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Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC)

Mayor Cr. Mark Jamieson and Councillors

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Dear Councillors and Staff at SCRC

Re: New Year wishes to SCRC

Members of the Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc. (OSCAR) wish all at Sunshine Coast Regional Council all the best for the New Year and a productive and COVID free/normal 2021.

2020 has been a year like no other and all at SCRC are to be congratulated on the manner in which programs and projects have been conducted throughout 2020 under demanding and frustrating times.

Our congratulations also go to the newly elected Councillors for your commitment to an incredibly demanding schedule and for a number of councillors a whole new way of life.

We hope that you are all taking time to rest and enjoy time with family and friends over this festive season.

We also congratulate Council on maintaining Live-streaming of Council Ordinary Meetings and we hope that this is now a permanent feature of council operations. Numbers of our members now view council meetings either at the meeting time or later when more convenient for them. This level of transparency is much appreciated.

OSCAR also acknowledges the increased transparency in the way confidential sections relating to matters under discussion and confidential items in total are being dealt with and look forward to fewer confidential items overall into the future.

SCRC is also to be congratulated on the release of the Draft Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) for consultation. This has been a mammoth effort under very difficult circumstances of COVID-19. We appreciate being part of the Community Advisory Group (CAG), with Susie Chapman as our representative. As the CHAS is refined following the analysis of community feedback to the draft we would hope that the CAG will continue to have input and comment. OSCAR did however, feel that as the CHAS is a generational document and process, that there should not have been any other community consultation processes in competition for community time and consideration.

Again, we wish you all a happy and healthy start to the year in the hope that COVID-19 will decrease in impact over the year.

Yours sincerely

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