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**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 27 November 2024**

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**MINUTES OF MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 23 WEST STREET, MOUNT ISA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 9:00AM**

**PRESENT:** Crs MacRae, Ballard, Coghlan, Coghlan, Crowther, Doyle, Tully (via teams)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tim Rose (CEO), Chad King (Director, Community Services), Aaron Motsi (Acting Director, Corporate Services), Stephen Jewell (Director, Infrastructure Services)

**1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Mayor MacRae opening the meeting at 9:00am, provided the Acknowledgement of Country, and advised the Chamber is being livestreamed.

**2 PRAYER**

Gary Lewis from the Baptist Church Provided the Prayer.

**3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

Mayor MacRae notified the meeting that Cr John Tully is attending the meeting via teleconference.

**4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor MacRae presented not for profit organisation, Royal Flying Doctor Services, with a certificate of donation for \$482.30 raised by Council staff through the 'Casual for a Cause' fund raising initiative.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2024**

**RESOLUTION OM01/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae  
Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

**THAT** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED 7**

**6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**6.1 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS AS AT 22 NOVEMBER 2024**

**RESOLUTION OM02/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan  
Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

**THAT** Council receives and notes the outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 22 November 2024

**CARRIED 7**

## **7 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **8 MAYORAL MINUTE**

This month has been another incredibly busy one. The start of the month saw the new government sworn in and I would like to congratulate our local member for maintaining his seat and the Councillors and I have already had the opportunity to catch up with him. I would also like to congratulate our federal member, Bob Katter on 50 years in parliament, a huge achievement by anyone's measure. The CEO and I will be attending an event in Charter Towers to celebrate, network and lobby early next month, along with all other mayors and CEO's from his electorate I would imagine.

Since our last update, as a team we attended the LGAQ conference. While in Brisbane we signed an MOU with Green Gravity to help them progress work with their gravitational energy project. This will create many jobs in construction and one of the most pleasing aspects for us as a council is their investigation into manufacturing the weights here in Mount Isa using recycled plastics from our MRF. This would be an innovative example of circular economy and the first of its kind. We also took the opportunity to meet with Ann Leahy, who is now the minister for local government and water, and having Minister Leahy stay in Mount Isa for the week during September when we had the Western Alliance of Council means she is well acquainted with our issues and is a terrific advocate. We also met with the Sustainable Minerals Institute and Cross Border Commissioner.

Last week the CEO and I were in Canberra. We met with Ministers Katherine King and McBain to discuss the regional projects and partnerships program, which will need to be the stream of funding we target for the Critical Minerals Industrial Precinct. We also met with the Australian Minerals Council, the Net Zero Authority and the industry branch of net zero. This prep work and advocacy to try and get our area legislated to be a priority area for net zero, as Gladstone is, will unlock untold opportunities and funding for our city.

Yesterday Cr Crowther and Cr J Coghlan attended the opening of the new hospital in Camooweal, which I would've loved to attend however the CEO and I had a sustainable minerals roundtable in Cloncurry. The message was delivered by the DDG, that the intention is to streamline approvals, cut red tape and be a department of action, so we will be holding them to account. The North West Minerals Province has \$680 billion dollars worth of critical minerals in the ground that will need to be accessed if the country continues the decarbonization agenda. Having a strong Mount Isa workforce is central to being able to achieve this. It was good to have CopperString there to confirm that their intentions and timeframes haven't changed despite media coverage.

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of addressing the new EQ teachers that will be in our district next year, discuss my history in education, my role at Council and advice for them in working successfully in the area. It is pleasing to see the enthusiastic young professionals heading our way. We will once again be holding our Welcome to Mount Isa event in the new year, so watch out for registration for that for your business in coming weeks.

The operational side of the organization has been working with the Next Economy Consultants to complete our future ready roadmap. The launch of this will be in February and will set the economic agenda moving forward.

Recycling bins are in the process of being delivered so if unsure what to put in your bin – download the app 'recycle mate' and all the details are on our website.

**9 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**10 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS****10.1 2024-2025 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN - FIRST QUARTER UPDATE****RESOLUTION OM03/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

**THAT** Council receive and accept the 2024-2025 Annual Operational Plan – First Quarter Update report and,

**THAT** Council accept the proposed changes to the ‘Lead Responsibility’ directorates as highlighted in the attachment and the 2024 – 2025 Operational Plan be updated accordingly.

