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**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 29 October 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, 29 OCTOBER 2025 AT 9:30AM**

PRESENT: Crs MacRae (Via Teams), 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. Mayor MacRae advised that this Ordinary Meeting will be livestreamed and recorded in accordance with Council's policy.

2 PRAYER

Cr James Coghlan provided the meeting with an opening prayer.

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

It was noted that Mayor MacRae is attending the meeting via teleconference (Teams). Deputy Mayor Cr Kim Coghlan assumed the role of chairperson for the meeting.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Casual for a Cause Initiative

During the month of September, Mount Isa City Council staff raised \$179.75 for Headspace Mount Isa through the Casual for a Cause initiative. Cr John Doyle presented Aimee Seaton, from Headspace Mount Isa, with the certificate of donation.

Peter Bolger

Peter Bolger raised concerns regarding postal addresses referencing suburbs, not Mount Isa, on correspondence. He has lodged an official complaint with the local federal member's office. The feedback was noted.

Peter commended the works undertaken by Council to clean up the riverbed. He noted the recent rain had washed debris downstream, blocking the Alma Street crossing. He congratulated Council staff for promptly clearing this by the following morning. Peter asked who had funded the extensive clean up exercise.

The CEO responded and advised it was funded by a grant received through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Correspondence from Trevor Sorenson

The Deputy Mayor Cr Kim Coghlan read the correspondence received from Trevor Sorenson, as tabled on the agenda.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM01/ 10/25

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 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 17 OCTOBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM02/ 10/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and notes the outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 17 October 2025.

CARRIED 7

Cr John Tully asked a question regarding the 'Notice of Motion' action's target date. The CEO advised that the Motion was dependent on collection of data, and this was ongoing. The CEO advised that the strategy for this Motion this will be considered at a Council Workshop.

Cr James Coghlan asked a question regarding the amenities trailer action, if these will be retained. The Director Community Services responded and advised that these would proceed to auction. Although Council has recently applied for grant funding for small portable toilet units, these will not require the trailer mentioned.

7 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

Mayor MacRae delivered the following Mayoral Minute:

October has been another very busy month. This month, I had the honour of representing Mount Isa at several key events.

I was invited (*to the LGAQ Annual Conference*) deliver a personal address reflecting on the emotional and strategic journey of our smelter campaign. Rather than focusing solely on economic data, I shared the human side of leadership during crisis - highlighting the strength, optimism, and determination that define our city.

I was also able to address the Society for Economic Geologists International Conference. I addressed delegates on the opportunities emerging in Mount Isa through exploration, mining, and the critical minerals sector. I highlighted the transformative potential of the CopperString project, which promises to deliver more affordable energy and a robust foundation for renewable energy initiatives across the North West.

Today, I was in Townsville earlier, I am now in the Burdekin in my capacity of Board member of Regional Development Australia, to attend their AGM. Tomorrow I will be attending the MITEZ AGM and Workshop, where I am also on the Board and have been asked to facilitate a session on co-designing the future. This session will include industry leaders, local government, and heads of government departments. It is important that we, as a community, are represented on these significant economic development groups to make sure our needs are being considered when priorities are being developed.

Next week, I am off to Canberra on behalf of the Regional Organisation of Councils, alongside Mayor Janene Fegan and Mayor Liz Schmidt from the North West Queensland ROC, MITEZ and RDA. The delegation is looking at the housing issue and what opportunity we can provide as a group in helping to solve the housing crisis. It has been a long held position of this Council that the first home owner grant be applied to existing housing. We believe our community, especially, holds great opportunity, as it always has, for young people to relocate and get a start in the property market, where homes do not start at one million dollars as they increasingly do along the coast. Instead of young people setting themselves up for a lifetime of debt, let them use the First Homeowners Scheme to buy an existing property in the 3-4 thousand dollar market as a start in their property journey, and still be able to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle.

Council continues to prioritise enabling infrastructure as a catalyst for economic growth. We continue to discuss the need to reframe how infrastructure projects are assessed. Rather than focusing solely on return on investment, we advocate for a model that considers the broader economic benefits and royalty generation potential of infrastructure in regional areas.

This approach is vital to unlocking the full potential of the North West Minerals Province and ensuring Mount Isa remains a hub for innovation, logistics, and industry.

In partnership with the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) and funded through the Regional Drought Resilience Program, Council commenced a comprehensive Water Leak Detection and Valve Service Assessment Project. Running from 27 October to 7 November, this initiative uses advanced acoustic monitoring to identify and address leaks in our water reticulation network.

This proactive maintenance will enhance water efficiency, reduce wastage, and support long-term sustainability of our water infrastructure - critical to our arid environment. I thank the team for sourcing this funding.

I would like to congratulate the library staff of their recent Queensland Public Library Association Multicultural Excellence Award. I would also like to thank them for the Welcoming Babies Day event that they organised. There were over 100 babies registered, and it was a wonderful day.

I am sorry I missed RockPop this year, but I understand we were well represented by the Deputy Mayor and some of our councillors. It's usually one of my favourite events where I get to judge. I just want to thank Apex and the other service clubs, because without them contributing, that event wouldn't be the success that it always is.

Earlier today Council held "Cuppa with the Councillors", apologies I didn't make it in time to join the session. However, it is a great initiative, and I encourage anyone who has questions of Council, or wants to learn more about what we do, to come along, you have a monthly opportunity from 8.30am – 9.30am (*on Council meeting days*).

