

# ***HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST***

## ***GENERAL MEETING MINUTES***

***Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
at 9.00 am***



- A. ATTENDANCE** – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Mrs LF Carr (Secretary), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer.)
- B. APOLOGY** – Cr WG Skinner (Member)
- C. MINUTES** - Confirmation of minutes of the General and Special Meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be approved.  
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

- D. WORKS REPORT** – The Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, provided an update of works for the month of September.

**RESOLVED** – Work has commenced on the four islands down stream of Halifax to complete re-profiling of the river bed and vegetation management. Tim advised that an application for funding from the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning – 2016-17 Grants and Subsidies Programs has been submitted in the amounts of \$150 000 (Priority One) and \$364 000 (Priority Two) with the total subsidy to be \$308 400, on approval. The priorities of the works have been confirmed at today's meeting.  
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**E. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**1. EMAIL FROM FIONA ROBERTSON (HSC)**

Consideration of email received 9 September 2016, in response to HRIT's electricity account issue, stating that Ergon should be able to accommodate the Trust's request as the Trust is a Statutory body and is not necessarily linked to a council, and that the Trust should continue to pursue (to obtain the electricity accounts in the Trust's name.) An extract of the River Improvement Trust Act 1940 was also included in the email.

**RESOLVED** – That the secretary contact Ergon again to explain that the Council believes that as the Trust is a statutory authority the account can be in its name and suggest that Ergon contact the Council to resolve the matter.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**2. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL (SCRT)**

Consideration of email received 13 September 2016, forwarding on a letter from the Director-General, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, (Frankie Carroll) addressed to the Chairperson of the Ipswich River Improvement Trust advising that the Honourable Jackie Trad MP recently announced the release of the 2016-17 application based grants and subsidies programs which consists of Community Resilience Fund, Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program and Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP), with there being an approved increase in the level of grant subsidy from 40 to 60 percent of eligible project costs. Applications for funding under the NDRP will close on 28 September 2016.

**RESOLVED** – HRIT have lodged an application for funding (on 22 September 2016) for works at the Halifax Washaway.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**3. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL (SCRT)**

Consideration of email received 13 September 2016, stating that Norm had been in contact with the Department (refer to “2” above) and they advised that all trusts will receive a similar letter, with Norm also attaching to the email the guidelines, expressions of interest form and confirmation form for the Trust’s information.

**RESOLVED** – That the email be received and noted.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**4. EMAIL FROM TIM SMITH**

Consideration of email received 19 September 2016 suggesting that the Trust should submit the same project that was prepared for the Premier’s Infrastructure Fund submission (refer to “2” above.)

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust engineer submit an application.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**5. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL (SCRT)**

Consideration of email received 21 September 2016 forwarding an email from Mark Christensen (Department of Infrastructure Local Government and Planning) once again stating that applications for funding under the NDRP will close on 28 September 2016 and outlining the release of the 2016-17 Grants and Subsidies Programs (refer “2” above.)

**RESOLVED** – That the email be received and noted.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**6. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL (SCRT)**

Consideration of email received 21 September 2016 requesting that the Trust forward to Norman any questions or matters that the Trust would like the Department Officers, Mandy Downs and Melissa Harris-Tutt, to address at the meeting on Thursday 27 October, 2016.

**RESOLVED** – That the email be received and noted.  
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**7. EMAIL FROM BRUNO CASALE**

Consideration of email received 29 September 2016 requesting that the Trust organise an inspection of the site adjacent to Bruno's property at 394 Nebbia's Road, Yuruga (and is situated on the boundary of Bruno's property and Luciano Mammarella's property.) A tree has fallen across Waterview Creek and is causing a build-up of debris which could be detrimental to the flow of the creek.

**RESOLVED** – That an inspection be arranged (by Keith and Tim) to resolve the issue.  
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**8. EMAIL FROM LGMS**

Consideration of email received 30 September 2016 advising that the legal liability cover provided pursuant to LGM Queensland Liability membership has been extended to include Members' liability arising from their operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft.

**RESOLVED** – That the email be received and noted.  
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

*The Mayor arrived and the meeting was adjourned at 10.05 am for morning tea, and resumed at 10.25 am. The Mayor left the meeting at 10.50 am.*

**F. BUSINESS –**

**1. THE LAND OWNER ADJACENT TO THE HALIFAX BRIDGE**

Request of grass seed and levelling to allow him to mow further beside his residence.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust organise levelling of the area in question and provide him with an amount of seed to rehabilitate the area.  
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**2. DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL EXTENSION FOR RE-PROFILING WORKS IN THE HERBERT RIVER SAND ISLANDS AT HALIFAX**

**RESOLVED** – The current development approval expires 2 October 2017. HRIT needs to apply for an extension of the development approval prior to this date, 2 September 2017.  
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

**G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –**

**1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016:**

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$ 3 168.00
Luke Rosadi	92.00
Mr RA Bosworth	434.40
Cr AJ Lancini	328.12
Cr WG Skinner	311.84
Mr KT Phillips	172.20
Mr GB Accornero	308.88

**RESOLVED** – That the accounts be passed for payment.  
(Mr KT Phillips and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

- H. CONCLUSION** – The meeting concluded at 11.45 am with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 3 November 2016.

Mr RA Bosworth  
Trust Chair