranging from the prospect of creating another way of consulting and engaging with communities, to building on and strengthening the broad role of Local Authorities on a wide range of issues.

The Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making Policy includes a commitment to build on existing governance and decision making arrangements. This commitment is aligned with the one of the core principles of the Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice reform process of the Australian Government to "...link to other existing bodies, not duplicate or undermine their roles."

GENERAL

There is significant value in the Local Government sector considering and making clear its view of how Local Authorities and Councils can meaningfully engage and contribute to whole of Government processes like Local Decision Making, Closing the Gap and the Indigenous Voice.

There is also a clear and compelling need for the review of the official guidelines of the Australian and Northern Territory funding agencies to allow Aboriginal community controlled Local Government Councils to apply for and be provided funding to help address significant social, economic, infrastructure, environmental and cultural needs.

A key target of the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation is to "Increase the amount of government funding for Aboriginal programs and services going through Aboriginal community-controlled organisations." LGANT Officers who have attended meetings on Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan have advised that Local Government Councils are not recognised as Indigenous controlled, but the members of the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT) and registered Indigenous Corporations are.

This is despite the significant and very useful description LGANT provided in the Closing the Gap NT Implementation Plan formal document of local governments that "most elected council members are Aboriginal as are the communities they represent." This is listed elsewhere in the document as "over 75 per cent of Indigenous people across the Northern Territory".

East Arnhem and other Northern Territory Councils have already had funding taken away from them in recent years, and are not able to apply for many other funding streams - due to not being recognised for what they are, as Aboriginal community controlled Local Government organisations.

For example, East Arnhem Regional Council was formally advised by the NIAA this month that it cannot apply for a funding round of 12 million dollars for community infrastructure as the funding round was deemed "Closed Non-Competitive". Applications are by invitation only from registered Indigenous Corporations.

Council considered and made a resolution at the last Ordinary Council meeting on 24 February about the proper recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Governments.

Based on the resolution of Council on 24 February, the following motions were developed and submitted to be considered at the next General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) on 7 April 2022.

MOTION ONE:

THAT LGANT

continues to progress calls on the Federal, State and Territory Governments to commit to nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as an Aboriginal controlled entity across Australia at all levels of Government.

Indigenous Local Government being a Local Government Council with a majority representation of both Elected Officials and Constituency of Indigenous Australians.

MOTION TWO:

THAT LGANT

calls on the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to review their official procurement and funding guidelines to recognise and enable Indigenous Local Governments to apply for and be provided funding to help address significant social, economic, infrastructure, environmental and cultural needs.

MOTION THREE:

THAT LGANT

calls on the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to recognise the role of councils in the Northern Territory, because of their role and capacity to engage and deliver outcomes with Indigenous people, for their direct inclusion if they desire, with representation of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, in significant reform processes including the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan, Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making and the Australian Government's Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority endorses:

- a) the motion put to the next General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, and;**
- b) that Council continue to call for recognition of the East Arnhem Regional Council and Local Authorities as being Indigenous Controlled by the Northern Territory and Federal Governments and Opposition.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Animal Management Update
REFERENCE	1591107
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

**SUMMARY:**

This report is table for the Local Authority for an update on the Animal Program delivery and staffing changes.

BACKGROUND**GENERAL****Groote Eylandt Ehrlichiosis**

Ehrlichiosis is a tick-borne disease affecting dogs that was first recognised in the Kimberly region of Western Australia in May 2020. Since then it has spread across Northern Australia throughout many indigenous communities with reported losses of up to 60% of the dog population.

It is spread by the brown dog tick, which transmits the bacteria Ehrlichia canis upon biting the dog. Common symptoms include lethargy, loss of appetite, fever, weight loss, blue eyes from corneal oedema, and bleeding disorders. Treatment is often unsuccessful and it is currently unknown if dogs who have been treated and survive continue to be asymptomatic carriers.



Two cases of Ehrlichiosis in Angurugu were confirmed by Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories in early February 2022. The dogs belonged to the same lot. One of the dogs was clinically ill

showing blue eyes and poor body condition, while the other dog appeared clinically well. Both dogs had a high tick burden.

