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**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 26 March 2025**

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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, 26 MARCH 2025 AT 9:00AM**

PRESENT: Crs MacRae, Ballard, K Coghlan, J Coghlan, Crowther, Doyle, Tully

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Rose (CEO), Chad King (Director, Community Services), Glenn Hart (Interim Director, Corporate Services), Stephen Jewell (Director, Infrastructure Services)

1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor MacRae opened the meeting at 9.00am.

2 PRAYER

Deputy Mayor Cr Kim Coghlan provided the meeting with a prayer.

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

Mayor MacRae advised that Cr John Tully will be leaving the meeting at 10.00am to attend the Mount Isa District Disaster Management Group Meeting, as the Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor MacRae presented Sergeant Amy Sewell and Leonie Winks from PCYC Queensland with a certificate of donation for \$171.65 raised by Mount Isa City Council staff through the Casual For a Cause fundraising initiative.

Amy spoke to the objectives, initiatives and programs PCYC is currently undertaking in the community.

Council received the following two (2) Public Participation Applications in advance of the meeting:

Mr Lee Ellis

Mr Ellis addressed Council to request resumption of the 'Cuppa with a Councillor' meetings.

Mayor MacRae responded, and advised that Councillors will provide an opportunity for the public to meet with Councillors on the Ordinary Meeting days, by opening the doors to the public at 8.30am on these dates.

Mr Ellis requested Council to reconsider the development of a park at the 'dinner camp' (Burke Street) to divert people from the CBD and provide support. The Mayor requested the matter for noting.

Mr Gottfried Kreutz

Mr Kreutz raised concerns about the spread of leucaena trees growing in dense clumps in gullies, open areas and neglected backyards. Will Council declare the plant an invasive weed and eradicate the trees from the city area?

Director Community Services provided a response and advised leucaena is a declared as a local pest and has powers to control it under Council's local laws. Council has secured funding to focus

on the eradication of invasive plants from the Leichhardt River and its tributaries and this work has already commenced in Breakaway Creek. Council will be exercising its powers under the local laws to compel the public to remove leucaena from private land.

Mr Kreutz advised that the computer system and the printer at the Library is not working well and a deterioration in the service has been observed. He asked when will Council direct their IT Department and technicians to fix the problems and simplify the system?

The Director of Community Services provided a response and advised that Council recently resolved an outage of printing at the library, the issues with the cash payment machine is being explored by the service provider. We are scoping an expansion of the printing in the library to allow users to add printing credits to their library card via a top up, providing an additional option to the current cash / credit card payment methods. Council has employed a Digital Librarian that may be able to improve troubleshooting on site. Council is continuing to work to reduce downtime experienced by users.

The Mayor invited a member of the public in the gallery, Mr Max Wilson, to address Council. Mr Wilson raised concerns about the security of Kalkadoon Lion's Park near his home on Delacour Drive, advising that the park is being used by 4 wheelers and motorbikes as a racetrack. Mr Wilson requested Council put in place fencing to stop vehicle access.

The Deputy Mayor Cr K Coghlan, addressed Mr Wilson's concerns and the issue of security in parks across the city. Council plans to improve fencing across all parks as part of an improvement program, subject to budget. The Deputy Mayor expressed her intention to attend the Kalkadoon Lion's Park this afternoon to further understand the issue.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION OM01/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 February 2025 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 21 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION OM02/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and notes the outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 21 March 2025.

CARRIED 7

7 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

"I, Cr John Tully, declare that I have a conflict of interest in Item 10.2 as defined in Section 150EI of the Local Government Act 2009, as my brother's company, Cava Hydraulics and Engineering, has expressed an interest in tendering for the lease or sale of Council's Batch Plant. I will be dealing with this prescribed conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

"I, Cr John Tully, declare that I have a perceived conflict of interest in Item 12.8 as I am the applicant for the sponsorship, on behalf of the Rodeo Community Committee. I am the Council appointed Committee member; however, it may be perceived that I have a Conflict of interest in the matter as I am the signatory of the letter requesting sponsorship. To manage this perceived conflict of interest, I will be leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

"I, Cr John Tully, declare that I have a conflict of interest in Item 15.2 as defined in Section 150EN of the Local Government Act 2009, due to the nature of this matter. I am involved in the competing Real Estate agency in town and my son is the owner of the competing Real Estate agency. I will be dealing with this declarable conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

The Mayor delivered the following Mayoral Minute:

"This month sees us reach the significant milestone of 12 months since the local government elections. Time has flown by, and I would like to recognise some specific achievements and thank some people.

