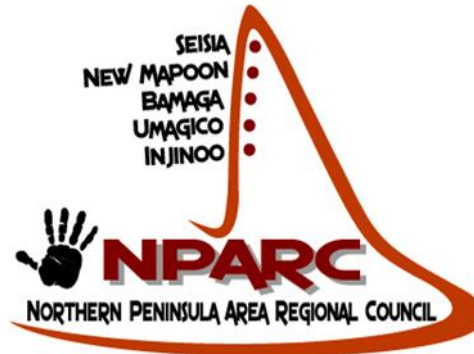


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MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

31 July 2026

**MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT BAMAGA
BOARDROOM ON FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2026**

ATTENDANCE**Mayor & Councillors**

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor
Cr David Byrne	Division 1
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Division 3 - Apology
Cr Marlene Bond	Division 4 - Apology
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

Other Attendees

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Claire Alexander	Executive Manager Finance
Aaron van Egmond	Project Executive Enterprise Services
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistance (minute taker)

MEETING OPENED

The Meeting was declared opened by Mayor Poipoi at 2:30 with opening prayer by Cr Elu.

APOLOGY – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence was registered for Cr Bond and Cr Gebadi.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of the Northern Peninsula Area and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect in memory of a deceased person or persons with deep connections to the communities of the Northern Peninsula Area (Injinoo, Umagico, Bamaga, New Mapoon & Seisia).

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Pursuant to section 254 of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act), to close this part of the meeting to the public, to allow the Council to discuss business relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government;

6.1 In Committee – Adoption of the Operational Plan and Budget

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government;

6.2 In Committee – Adoption of the revenue policy, revenue statement, debt policy, investment policy and concession policy for 2026/27

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government;

6.3 In Committee – Adoption of the 2026/2027 Council budget and association documents

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government;

6.4 In Committee – Adoption of the 2026/2027 Council fees and charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government;

In Committee**Resolution:**

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 2:29pm

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: SC6.09072026

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 4:33pm

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C5.09072026

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Elu departed the meeting at 4:03pm and returned at 4:05pm

6.1 In Committee – Adoption of the Operation Plan 2026/27

Resolution:

That Council adopt the 2026/27 Operational Plan as attached to the report by the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved: Cr Elu

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Resolution: C6.1-31072026

CARRIED

6.2 In Committee – Adoption of Revenue Statement, Revenue Policy, Debt Policy, Investment Policy, Concession Policy

Resolution:

That Council adopt the following policies and Statements as attached to the report of the Financial Consultant as part of the 2026/27 Budget, namely:

- The Revenue Statement 2026/27
- The Revenue Policy 2026/27
- The Debt Policy
- The Investment Policy
- The Concession Policy

Moved: Cr Elu

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Resolution: C6.2-31072026

CARRIED

6.3 In Committee – Adoption of the 2026/27 Budget and related issues

Resolution:

That pursuant to s104 (5)(a)(iv) of the Local Government Act 2009 and s168, s169, s170, s171,s172 and s193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the council adopt the Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year, incorporating:

- i. The statements of financial position;
- ii. The statements of cash flow;
- iii. The statement of income and expenditure
- iv. The statements of changes in equity;
- v. The long-term financial forecast;
- vi. The Capital Works Program;
- vii. The relevant measure of financial sustainability;
- viii. The statement of the estimated financial position; and
- ix. That the Council states that the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges (service charges) levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges (service charges) levied in the previous budget is 5%.

Further, pursuant to s133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council not charge compound interest at the rate of 12.19% per annum on all overdue charges.

Further, that pursuant to s205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of the financial position of the Council in respect of the previous financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position") be received and its contents noted.

Moved: Cr Elu

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Resolution: C6.3-31072026

CARRIED

6.4 2026/27 Fees and Charges Register

Resolution:

That Council adopt the 2026/27 Fees and Charges Register as attached to the report and note that the fees and charges will apply from 1 August 2026.

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Seconded: Cr Elu

Vote: 3/1

Resolution: C6.4-31072026

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSE: There being no further business the Special Council Meeting was closed at 4:46pm with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.