The owners reported that no dogs in the household had been off island. Since then, positive results via snap test have also been obtained from a two dogs in neighbouring lot (with two further suspected cases untested), as well as two other lots in different locations, which demonstrates significant community transfer. Thus far, there have been no demonstrated or suspected cases in Umbakumba or Milyakburra.

Approach to Addressing the Problem

A coordinated campaign has been rapidly deployed to attempt to limit further spread of the disease.

Tick prevention

Tick collars are the most effective method of preventing Ehrlichiosis as they serve to both repel and kill ticks. Oral tick preventatives are an adjunctive treatment to help further reduce tick populations however these rely on the tick to bite the dog, which risks transmission. All dogs in the households of confirmed cases have received tick collars, oral tick preventatives, and long-acting oxytetracycline injection.

The Animal Management Team has also begun the roll-out of oral tick preventatives door-to-door in community while complying with COVID-safe practices. It is projected that each Lot in all three communities will have been visited by the end of February. I am also working with Anindilyakwa Housing Aboriginal Corporation (AHAC) to visit the homelands in March to deliver oral tick preventatives to these areas.


Environmental tick control and containment of dogs

EARC have contacted AHAC to discuss the possibility of pesticide spraying of lots in Angurugu which is still in discussion. Containment of dogs is difficult due to cultural practices and lack of fencing. Moving dogs between communities has been strongly discouraged.

Community education and awareness campaign

The following campaigns have been achieved:

- Community posters distributed around all communities in public spaces detailing disease, symptoms and prevention.
- Posters emailed to local business with a description of the disease background, for businesses to display within their premises and discuss with local staff. Information provided to contact the EARC vet if there are any suspected cases.
- Social media posts on the East Arnhem Regional Council page and local Groote Eylandt Facebook pages.
- Liaising with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers and AMRRIC to promote the campaign on their respective social media platforms.
- Submission of information to the GEMCO Community Newsletter for distribution amongst employees.
- Local radio interviews.
- Discussion with community members in person about Ehrlichiosis when visiting lots and educating owners about not moving dogs between.



**Animal Management
Program**



TICK DISEASE IN ANGURUGU


The disease "**Ehrlichiosis**" has been found in dogs in Angurugu. It is spread by ticks. It makes dogs very sick and can kill them.

Signs of sickness:

- Sleepy	- Fever
- Skinny	- Blue eyes
- Stop eating	- Bleeding

Your dog **NEEDS** tick medicine.
Call the Council Vet on **8986 8986**.

Do **NOT** move dogs between communities as this will spread the disease.



We wish good luck to Dr. Maddie Kelso who has commenced her maternity leave with the anticipated arrival of a new family member. We as I'm sure Council do wish Maddie all the very best of health over this period and we thank Dr. Maddie for all of her fantastic efforts towards EARC, the communities and households over the years and look forward to seeing her return later in the year.



The program will be headed up during this time by Dr. Lauren Clarke based in Groote Eylandt, and Dr. Tanya Mitchell who commences in April for 6 months who will be based periodically

in Yirrkala and Galiwinku servicing these and the surrounding communities on a rotation basis with the assistance of Sarah Carrell – the vet nurse based in Yirrkala.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Angurugu Internal and Rural Roads Upgrade Update
REFERENCE	1593793
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide an update on the capital roads upgrades currently underway within Angurugu and the outer gravel network.

GENERAL**T20-203411.1 Angurugu Internal Road Upgrade & Renovation Works Project Updates**

Complete: 70%

Contractor: Betapave Pty Ltd

Indigenous Involvement: Minimum of 2 x local Indigenous workers for this project

Funding: Capital Expenditure

Contract Value: \$3,087,915.00 (incl of GST)

The project sustained length delays, thus progressing behind schedule due to the following:

- Technical equipment breakdown of bitumen sprayer truck and complexity of procuring certain spare parts due to COVID19 pandemic impact on limited supply and logistics – plant machinery has now been repaired
- Wet weather events
- Community cultural significant events (i.e. Sorry Businesses which may have direct implication to Contractor)
- Damages incurred on constructed items (i.e. Hooning activities on recently constructed roads which are ready for re-sealing)
- Ongoing Angurugu Sewer Upgrade Stage 2 project managed by Power and Water Corporation and contracted to NCP Contracting. Project was originally slated for practical completion in Oct/Nov 2021. However, project has been extended with a revised practical completion on 6 May 2022



Remaining sections of the engagement are as detailed the below:

- Roads 7, 8 and 6 & 3 intersection are remaining works due for completion pending sewer upgrade project completion currently project managed by Power and Water Corporation, and undertaken principally by NCP Contracting
- Roads 3 & 5 are remaining works due for completion, delayed by unforeseen circumstances as a result of temporary road closure out of respect for local community sorry businesses.



T20-203411.2 Angurugu Yanbakwa Access Road Repairs and Upgrades

Contractor: GEBIE Civil & Construction Pty Ltd

Funding: Capital Expenditure

Contract Value: \$2,594,574.11 (incl of GST)

Total Increase Amount: \$335,630.65 (incl of GST)

Final Contract Amount: \$2,950,204.76 (incl of GST)

Progress Completion:

- Package 1 – 100%
- Package 2 – 100%
- Package 3 – 100%
- Package 4 – 100%
- Package 5 – 95%
- Package 6 – 99%
- Floodway @ Package 4 – 90%
- Floodway @ Package 6 – 0%
- Rock Checks – 100%

The project sustained lengthy delays, and is behind schedule due to the following:

- Design variations to existing road pavement
- COVID19 lockdown and travel restrictions on FIFO workers caused schedule and labour capacity implications to the project
- Machinery breakdowns and availability of parts in Australia – plant machinery has now been repaired
- Wet weather events
- Damaged insity pipe culvert and floodwater have caused wash out/eroded roadway (Northern Access point) due to recent Cyclone Tiffany damage.

- Proposed rectification to allow heavy machinery access approved for remaining works at Package 4, 5 & 6.
- Note: Completed Packages 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the Yanbakwa Access Road are still in good conditions following the recent heavy wet weather events.



The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	Community Development Coordinator Report
REFERENCE	1591564
AUTHOR	Michael Fitisemanu, Community Development Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

BACKGROUND

In line with Guideline 1: Local Authorities it is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the Local Authority area.

GENERAL

I was on leave for basically the month of January 2022. As reported to me on my return, the month of January 2022 was relatively quiet within the community with substantial numbers of people going off island during the festive season and into January 2022.

Contractors and contract work was suspended for a period of time during this period due to annual leave and the onset of the wet season cyclone preparedness.

East Arnhem Regional Council Senior Appointments**Youth Sports & Recreation**

Welcome to Brian Corrigan as the new Youth Sports and Recreation Coordinator. He has a military background and specialises in health and fitness. He has already introduced and maintained a monthly activities program which is gaining momentum going forward.

The movie and BBQ night is proving to be popular for the kids and youth. The Council is looking forward to a further varied program with even greater participation – especially for the youth and young kids.

The new program implemented on a monthly basis includes:

- Movie nights and BBQ once a week at the Sport & Recreation Hall. The movie is on the big screen outside for all to see.
- Girls Activity Day once a week.
- Boys Activity Day once a week.
- Girls swimming once a week.
- Boys swimming once a week.

More variety of programs will be organised moving forward.

Youth Sport & Recreation are seeking to employ a female assistant.

Family Skills Facilitator

Welcome to Stacey Foott as the new Family Skills Facilitator. She is a Nurse and has a varied background in Health and Wellbeing positions. She will be providing information and counselling to strengthening the family unit and to individual children and youth within the community. She has already in a short period of time created networking opportunities with supporting business, cultural and welfare entities in Angurugu.

