

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2013

Meeting Opened: 10:33am on Wednesday, 7 August 2013.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were, Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Dave Hunter (Queensland Police Service - QPS), Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – WE), Mr Robert Giuliano (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HSC), Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Gerry Southward (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T), Ms Kिरrily Low (HRSAC Secretary), Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Mr Jason Macpherson (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Rick Buttler (Stone River Bus Service).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Hon Mr Andrew Cripps (MP Hinchinbrook), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Mr Peter Luke (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Cr Patrick Lynch (Councillor – HSC), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 12 JUNE 2013.

Minutes of meeting held on 12 June 2013, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano (HSC) and **Seconded by:** Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR)

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 12 JUNE 2013.

- 3.1** Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) expressed concerns with people walking in the dark without high visibility clothing or embellishments. Mr Quabba suggested buying high visibility ribbon or sashes and donating them to various community groups so the public could obtain one for free.

RESPONSE: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) and Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) to provide outcomes at the next HRSAC meeting of 12 June 2013.*

HRSAC agreed to promote pedestrian safety and high visibility options.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) and Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) to look into options to promote and the possibility of approaching service clubs.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to look into the possibility of applying for the Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] Road Safety Grants by 30 August 2013.*

Ms Kिरrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to send correspondence to various service clubs within the Hinchinbrook Shire.

- 3.2** Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL) advised that disability seniors are concerned that there is insufficient disability parking in the main street of Ingham in particular Lannercost Street and that people without a disability are parking in the few disability parking bays available.

RESPONSE: *Council's Technical Support to review disabled parking in commercial areas.*

Still in progress

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that any illegal parking will continued to be monitored and Council's Technical Support are currently undertaking further investigations in the quantity of disabled parking available in Lannercost Street.*

- 3.3** Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service) advising that the children pick up at Our Lady of Lourdes school is getting worse particularly in the afternoons and when its raining. There is currently way too much traffic congestion.
- RESPONSE:** *Resolved. Bus companies satisfied with the outcome.*
- Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to send letter on behalf of HRSAC thanking Our Lady of Lourdes School for their cooperation.*
- Correspondence sent on 24 June 2013. [Item 4 – Outward Correspondence]]*
- ACTION:** *Matter completed*
- 3.4** Mr Geoff Bormann (QPS) advised that traffic has been caught turning the wrong way at the “one way” signage located adjacent to the Victoria Hotel in Herbert Street.
- RESPONSE:** *DTMR to inspect signage in Herbert Street and Lannercost Street and replace and damaged or faded signs.*
- Dr Jenna Devietti to look into including in the Road Maintenance Performance Contract [RMPC].*
- Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to log a Works Request to trim any overhanging trees which may be reducing visibility of the signs.*
- Works Request # 12837 – Some signs have been cleaned and any obstructing tree branches around the signs have been cut.*
- ACTION:** *Matter completed*
- 3.5** Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advised that the dip located 1.5 km Ingham side of Dalrymple Road, Hawkins Creek, needs repair on the outbound lane. Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) also advised that trees along Abergowrie Road need to be trimmed before the cane crushing season.
- RESPONSE:** *Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to log a Works Request.*
- Works Request # 12727 – Previous pavement repair has settled and needs building up as ramp.*
- Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to find out more information on action to be taken for Works Request # 12727.*
- Works are under Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] jurisdiction and are programmed to be completed subject to competing funds.*
- ACTION:** *Matter completed*
- 3.6** Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) requested DTMR to consider moving the 100 km to where the 80 km sign is along Victoria Mill Road. The current distance between 80 km and 100 km seems to be far too long considering there are only cane fields in between. Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) suggested to get rid of the 80 km sign and go from 60 km to 100 km.
- RESPONSE:** *Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) to investigate and present outcomes at the next HRSAC meeting of 12 June 2013*
- Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) to investigate further.*
- ACTION:** *Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) advised that the signs are to be changed by removing the 80km sign and go from 60km to 100km heading out of Ingham. Works are scheduled for when DTMR works crew are in the area and to be completed by the end of 2013.*
- 3.7** Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) asked DTMR the reasoning behind the two dotted centre lines located in parts on Townsville Road. Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) confirmed that the two dotted lines are to separate the traffic from the centre.
- RESPONSE:** *Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) to locate information pamphlets to distribute.*
- Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that signs advertising the new lines are to be erected and information will be distributed via email.*
- ACTION:** *Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that the public can access the guideline on the website regarding the two centre lines and DTMR are looking into advertising information on the new lines in the paper. Mayor Rodger Bow (HSC – HRSAC Chairperson) to advertise information on the Mayors Facebook page.*

- 3.8 Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) thanked Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited for installing the new cane train crossing lights in Herbert Street, Ingham.

