



Report

Councillors' Declarations of Office

Monday, 20 April 2020

Time: 3.00pm

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

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1 Attendance

G R Christensen, Mayor
R D Swanborough (via teleconference)
J J S McConnell (via teleconference)
V A West (via teleconference)
M J Enright (via teleconference)
M J Chalk (via teleconference)
D A McInnes OAM (via teleconference)

Executive Officers

J Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer
C McMahon, General Manager People and Strategy (via teleconference)
O Pring, General Manager Council Sustainability (via teleconference)

Staff

L Roderick, Councillor Support Officer, Office of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer

2 Apologies

C Gray, General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability
D Howe, General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

3 Chief Executive Officer's Address

"Good afternoon

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.

This is an important day in the history of Scenic Rim Regional Council as we swear in our newly elected Mayor and Councillors following the Local Government elections on 28 March.

In response to COVID-19, we are unable to take the Declarations of Office as we traditionally would and will primarily use teleconference for taking the oaths of office.

The role of local government is critically important and complex.

Each of the Councillors and the Mayor who have been elected by their communities to represent them have a great responsibility ahead of them, and on behalf of the executive team and employees of Council, we are looking forward to working in partnership with the Mayor and Councillors for the benefit of all residents, ratepayers and businesses in the region, as well as for our visitors when they can return.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland conducted elections for the Mayor and Councillors for Scenic Rim Regional Council on 28 March 2020. The Electoral Commission declared the final results yesterday on 19 April 2020.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, the council terms commence the day after the conclusion of the election, which is today.

However the Act requires the Councillor to make a Declaration of Office before they act as Councillor.

As Chief Executive Officer, I am authorised to take this Declaration of Office and am required to keep a record of the declarations.

I will commence with the role of Mayor and then each Councillor from Division 1 through to Division 6 to read their declaration in full.

The Electoral Commission has advised that you, Gregory Robin Christensen have been elected as a Councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council in the role of Mayor. In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009, I invite you to make your declaration."

4 Mayor's Address

At 3:04 pm, the Mayor addressed the attendees:

"Thank you Jon.

I, Gregory Robin Christensen, having been elected as a councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of my judgment and ability.

It is my privilege to begin my second term as Mayor of Scenic Rim Regional Council.

This is an honour I am humbled by and one I hold in the highest regard.

I am proud of what Council has achieved over the past four years and recognise that the region has faced some challenges during this time, including flood, drought, bushfires and now COVID-19.

My pledge to our communities is to continue to deliver real effective leadership for our region and to shape a future we can all share in and be proud of."

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated the Mayor on his appointment to Council and both signed the Declaration Certificate.

5 Councillor's Addresses

The Chief Executive Officer addressed the meeting as follows:

"I will now move to the Declaration of Office for each of the newly elected Councillors, who are all on the telephone line. Each Councillor will sign their declaration in the coming days.

Firstly, Division 1.

The Electoral Commission has advised that you, Robert Derek Swanborough have been elected as a Councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council representing Division 1. In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009, I invite you to make your declaration."

At 3:05 pm, Mr Swanborough addressed the attendees:

ROBERT DEREK SWANBOROUGH

"I, Robert Derek Swanborough, having been elected as a councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of my judgment and ability."

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Cr Swanborough on his appointment to Council.

"Now moving on to Division 2."

The Electoral Commission has advised that you, Jeffrey John Samuel McConnell have been elected as a Councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council representing Division 2. In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009, I invite you to make your declaration."

At 3:06 pm, Mr McConnell addressed the attendees:

JEFFREY JOHN SAMUEL MCCONNELL

"I, Jeffrey John Samuel McConnell, having been elected as a councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of my judgment and ability."

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Cr McConnell on his appointment to Council.

"Now moving on to Division 3."

The Electoral Commission has advised that you, Virginia Anne West have been elected as a Councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council representing Division 3. In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009, I invite you to make your declaration."

At 3:07 pm, Mrs West addressed the attendees:

VIRGINIA ANNE WEST

"I, Virginia Anne West, having been elected as a councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of my judgment and ability."

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Cr West on her appointment to Council.

"Now moving on to Division 4."

The Electoral Commission has advised that you, Michael John Enright have been elected as a Councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council representing Division 3. In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009, I invite you to make your declaration."

At 3:08 pm, Mr Enright addressed the attendees:

MICHAEL JOHN ENRIGHT

"I, Michael John Enright, having been elected as a councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of my judgment and ability."

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Cr Enright on his appointment to Council.

"Now moving on to Division 5."

"The Electoral Commission has advised that you, Marshall John Chalk have been elected as a councillor representing Division 5. In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009, I invite you to make your declaration."

At 3:09 pm, Mr Chalk addressed the attendees:

MARSHALL JOHN CHALK

"I, Marshall John Chalk, having been elected as a councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of my judgment and ability."

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Cr Chalk on his appointment to Council.

"Now moving on to Division 6."

"The Electoral Commission has advised that you, Duncan McInnes have been elected as a councillor representing Division 6. In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009, I invite you to make your declaration."

At 3:10 pm, Mr McInnes addressed the attendees:

DUNCAN ALEXANDER MCINNES

"I, Duncan Alexander McInnes, having been elected as a councillor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of my judgment and ability."

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Cr McInnes on his appointment to Council.

"That concludes our formal declarations for today. Our post-election meeting will be held this Thursday 23 April via teleconference where we will appoint the Deputy Mayor and Chair and Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group."

"At this meeting we will also adopt our meeting schedule for the year and note the election results as provided by Electoral Commission of Queensland."

"The agenda will be available on 21 April."

"I will now hand over to Mayor Greg Christensen to close."

MAYOR

"In closing, I would like to congratulate my fellow Councillors on their successful election to serve as part of the 2020-2024 Scenic Rim Regional Council.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge returning Councillors:

Virginia West (Division 3), Michael Enright (Division 4) and Duncan McInnes (Division 6).

And to welcome our newly appointed Councillors, Derek Swanborough (Division 1), Jeff McConnell (Division 2), and Marshall Chalk (Division 5).

I take this opportunity also to recognise and thank Nadia O'Carroll, along with Nigel Waistell and Rick Stanfield for their valuable contributions during our last term.

We all know that there is a lot of work before us and it's time to embrace it with energy and enthusiasm.

For the CEO Jon Gibbons and the Executive team, I encourage you to continue the work of transformation and improvement that you have embarked on in the past few years.

As an organisation, it is imperative that we are delivering high performance in all that we do.

My peers and I will be relying on your continuing efforts to ensure our delivery of services, projects and processes continues to be strong, while also evolving and modernising.

While our new Council will begin its first meetings remotely in response to COVID-19, we are bound and committed to ensuring the highest standards of our local government and continuing to deliver strong outcomes for our communities.

Thank you."

Closed at 3.13 pm.

Mr Jon Gibbons
Chief Executive Officer