Community Night Patrol

Welcome to Bradley Wurramara. He has replaced Moses Bara who resigned and is acknowledged for his positive contribution as Community Night Patrol Officer. In summary:

- High staff attendance has been recognized with Community Night Patrol.
- Prominent regular issues throughout the night is observance of ganja usage, card gambling and to lesser extent arguments.
- There was a period of time that patrols did not pick up people to transport due to the COVID restrictions in place at the time regarding distance of persons.
- Regular security checks are done throughout the community. Aged Care, Clinic, Shops, Laundry, GEBIE and a whole host of other entities.

Aged and Disability Care

Aged Care and Disability Service Care Coordinator – Tia Ball, continues to provide excellence in service within this area. Meals continue to be delivered, activities planned for clients in the facility and staff are recognised as providing excellence in service and responsibilities.

Veterinarian Service

Veterinarian/Animal Control Supervisor, Lauren Clark is quite busy attending to issues surrounding animal welfare and there has been supportive comments on her efforts. She is always available and contributes our service throughout the Groote Archipelago region.

Library and Learning Centre

Carol Stableford has monitored the progress of the Library as it continues to make an important contribution within the community. Her service and presence will be missed as she departs the East Arnhem Regional Council after several years of valuable service.

Municipal Services

We welcome Ison Wurramara as the new Municipal Service Officer, in addition to Casual Mason Lalara. Gregory Mamarika after several years valued service has resigned and his presence and contribution will be missed. In summary:

- Hard rubbish collection has been completed.
- Weed spraying grass cutting through out areas of the community.
- Cyclone preparation work.
- Pre-cyclone clean up completed.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator's report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.6
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1596163
AUTHOR	Peter Dunkley, Regional Manager Youth Sports and Recreation

SUMMARY:

This report sets out to highlight Youth, Sport and recreation staffing updates, events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

BACKGROUND

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program aims to strengthen young people, helping them live happy, healthy lives. As such, we deliver a range of funded activities and programs including after school hours activities, school holiday programs, camps, hunting and bush trips, movie nights, arts/music, formal and informal sports and physical activity, Youth Diversion case management, staff training and capacity building.

GENERAL

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program seeks input, feedback and support from the Local Authority in an effort to continually improve what we do. Please note the following updates for Youth, Sport and Recreation in your community.

- Community staffing update
- Current after School hours programs
- School holiday programs
- Upcoming events
- Remote Sports Program (formal and informal competition, visits from peak sporting bodies)
- Youth Diversion (Yirrkalá/Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak)
- Program success / challenges

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.**
- b) Makes the following recommendations:**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.7
TITLE Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE 1592363
AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2022 within the Local Authority area.