RESPONSE: Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to send letter thanking Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited for installing the lights.

Correspondence sent to Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited thanking for installing the Herbert Street cane train crossing lights. [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence]

ACTION: Matter completed

- 3.9 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advising that the hedges located at Clay Street and Cassady Street, Ingham, need to be trimmed as they are obstructing visibility.

RESPONSE: Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to log a Works Request.

Works Request # 12838 logged - Hedges have since been pruned.

ACTION: Matter completed

- 3.10 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advising the lack of street lighting at the intersection of Cartwright Street and Badila Street, Ingham.

RESPONSE: TMR to investigate

Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) emailed result of investigation. [Item 4 – Inwards Correspondence]

ACTION: Matter completed

- 3.11 Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth) advising ongoing concern with traffic controllers placing traffic signs in bus zones.

RESPONSE: Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to inform AECOM to advise their traffic control contractor

Correspondence sent to Chris Shields at AECOM [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence]

ACTION: Matter completed

- 3.12 Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post) requested for the approaches to Ingham on Townsville road to be mowed.

RESPONSE: TMR to look into.

ACTION: Works are part of Road Maintenance Performance Contract [RMPC] therefore can only do works where funding is available.

- 3.13 Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) advised that with the new Local Area Traffic Management [LATM] devices situated in Marina Parade, Ingham, there is no area for pedestrians to get off the road to walk past the devices.

RESPONSE: Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate.

Manager of Technical Support [MTS], Mr Graham Weston, advised that the site has been inspected and determined that there is a guide post located at the start of the LATM that is blocking the verge for pedestrians. The guide post will be removed, which will not compromise the safety of the road users, which will provide an adequate opening for pedestrians. This will only provide access on one side of the road (northern side).

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti to provide work instruction to complete works.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

- Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited – Improvement Works to Herbert Street Cane Train Crossing Lights [Doc # 13/12253] [Item 3.8]
- AECOM (Chris Shields) – AECOM Traffic Control Contractors. [Doc # 13/12180] [Item 3.11].
- Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School (Principal) – Traffic congestion at school pick up time. [Doc # 13/12548] [Item 3.3]

Incoming Correspondence

- Transport and Main Roads [TMR] (Gerry Southward) – Street lighting at Cartwright and Badila Streets intersection. [Doc # 13/11835] [Item 3.10]

ACTION: Item noted.

RESOLUTION: *That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.*

Moved by: Mr Ricky Quabba (QMCHA)

Seconded by: Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR)

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 Mr Ricky Quabba (QMCHA) raised concerns regarding tracked cane harvesters driving long distances along public roads.

RESPONSE: *Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) advised that he had photos of a tracked cane harvester driving along a public road.*

ACTION: *Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) to send the photos to Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers). Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to place photos in the next canegrowers newsletter to advise the safety concerns.*

- 5.2 Mr Ricky Quabba (QMCHA) advising that the Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association [QMCHA] head office has closed down however our local branch will remain open.

RESPONSE: *Item noted*

- 5.3 Mr Steven Marbelli (QMCHA) advising that the shoulders on newly sealed roads are too steep. For example, Cragg Road, Toobanna.

ACTION: *Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to provide road names to Dr Jenna Devietti (WE). Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to look into.*

- 5.4 Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) advising that he is now on a speed review committee whereby he will be review speed within out state.

RESPONSE: *Item noted*

- 5.5 Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) advising that the Blackspot submission applications will be sent sometime this week and application will need to be in by 13 September 2013.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to organise submitting applications for Hinchinbrook Shire Council.*

- 5.6 Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advising that he had sent line marking plans to Council regarding new line markings for Fairford Road, Ingham.

RESPONSE: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that works had not yet commenced.*

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to investigate status of these works.*

- 5.7 Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advising that the new line marking at Farrell Drive / Macrossan Street, Halifax, has been implemented however there has been a number of traffic incidents since the new conditions have been in place.

ACTION: *DTMR to continue to monitor.*

- 5.8 Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised that Road Safety grant applications are to be in by 30 August 2013.

RESPONSE: *Item noted*

- 5.9 Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advising that as of 1 September 2013, changes to the heavy vehicle regulator will be in affect.

RESPONSE: *Item noted*

6. NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 2 October 2013**, at Council Chambers.

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at 11:19am



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON