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**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 27 August 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, 27 AUGUST 2025 AT 9:30AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Rose (CEO), Chad King (Director, Community Services), Andrew Hobbs (Director, Infrastructure Services), Kelvin Tytherleigh (Director, Corporate Services)

1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor MacRae opened the meeting at 9.30am and provided an acknowledgement of country.

2 PRAYER

Glenn and Evelyn Charles from the Salvation Army Mount Isa provided the meeting with an opening prayer.

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Through the Casual for a Cause initiative, Mount Isa City Council staff raised \$319.17 for the charity Paws Hoofs & Claws. Unfortunately a representative from the charity was not available to attend to accept the donation certificate, however Mayor MacRae acknowledged the contributions of the organisation in the community.

Peter Bolger addressed Council regarding the overgrown drain on Abel Smith Parade. The Director Infrastructure Services confirmed the drain is Council's infrastructure and a program of works is in place to undertake the maintenance.

Peter Bogler raised concerns regarding postal addresses in Mount Isa and the number of suburbs sharing the single postcode, suggesting that all correspondence should include 'Mount Isa'. Peter has raised this concern with the local federal member's office. Mayor MacRae advised the feedback will be noted.

Peter Bolger requested to ask an additional question, and was granted to do so by the Mayor. Peter asked Council to investigate the responsibility for the maintenance of the overgrown easement between Kokoda Road and Finschafen Street. He advised he had contacted the State Government, and received a response indicating Council had installed underground drainage on the easement and was the responsible party. The question was taken on notice.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2025

RESOLUTION OM01/ 08/25

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther
Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 July 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 7

The CEO responded to a Question taken on notice from the previous ordinary meeting regarding the Civic Centre flooring, providing the following response:

Lifting of the flooring around the doorway and in the first quadrant has been identified. The contractor has been requested to return to rectify this issue, under warranty. Council will continue to monitor the area during the rectification period.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Kim Coghlan, advised her question taken on notice regarding the Abba Tribute Show has now been answered outside of the meeting.

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS AS AT 22 AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION OM02/ 08/25

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther
Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council receives and notes the outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 22 August 2025.

CARRIED 7

7 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Dan Ballard declared a perceived conflict of interest in relation to item 15.2 and his intention to leave the meeting when the item is considered, discussed and voted on.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

Mayor MacRae delivered the following Mayoral Minute:

‘Since the July ordinary meeting, Mount Isa has had many memorable milestones. We have had the first Mount Isa Mines Rodeo under the stewardship of the new community committee. We have seen the underground copper mine closure – with many community members finishing their decades long careers with MIM (Mount Isa Mines) and we have seen the reestablishment of the Rodeo Queen Ball, now presented by Zonta.

In January this year, I was very concerned that we may not be able put on a rodeo, but team work has prevailed. With the support of our local member, Robbie Katter, the support of the Queensland Government - in particular Deputy Premier Bleijie and Minister Powell - we were able to overcome adversity and the new committee was formed.

On behalf of Mount Isa City Council, I would like to acknowledge, and sincerely thank, all of the members of the Mount Isa Rodeo Committee – back in community hands. Each one of you was chosen for good reason – for your history of sponsoring/ volunteering/ fundraising and getting things done. I would also like to make particular mention of our own MICC (Mount Isa City Council)

representative, Cr John Tully. I would like to acknowledge the amount of work he did leading up to the event and over the course of the weekend.

And also the Mount Isa community – for supporting the new committee, embracing the event and coming out in droves.

From the Zonta Rodeo Queen Ball, the Street Festival on the Wednesday evening hosted by Mount Isa City Council, the Mailman on Thursday night hosted by the Mount Isa Race Club. MICC took the approach of doing more with less and I would like to thank the councillors for their support and wisdom in taking this approach. Some of the money saved from the Street Festival budget was able to be redirected to Rodeo to help support the Today Show, which was widely hailed as a success. I would like to thank the councillors for their courage in supporting this, when public opinion was to the contrary, however your vision and conviction are to be congratulated.

Since last meeting I also went to Canberra as part of the TEL (Townsville Enterprise Limited) delegation to advocate for the continuation of the smelter and Townsville refinery. This trip has been considered a success, however that is probably a premature judgement. Although we were well received by politicians from all sides of politics, as well as the media, the proof will be in the final outcome – and to this, time remains uncertain. I am of the understanding that the right people are in the room for the negotiations, but the expectation has been, that if there is to be a national smelting strategy it will take time to develop so I remain confident while negotiations continue.