I started the first mayoral minute with the following paragraph, and I will read it again as it remains as true today as it did then.

Firstly, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the community for electing me to be your Mayor. Let it be known that I am extremely happy with the councillors that have been elected, and although we face challenges over this term due to the macroeconomic environment, it has been demonstrated already that you are dedicated to your new positions, and your core priority is creating the best outcomes for the community.

After a year in, it's pretty good that we can still remain true to that and say we've had a great run this year.

Some of the things we've been able to achieve as a team this year is: we've opened the slide at the pool, commissioned the MRF, there's a new park for Camooweal, completed our parks replacement program, celebrated the Civic Centre's 50th birthday, launched our Future Economy Roadmap and held the NQ Sportstar awards here in Mount Isa for the first time in 25 years.

We were there for the last iteration of the previous rodeo and dealt with the fallout out of that and were able to negotiate a strategy to pay out creditors and we're able to see in a new rodeo committee and we wish them the best of luck going forward.

We attended the 100-year events of Glencore the Centenary Ball, the family fun event, community concert, miner's memorial and outdoor movie night.

We saw the opening of the CUC.

Cr Ballard and I did Sober October for RFDS and did our 100 km walk a week for the month.

Welcoming week was celebrated with the citizenship ceremony taking place at Centennial Place and this was a really popular and successful event.

Councillors all went as a united team to the LGAQ conference.

We congratulated our federal member on 50 years in parliament and the CEO and I travelled to Charters Towers to celebrate that.

In September, we held the WQAC right here in Mount Isa and we had Senator Chisholm in attendance and the, now, Minister Leahy, and also Matt Burnett who is the current president of both the LGAQ and ALGA. So, it was great to build on those relationships and understand properly the issue we're facing here in Mount Isa.

In January we had a visit from both the Prime Minister and Premier

We've signed three MOU's with Green Gravity, Flying Whales and Cobalt Blue.

Councillors will have other things to add during today's General Business that I'm sure they're happy with achieving and I invite them to do that along with saying what they'd like to achieve in the next 12 months.

For the future we look to reestablishing the Cross-Border Alliance and advocating for a Special Economic Zone.

We look forward to seeing what the new Rodeo Committee can deliver.

We will continue to advocate for North West Water to be able to achieve better water pricing for our community.

We also look forward to welcoming a new Director of Corporate Services and Director of Infrastructure Services here at council.

Last week I had the opportunity to present at the Meet the Buyer Forum and the MITEZ Forum and advocate for the Special Economic Zone on behalf of the North West Minerals Province and I'll be continuing to do this on behalf of the ROC next week in Parliament."

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FROM 5 APRIL 2025

MOTION

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council appoints Cr Travis Crowther to the position of Deputy Mayor from 5 April 2025 for a period of 12 Months.

In Favour: Crs Peta MacRae and Travis Crowther

Against: Crs Dan Ballard, James Coghlan, Kim Coghlan, John Doyle and John Tully

LOST 2/5

RESOLUTION OM03/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard
Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council appoints Cr Kim Coghlan to the position of Deputy Mayor from 5 April 2025 for a period of 12 Months.

CARRIED 7

At 9:34 am, Cr John Tully left the meeting due to a declared conflict of interest in relation to Item 10.2.

10.2 BATCH PLANT EOI PROGRESSION**RESOLUTION OM04/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan
Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council accepts the five (5) Expressions of Interest and one (1) submission marked as late, received in response to the sale of Council's Batch Plant.

AND

THAT Council proceed to closed tender to invite the six (6) EOI respondents by the following options:

Option A – Sale of the Batch Plant and remove from the current site with all equipment as tabled in this report.

AND

Option B – Sale of the Batch Plant and equipment as tabled in this report and operate on site by lease of the land from Council.

AND **THAT** Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise tender package.

In Favour: Crs Peta MacRae, Dan Ballard, Kim Coghlan, Travis Crowther and John Doyle

Against: Cr James Coghlan

Absent: Cr John Tully

CARRIED 5/1

At 9:36 am, Cr John Tully returned to the meeting.

10.3 UPDATE OF REGISTER OF DELEGATIONS - COUNCIL TO CEO**RESOLUTION OM05/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan
Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council adopt the updated Register of Delegations – Council to CEO V6.

