

SPEECH: Dianne Mauloni – Mayoral Candidate CCRC



Good evening and thank you to MB Com Assoc for organizing this forum for candidates • Thank you to Distinguished guests for attending – and by that I refer to the ratepayers and residents here tonight.

Background:

WORKED 10 YEARS IN LEGAL OFFICE; SMALL BUSINESSES - hotels and butcher shops / FARMING – bananas, cane and grazing / Terrain NRM – farmers / COMMUNITY - Landcare – / Tourism

LIFE SKILLS >> CAN RELATE TO SURVIVAL ON LAND > WHEN PRICES GO UP AND DOWN / OR BUSINESS ..WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO WALK THROUGH THE DOOR! (post whatever cyclone)!! I am COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING of PERSONAL HARDSHIP

- GET HEAD OUT OF THE SAND... BIGGEST ISSUE IS RATES & AFFORDABILITY OF SAME!! NEED TO FIND A WAY TO ADDRESS THIS...!!**
- Can council > REVIEW OPERATIONAL PLAN - LIVING & OPERATING BEYOND OUR MEANS.**
- IS STATE PARLIAMENT ASKING TOO MUCH OF CCRC ? DO \$ COME ALONG WITH A LOT OF REGS FORCED UPON COUNCIL. Last week at council meeting – Council asked to dump an existing plan and develop another. Does State Govt money come across with this request/demand? You will conform and come along with us!**

PIE GRAPH on spending.

Depreciation 31.5% ..GROWING

Employee benefits 33% + WHAT OTHER BUS COULD SUSTAIN THIS??

Materials & Services 33% +

Finance 1.95%

DIFFERENTIAL RATING SYSTEM > are ANOMOLIES – URGENT REVIEW NEEDED

- CONCERN - ST & FEDS – BROKE
- LOCAL ECONOMY SLOW
- TALKING WITH DEVELOPERS - DEVELOPMENTS BEING HINDERED!!
- NEED INCENTIVE PACKAGE TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE AREA.

LOTS OF TALK OF POLICIES...CCRC HAVE AROUND 80 POLICIES!

REVENUE POLICY - FLEXIBILITY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ECONOMY OF REGION....NOT BEING ADHERED TO!!!

Mayor BILL...SAYS demands upon Council are ever increasing but the willingness or even ability to pay is limited. AGREE...RATEPAYERS RESIDENTS MUST UNDERSTAND...WHAT YOU ASK FOR..COMES OUT OF YOUR POCKET in first place!

TOUGH DECISIONS TO BE MADE - I am UP FOR IT!!

**HOLDING RATES - YES WILL EQUATE TO CUTTING COST OF SOME SERVICES

** NEED TO LOOK AT COST OF MAINTAINING COMMUNITY BUILDINGS & PARKS – EXCESSIVE....NEED URGENT REVIEW.

AFFORDABILITY IS CRUCIAL!

SHORT TIME TO FRAME BUDGET..- IMAGINE STAFF ALREADY ON TO IT.

NEW COUNCIL...WET BEHIND EARS...AY AY AY & HERE WE GO AGAIN...ANOTHER 3% plus.

I am ...WITH YOU...NOT ABOVE YOU

COUNCIL BUSINESS - IS OUR BUSINESS - NEED STRONG MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS.

YOU CAN NOT SUSTAIN A LIFESTYLE YOU CANNOT AFFORD – THAT IS WHAT I AM HEARING EVERYWHERE I GO.....ARE THEY ALL SO WRONG???

**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING..CONTACT ME ANYTIME...ON
ISSUES NOT COVERED HERE TONGHT...EXCEPT WHEN
FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL IS ON.**

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