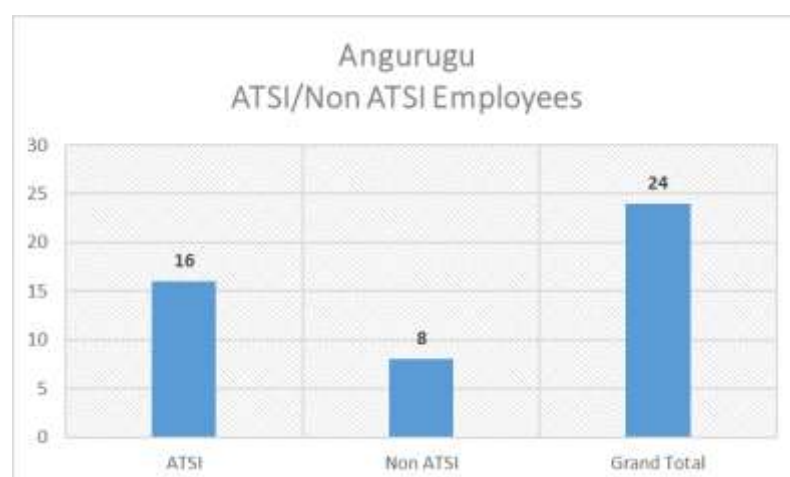
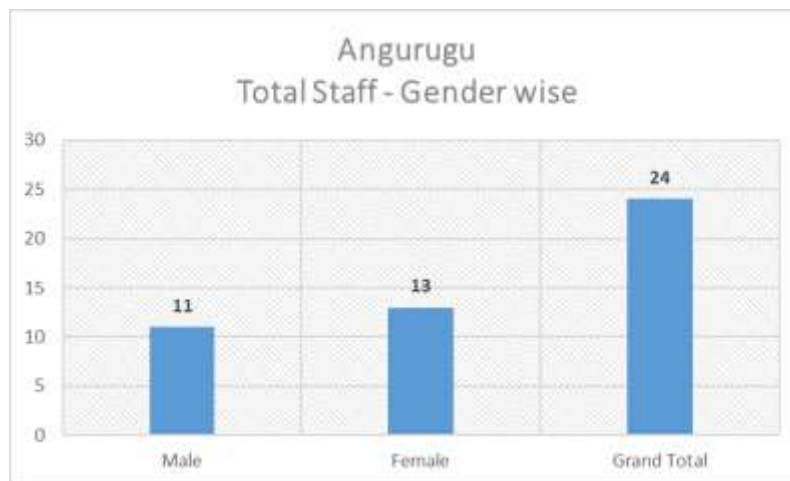
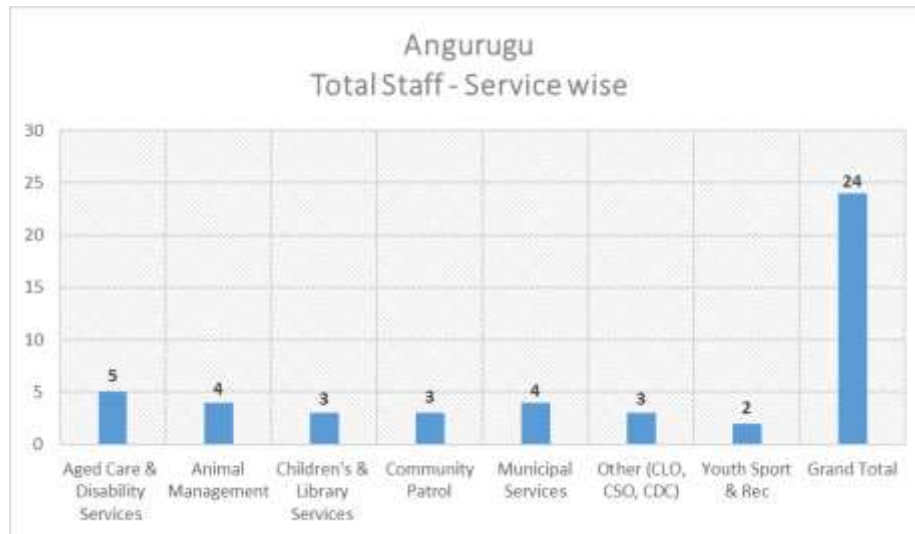
BACKGROUND

Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL

The following tables show year to date employment costs against budget. Services that are under budget are the result of lack of attendance at work and vacancies due to staff turnover.

Row Labels	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	% of Variance
Aged Care and Disability Services	289,107	294,085	4,978	2%
Children and Family Services	11,454	65,248	53,794	470%
Community Development	161,628	162,251	623	0%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	61,801	96,265	34,465	56%
Library Services	51,523	70,179	18,656	36%
Municipal Services	131,129	160,535	29,407	22%
Veterinary and Animal Control Services	58,719	85,415	26,696	45%
Waste and Environmental Services	2,563	3,533	970	38%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	13,437	99,875	86,438	643%
Grand Total	781,360	1,037,386	256,026	33%

Employee Statistics:

Vacancies as of 28 February 2022:

Position	Level
Community Night Patrol Officer	Level 1
Youth Sports & Recreation Worker	Level 1

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 28 February 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Each Reporting Location