CARRIED 7

10.4 UPDATED POLICIES FOR ADOPTION**RESOLUTION OM06/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council adopts the following Statutory Policies:

1. Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy V8
2. Community Grants Policy V5
3. Drinking Water Quality Policy V4

CARRIED 7

11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**11.1 FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025****RESOLUTION OM07/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council receives and accepts the February 2025 Finance Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

11.2 MICC DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS UNITS - FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2025**RESOLUTION OM08/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council receives and accepts the February 2025 MICC Departmental Business Units Finance Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

12 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**12.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT****RESOLUTION OM09/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council Economic Development Quarterly Report

CARRIED 7

12.2 SPLASHEZ QUARTERLY REPORT**RESOLUTION OM10/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council receives and accepts the Splashez Quarterly Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

12.3 ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOSECURITY QUARTERLY REPORT - DECEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025**RESOLUTION OM11/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and accepts the Environmental and Biosecurity Quarterly Report December 2024 to February 2025 as presented.

CARRIED 7

Cr Tully raised a question without notice regarding Council's future proactive and preventative approach to clear the riverbeds and eradicate the issue. The CEO took the question on notice to be added to the next available Workshop agenda for discussion.

12.4 SALE OF COMMODITY FROM MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY**RESOLUTION OM12/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council Delegate to the CEO the negotiation with a third party in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy to handle the management of commodity produced from the Material Recovery Facility for a term of up to 36 months, from the date of execution of the contract.

CARRIED 7

At 9:50 am, Cr John Tully left the meeting to attend the DDMG Meeting.

12.5 TOURISM AND MARKETING QUARTERLY REPORT**RESOLUTION OM13/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr John Doyle

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the Tourism and Marketing Quarterly Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

12.6 COUNCIL EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES QUARTERLY REPORT**RESOLUTION OM14/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr John Doyle

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the Council Events and Entertainment Facilities Quarterly Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

12.7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**RESOLUTION OM15/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr John Doyle

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the Community Development Quarterly Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

12.8 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - MOUNT ISA PRO RODEO LTD**RESOLUTION OM16/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr John Doyle

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council approve sponsorship to Mount Isa Pro Rodeo Ltd to support the 2025 Mount Isa Mines Rodeo at Buchanan Park on 8-10 August 2025 with the following:

1. Cash sponsorship of \$66,000.00 (Inc GST)
 2. In-kind sponsorship up to the value of \$35,000.00 (inc GST) for venue hire of Buchanan Park
 3. In-kind sponsorship of \$12,117.00 (inc GST) for electricity and waste services
- and delegate to the CEO an additional allocation of \$50,000 to provide for ancillary venue costs incurred by the Council.

In Favour: Crs Peta MacRae, Dan Ballard, James Coghlan, Kim Coghlan, Travis Crowther and John Doyle

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr John Tully

CARRIED 6

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**13.1 DECLARED SERVICE AREAS FOR WATER, SEWERAGE AND WASTE****RESOLUTION OM17/ 03/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan
Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council adopts version 5 of the Declared Service Areas for the retail water services and sewerage services for Camooweal and Mount Isa City, as per the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008, Division 2 Section 161*.

AND

THAT Council adopts version 2 of the Declared Service Area for the collection of general waste (cleansing services) for Camooweal and Mount Isa City, as per the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2003, Part 3 Section 5*.

AND

THAT Council adopts version 1 of the Declared Service Area for the collection of kerbside recycling for Camooweal and Mount Isa City, as per the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2003, Part 3 Section 5*.

AND

THAT Council adopts version 1 of the Recycled Water Scheme for Mount Isa City, as per the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, servicing the Horse Paddocks, Sports Parade Precinct and Buchanan Park Events Complex properties.

AND

THAT Council ensures the reflection of these Declared Services Areas within their respective management plans, data sources, made publicly available on Council's website and used as a supporting reference in any future City of Mount Isa Planning Scheme amendments.

CARRIED 6

13.2 MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION OM18/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan
Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council

1. Receives and notes the February 2025 Major Projects Overview Report.
2. Include the ten (10) nominated projects, under the North Queensland Resilience Program 2024/25 into the capital works delivery program and amend the budget accordingly.

CARRIED 6

13.3 URBAN ROADS 10 YEAR SURFACE RENEWAL

RESOLUTION OM19/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther
Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council endorses the development of further 10-year Asset Renewals Programs for:

- Footpaths/Pathways

- Urban Roadside Furniture (Bins/Tactiles/Benches/Signs etc in line with Council Strategies such as Outback at Isa and CBD Master Plans)
- Stormwater Drainage (Underground Channels and Open Drains)
- Kerb and Channels (cracked inlets and grates due to traffic or heavy stormwater)

CARRIED 6

13.4 2024 DRFA RESTORATION WORKS PACKAGES 1-5

RESOLUTION OM20/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council award DRFA Package 1 to Durack Civil Pty Ltd under contract number 2024-30 for the value of \$5,594,015 ex GST plus allowance for 15% contingency as needed.