‘Man with a Pram’ is coming up, in conjunction with Park Run on the Father’s Day weekend, so I would encourage everyone to join in. Head down to Tharrapatha Way at 6:45 for a 7am start and check out the new culvert and path repairs. Council is providing a sausage sizzle at the event.

Last week the CEO and I were in Saint George for the WQAC (Western Queensland Alliance of Councils annual assembly). Mayors, Ministers and the opposition were in plentiful supply. I was able to present on Mount Isa’s Future Ready Economy in conjunction with Juliette Vicaire (from the Flying Whales) and this presentation was very well received. There was also a presentation by Jessica Reid, the chief of staff to the president of the Brisbane Games. This was a terrific opportunity to advocate for our own Mount Isa Rodeo to become an exhibition event and are looking to set up further discussions.’

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 MOUNT ISA CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSEDOWN (2025/2026)

RESOLUTION OM03/ 08/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council support closing the Administration Office, Library, Works Depot and Material Sales Office from 12pm on Wednesday 24 December 2025 and to re-open on Monday 05 January 2026 on the following grounds:

1. Departments that deliver essential services i.e Waste Management, Water & Sewer, Infrastructure Services will have skeleton crews rostered on and on-call over the Christmas/new year period to cover any emergencies and to provide essential services to the City.
2. Directors to determine sufficient staff for the rostered skeleton crew as required.

3. Other than statutory holidays, time taken off by staff during this period to be either flextime, RDO, annual leave or a combination of both.
4. Appropriate advertising to be arranged.

CARRIED 7

10.2 UPDATED POLICIES FOR ADOPTION

RESOLUTION OM04/ 08/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council adopts the following Statutory and Strategic Policies:

1. Complaints Policy V3
2. Councillor Gifts and Benefits Policy V4
3. Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy V3

CARRIED 7

10.3 LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION OM05/ 08/25

Moved: Cr John Tully

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council approve the updated Local Disaster Management Plan – Version 1.7

CARRIED 7

11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - JULY 2025

RESOLUTION OM06/ 08/25

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

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

CARRIED 7

11.2 MICC DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS UNITS - FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT AS OF 31 JULY 2025

RESOLUTION OM07/ 08/25

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Tully

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

CARRIED 7

11.3 CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW REPORT - JUNE 2025 AND JULY 2025

RESOLUTION OM08/ 08/25

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the June 2025 and July 2025 Corporate Services Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

11.4 ANNUAL DONATION TO LIFEFLIGHT & ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE (RFDS)

RESOLUTION OM09/ 08/25

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council approves to the annual donation amounting to \$5,000 to LifeFlight and \$5,000 to Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

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

Against: Cr Kim Coghlan

CARRIED 6/1

12 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

12.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT - MAY - JULY 2025

RESOLUTION OM10/ 08/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and accepts the Waste Management Quarterly Report May – July 2025 as presented.

CARRIED 7

12.2 MOUNT ISA CBD MASTERPLAN**RESOLUTION OM11/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council endorses the Mount Isa CBD Masterplan Report as presented.

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 10:11 am, Cr John Tully left the meeting.

At 10:13 am, Cr John Tully returned to the meeting.

12.3 REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF SCOPE - SIKARAN MARTIAL ARTS**RESOLUTION OM12/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr John Doyle

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council approve Sikaran Martial Arts Inc. request for a change of scope for their approved funding received in Round 2, 2024-25 Community Grants funding and grant an extension to the completion date.

CARRIED 7

12.4 APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD - LOT 42 CROWN PLAN 847157**RESOLUTION OM13/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council resolves to advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that:

1. Council supports the application for conversion to freehold of Lot 42 Crown Plan 847157 subject to:
 - a. The applicant is to enter into discussions with Council's Chief Executive Officer (or Delegate) and come to satisfactory terms agreed to by both parties in relation to the roads off alignment; and
 - b. All cost associated with the application are to be borne by the applicant.
2. Council provides images REF Lot 42 CP847157-RD01-11 as reference to roads off alignment and note that this information is based on a desktop exercise; and

3. Council is unaware if Lot 42 Crown Plan 847157 has any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values.

CARRIED 7

12.5 NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION 2025 NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTSTAR AWARDS - COUNCILLOR DELEGATION

RESOLUTION OM14/ 08/25

Moved: Cr John Doyle

Seconded: Cr Peta MacRae

THAT Council approves for the North Qld Sports Foundation delegates, Crs **John Doyle** and **Cr James Coghlan**, to assess the local nominations for the 2025 North Queensland Sportstar Awards and select the relevant nominees per category, as Council's submission to The North Queensland Sports Foundation.