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2022	Angurugu		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	1,484,996	2,076,200	(591,204)
User Charges and Fees	338,966	268,926	70,040
Rates and Annual Charges	1,072,592	1,059,031	13,562
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	20,004	2,933	17,070
Untied Revenue Allocation	651,255	651,255	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	3,567,812	4,058,345	(490,532)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	781,360	1,037,386	(256,026)
Materials and Contracts	1,851,987	3,789,833	(1,937,846)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,007	6,000	(4,993)
Depreciation and Amortisation	22,472	14,172	8,300
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	706,916	600,721	106,195
Council Internal Costs Allocations	344,153	591,284	(247,131)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,707,895	6,039,397	(2,331,502)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(140,083)	(1,981,052)	1,840,969
Capital Grants Income	-	97,778	(97,778)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(140,083)	(1,883,274)	1,743,192
Capital Expenses	-	(854,816)	854,816
Transfer to Reserves	-	(111,860)	111,860
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	22,472	14,172	8,300
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(117,611)	(2,835,777)	2,718,167
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	804,824	1,288,994	(484,169)
Transfer from General Equity	-	80,000	(80,000)
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,922,289	(1,922,289)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	804,824	3,291,283	(2,486,458)
NET OPERATING POSITION	687,214	455,505	231,708
			(0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.8
TITLE Second Budget Revision
REFERENCE 1596174
AUTHOR Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

BACKGROUND

The second budget revision has been completed. This will go to the Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2022 for adoption. Prior to that, this is presented in front of each Local Authority and the Finance Committee for input.

GENERAL

Attached is the second revised budget for the Local Authority's input.

The CEO and Directors are available to answer questions on variations.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the second revised budget and provides the following input:

ATTACHMENTS:

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Location Description		Angurugu									
FY2022 Revised Budget 2		Category									
Services	Carried Forward Revenue	Carried Forward Revenue for FY2023	Current Year Revenue	Operating Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Internal Allocation	Overhead Allocation	Reserves Transfers	Transfer from Equity	Unfunded Revenue	Net Results
100 - Local Authorities	(467,224)	235,703	(236,867)	87,315	1,046,520			(192,249)		(13,200)	(0)
101 - Local Laws & Administration of Local Laws	(3,154)	2,532		623							0
107 - Community Development			(53,597)	309,424				122,949		(378,777)	0
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services	(5,161)		(105,500)	230,500				22,867		(142,600)	0
112 - Fleet and Workshop Services			(70,066)								-
115 - Library Services	-			126,639				51,673		(113,186)	1,285
116 - Lighting for Public Safety				20,130				6,224		(20,130)	-
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	(150,000)		-	159,382				618		(10,000)	(0)
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction	(357,317)		(1,500,000)	3,635,891				433		(1,489,010)	(22)
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services	(976)		-	411,408				(85,000)		(255,462)	(977)
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	(188,194)		(443,130)	579,626				10,677		(66,469)	(75,676)
141 - Adult Care and Disability Services	(26,242)		(880,856)	879,399				104,066		(88,487)	5,593
145 - Children and Family Services	(77,832)		(137,916)	133,070				26,536		(20,667)	0
146 - Community Media	(10,317)			10,317							(35,495)
147 - Community Patrol and SIS Services			(287,242)	152,907				91,749		(43,086)	-
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	(3,596)		(152,721)	161,258				58,557		(22,530)	494
156 - Community Events			(556)	14,056							-
167 - Corporate Services			(645,267)								-
169 - Municipal Services			(79,330)	398,226				228,385			-
Net Results	(1,290,131)	238,235	(4,453,053)	7,310,170	1,046,520	631,850	253,365	(2,731,432)	(80,000)	(954,817)	(29,082)

Operating and Capital Expenditures			
Category	Revised Budget 1	Revised Budget 2	Increase (Decrease)
Salary Expenses	1,582,352	1,480,984	(101,368)
Materials/Contractors	4,920,850	4,902,299	(18,551)
General Expenses	682,664	710,827	28,163
Finance Expense	182,897	190,412	7,515
Asset Expense	20,000	25,648	5,648
Capital Expenditure Plant & Equipment	85,503	-	(85,503)
Capital Expenditure Infrastructure	1,196,720	1,046,520	(150,200)
Grand Total	8,570,386	8,356,660	(213,726)

Operating and Capital Expenditures

Salary Expenses

Materials/Contractors

General Expenses

50,684

51,484

54,924

54,594

50,734

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