**CARRIED 7**

**10.2 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2025****RESOLUTION OM04/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

**THAT** Council adopt the schedule of Ordinary Meetings 2025 as tabled in Attachment 1 to this report.

Unless otherwise determined by Council, all Ordinary meetings are held at the Council Chambers, 23 West Street, Mount Isa and commence at 9.00am.

**CARRIED 7**

**11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS****11.1 FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION OM05/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Doyle

**THAT** Council receives and accepts the October 2024 Finance Overview Report as presented.

**CARRIED 7**

**11.2 MICC DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS UNITS - FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION OM06/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard  
Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

**THAT** Council receives and accepts the October 2024 MICC Departmental Business Units Finance Overview Report as presented.

**CARRIED 7****12 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS****12.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT (JULY - OCTOBER 2024)****RESOLUTION OM07/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan  
Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

**THAT** Council accepts the Waste Management Report (July – October)

**CARRIED 7****12.2 TELSTRA HILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT****RESOLUTION OM08/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr John Doyle  
Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

**THAT** Council approves the proposed Telstra Hill Community Consultation and Engagement plan to allow for community consultation and engagement to commence.

**CARRIED 7****13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS****13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW REPORT - OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION OM09/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther  
Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

**THAT** Council receives and notes the October 2024 Major Projects Overview Report.

**CARRIED 7****14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Ballard, Cr Doyle, Cr Crowther, Cr Tully, Cr J Coghlan and Deputy Mayor K Coghlan each provided an update on recent activities and events in the community.

**15 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS****RESOLUTION OM10/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

**THAT** Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

**15.1 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting held 29 August 2024**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (c) and (f) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget and matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group or individuals.

**15.2 Mount Isa Show Society - Multi-year Sponsorship**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (c) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget.

**15.3 Funding Application - RAUP - Round 11**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (c) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget.

**15.4 MICCOE Finance Overview Report - October 2024**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (c) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget.

**CARRIED 7**

Commenced Closed Council at 9:55am.

**RESOLUTION OM11/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

**THAT** Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED 7**

Resumed Open Council at 10:33am.

**15.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 29 AUGUST 2024****RESOLUTION OM12/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

**THAT** Council receives and accepts the un-confirmed Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes dated 29 August 2024 as presented.

**CARRIED 7**

**15.2 MOUNT ISA SHOW SOCIETY - MULTI-YEAR SPONSORSHIP****RESOLUTION OM13/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Doyle

**THAT** Council supports the Mount Isa Agricultural Show Society with sponsorship of the Mount Isa Show for 4 years as follows:

- Year 1 – 2025 - \$45,000.00 (+ GST)
- Year 2 – 2026 - \$40,000.00 (+ GST)
- Year 3 – 2027 - \$40,000.00 (+ GST)
- Year 4 – 2028 - \$40,000.00 (+ GST)

**AND**

**THAT** Council authorises the CEO to approve in-kind venue hire of Buchanan Park for the 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 Mount Isa Shows, subject to budget availability.

**AND**

**THAT** Council authorises the CEO to approve in-kind support as required annually to assist with the successful delivery of the Mount Isa Show for 2025-2028, subject to budget and resource availability.

**AND**

**THAT** Council authorises the CEO to negotiate and finalise the funding agreement with Mount Isa Agricultural Show Society.

**AND**

**THAT** Council does not approve additional financial support for the Children's Day for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 Mount Isa Shows, subject to budget availability.

**CARRIED 7**

**15.3 FUNDING APPLICATION - RAUP - ROUND 11****RESOLUTION OM14/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

**THAT** Council Approves an additional budget of \$350,000 for the Camooweal Airport Rehabilitation works.

**AND**

**THAT** Council Delegate authority for the Chief Executive Officer to represent Council's commitment to co-fund the Remote Airport Upgrade Program Round 11 funding application.

**CARRIED 7**



15.4 MICCOE FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - OCTOBER 2024

**RESOLUTION OM15/ 11/24**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

**THAT** Council receives and accepts the October 2024 MICCOE Finance Overview Report as presented.

**CARRIED 7**

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There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10:37am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2024.

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**CHAIRPERSON**