AND

THAT Council award DRFA Package 2 to Blackform Contracting Pty Ltd under contract number 2024-31 for the value of \$4,832,127.34 ex. GST plus allowance for 15% contingency as needed.

AND

THAT Council award DRFA Package 3 to REMPLOY under contract number 2024-32 for the value of \$3,482,363.03 ex. GST plus allowance for 15% contingency as needed.

AND

THAT Council award DRFA Package 4 to Hiesler Contracting Pty Ltd under contract number 2024-33 for the value of \$2,334,545.61 ex. GST plus allowance for 15% contingency as needed.

AND

THAT Council award DRFA Package 5 to Halloran & Sons Earth Moving Pty Ltd under contract number 2024-34 for the value of \$3,187,277.60 ex. GST plus allowance for 15% contingency as needed.

CARRIED 6

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ballard, Cr Doyle, Cr Crowther, Cr J Coghlan and Deputy Mayor Cr K Coghlan each provided an update on recent activities and reflected on the first twelve months of the Council term.

Deputy Mayor Cr K Coghlan shared condolences to the family of Wayne "Snake" McElligott.

Due to Cr Tully's absence, the Mayor advised Cr Tully will be provided with the opportunity to present General Business upon his return to the meeting.

15 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

RESOLUTION OM21/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

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 MICCOE Finance Overview Report - February 2025

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (g) 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 negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

15.2 Acquisition of Property - Assessment No. 05790-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (g) 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 negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

15.3 Concession to Waiver Water Consumption Charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (d) 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 rating concessions.

15.4 Concession to Waiver Garbage & Sewer Charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (d) 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 rating concessions.

15.5 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting held 13 December 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.

CARRIED 6

Commenced Closed Council at 10.20am.

At 10:57 am, Cr John Tully returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION OM22/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED 7

Resumed Open Council at 10.57am.

15.1 MICCOE FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION OM23/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council receives and accepts the February 2025 MICCOE Finance Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

At 10:58 am, Cr John Tully left the meeting due to a declared conflict of interest in relation to Item 15.2.

15.2 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY - ASSESSMENT NO. 05790-00000-000

RESOLUTION OM24/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council APPROVE purchase of the mixed use, freehold property Assessment No. 05790-00000-000 up to the value of \$599k and approve legal fees estimate of \$5k for relevant property transfers and searches.

AND delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise, and enter into the contract.

In Favour: Crs Peta MacRae, Kim Coghlan, Travis Crowther and John Doyle

Against: Crs Dan Ballard and James Coghlan

Absent: Cr John Tully

CARRIED 4/2

At 11:00 am, Cr John Tully returned to the meeting.

15.3 CONCESSION TO WAIVER WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES

RESOLUTION OM25/ 03/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council **approve** a concession to waiver and write-off outstanding water consumption charges and all outstanding interest accrued on water consumption charges up to the 26th March 2025 on utility account 21103767; under Sections 119, 120(1)(c), 121(a) and 122(1)(a) of *The Local Government Regulation 2012*, due to financial hardship.

CARRIED 7

15.4 CONCESSION TO WAIVER GARBAGE & SEWER CHARGES

RESOLUTION OM26/ 03/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council **approve** a concession to waiver and write-off the Garbage and Sewer Charges levied on assessment 10044964 for the 2024/2025 financial period, and approve a concession commencing 26th March 2025 on 1 x Sewer Connected Charge, 1 x Sewer Additional Pedestal Charge, 2 x 240L Commercial Wheelie Bins, 4 x 240L Additional Commercial Service Charges, 6 x 240L Commercial Waste Service Charges and 2 x 240L Commercial Recycling Wheelie Bins; under Sections 119, 120(1)(c), 121(a) and 122(1)(a) of *The Local Government Regulation 2012*, due to financial hardship;

CARRIED 7

15.5 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 13 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION OM27/ 03/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and accepts the unconfirmed Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes dated 13 December 2024 as presented.

CARRIED 7

Cr Tully provided an update following the District Disaster Management Group Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.04am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025.



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MAYOR MACRAE