AND

THAT Council delegates the CEO to negotiate and approve financial assistance to local nominees who attend the Sportstar Awards, subject to budget availability.

CARRIED 7

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW REPORT - JULY 2025

RESOLUTION OM15/ 08/25

Moved: Cr John Tully

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council

- Council Receives and notes the July 2025 Major Projects Overview Report.
- Endorse the Moondarra Road - *shoulder reconstruction and reseal* and Duchess Road - *flood protection design and partial works*, as the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDs) projects to be delivered within the 2025-26 financial year. No change to the 2025-26 total TIDs budget of \$950,000 is required.
- Approve the inclusion of the North West Mineral Province - Lake Moondarra Lions Youth Camp project (\$200,000) and Residential Activation Fund – Gliderport Road and Road Infrastructure at Healy Height project (\$2,000,000) in the 2025-26 Capital works Budget.

CARRIED 7

Cr James Coghlan requested an update on the Duchess Road water main upgrade project and a timeline to provide to residents. This was taken on notice for discussion at the next Council Workshop.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

15 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**RESOLUTION OM16/ 08/25**

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 MICCOE Finance Overview Report - July 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 Request to Waiver Outstanding Balance Owing for Debtor 30707

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.

15.3 The John Miles City Lookout

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - e 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 contracts proposed to be made by it.

15.4 SunWater Water Supply Agreement

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - e 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 contracts proposed to be made by it.

15.5 Mount Isa Critical Minerals and Rare Earths Research Centre - Feasibility Study

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 10.50am.

At 11.14am, Cr Ballard left the meeting during discussion of Item 15.2 due to a perceived conflict of interest and returned to the meeting at 11.29am.

Resumed Open Council at 11.55am.**RESOLUTION OM17/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED 7

15.1 MICCOE FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - JULY 2025**RESOLUTION OM18/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr John Tully

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

CARRIED 7

At 11:55 am, Cr Dan Ballard left the meeting due to a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item 15.2.

15.2 REQUEST TO WAIVER OUTSTANDING BALANCE OWING FOR DEBTOR 30707**RESOLUTION OM19/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council **approves** to waiver the outstanding balance of \$20,777.74 on Debtor Account 30707, Invoice 8 (previously Invoice 2914713) issued on 18.11.2022 for Animal Impoundment Fees, Fines and Penalties under *Section 7.3 of Council's Sundry Debt Recovery Policy* due to financial hardship

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

Against: Cr Kim Coghlan

Absent: Cr Dan Ballard

CARRIED 5/1

At 11:56 am, Cr Dan Ballard returned to the meeting.

15.3 THE JOHN MILES CITY LOOKOUT**RESOLUTION OM20/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council

- a) appoints Oaka Constructions Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer for the construction of John Campbell Miles City Lookout Revitalisation Project (Area 1) as per Public Tender 2024_58 subject to successful negotiation of the second stage of value engineering options to reduce the tendered figure of \$3, 990,393.90 to the budgeted figure of \$3.5M.
- b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and enter into contract substantively in the terms of the contract issued with the Tender.

CARRIED 7

15.4 SUNWATER WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**RESOLUTION OM21/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council approves the variation of the Supply Contract River held between Mount Isa City Council and Sunwater Limited for reduced tariffs and a temporary trade of water from Council to Sunwater as per Option 7 tabled in this report.

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

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

Against: Cr Peta MacRae

CARRIED 6/1

15.5 MOUNT ISA CRITICAL MINERALS AND RARE EARTHS RESEARCH CENTRE - FEASIBILITY STUDY**RESOLUTION OM22/ 08/25**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council engages Maven Libera Capital to undertake the Mount Isa Critical Minerals and Rare Earths Research Centre full feasibility study up to the value of \$565,000 (excluding GST) under the provisions of section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

AND Delegates to the CEO to negotiate, finalise and enter into the engagement.

CARRIED 7

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.59am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 24 September 2025.

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MAYOR MACRAE