Cr John Tully asked the Mayor if the First home owner grant gets across the line for existing homes, if Council could advocate to set a base that properties up to a limit of \$250-300k are not counted as 'first homes' as it's less viable to obtain the grant on lower value properties. Mayor MacRae advised she will provide an update to the Councillors outside of this meeting.

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**10.1 2025-26 OPERATIONAL PLAN - FIRST QUARTER UPDATE****RESOLUTION OM03/ 10/25**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council receive and accept the 2025-2026 Operational Plan – First Quarter Update report.

CARRIED 7

Cr Travis Crowther requested if future Operational Plan review reports could be more informative and include definitions of the parameters for actions 'on target'. The CEO took the feedback on notice.

Cr James Coghlan (*in reference to LI4 of the agenda attachment*) questioned how this was measured 'on target' in light of a seemingly constant stream of complaints regarding these facilities and parks. The CEO advised that the target ensures facilities are open and available to the public, but maintenance issues will always be a concern. Preventative maintenance is undertaken to minimise impacts and maximise availability.

Cr James Coghlan (*in reference to LI7 of the agenda attachment*) requested further information on how Council is improving the safety of the CBD. The CEO advised Council has recently received grant funding for the CBD's CCTV and details will be provided to the next Council Workshop.

Deputy Mayor Cr Kim Coghlan requested that Council considers holding a community grants expo next year to support the target. (*in reference to LI1 of the agenda attachment*).

10.2 UPDATED POLICIES FOR ADOPTION**RESOLUTION OM04/ 10/25**

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council adopts the Corporate Governance Framework V2

CARRIED 7

11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**11.1 FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT -SEPTEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION OM05/ 10/25**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Tully

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

CARRIED 7

11.2 MICC DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS UNITS - FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM06/ 10/25

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Tully

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

CARRIED 7

Deputy Mayor Cr Kim Coghlan asked a question regarding new lifeguard uniforms. The Director Corporate Services advised this will be considered in the Quarter 1 Budget Review.

11.3 CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM07/ 10/25

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the August 2025 and September 2025 Corporate Services Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

12 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP ROUND ONE 2025-26

RESOLUTION OM08/ 10/25

Moved: Cr John Doyle

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council approve the following organisation to receive Round one, 2025-26 Community Grants and Sponsorship.

Grants Organisation	Project	Amount *
PCYC Mount Isa	Youth Drop in and After Dark Programs	\$ 5,000.00 *
Copper City Tennis Club Inc.	Upgrade equipment/Come and Try Day	\$ 5,000.00
Mount Isa Go Kart Club	Paint various track areas for safety	\$ 2,116.00
The Drovers Camp Assoc. Inc.	Drovers Camp Tech Upgrade	\$ 4,119.09 *
	TOTAL	\$ 16,235.09 *
<i>*Amounts are plus GST if applicable</i>		
Sponsorship Organisation	Project	Amount *

Isa Heat Swim Club Inc.	2025 Isa Heat LC Transition Meet	\$ 4,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 4,000.00
<i>*Amounts are plus GST if applicable</i>		

CARRIED 7

12.2 DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE QUARTER ONE 2025-2026 OVERVIEW REPORT

RESOLUTION OM09/ 10/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and accepts the Development and Land Use Quarter One 2025-2026 Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

12.3 PERMIT TO OCCUPY OVER A COUNCIL CAMPING AND WATER RESERVE LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 ON PLAN WO15.

RESOLUTION OM10/ 10/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council agrees to:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign Part C – Form LA30 Statement in relation to an application under the *Land Act 1994* over State Land for a Permit to Occupy over Lot 1 on Crown Plan WO15; and
2. Include in Part C – Form LA30, Council's conditions I-IV (as listed) for the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development consideration and to form part of the terms and conditions for the Permit to Occupy over Lot 1 WO15:
Conditions:
 - I. The holder of the Permit to Occupy must, at all times during the currency of the tenure, allow the travelling public free and unrestricted access to Lot 1 on Crown Plan WO15 which includes the existing camping site located off the Barkly Highway; and
 - II. The permittee must control pest plants and animals, on the permit area, in accordance with all Acts and Regulations, Local Laws; and
 - III. The permittee must agree to indemnify Council for the term of the permit against any claim arising from their use of the permit area; and
 - IV. The permittee must, within three (3) months from the commencement of the permit, at the permittees' expense provide, erect and maintain signage in prominent positions on both sides of the road frontages of the permit area or

where roads enter such land, stating clearly that the permit area is a Camping and Water Reserve and that it may be used for that specific purpose; and

3. All costs associated with this application are to be borne by the applicant and at no cost to Council.

CARRIED 7

12.4 REGULATORY SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

RESOLUTION OM11/ 10/25

Moved: Cr James Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and accepts the Regulatory Services Quarterly Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

12.5 LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM12/ 10/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the Library Services Report – July to September 2025 as presented.

CARRIED 7

Deputy Mayor Cr Kim Coghlan asked a question regarding any future plans for the historical part of the Library, as the layout was not ideal for public use. The Director Community Services responded, advising that the current archive area is a multipurpose space and improvement is required for records preservation purposes. As part of the Library's improvement plan, the layout is being reviewed - noting recent changes already implemented - and the archive area is next to be considered.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM13/ 10/25

Moved: Cr John Tully

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and notes the September 2025 Major Projects Overview Report.

CARRIED 7

Cr John Tully requested an update on the MRF solar array and whether this had been approved for commissioning by Ergon. The Director Community Services responded, advising that due to the size of array, Council is awaiting permission from Ergon to bring the system online.

Cr John Tully asked a question regarding cardboard disposal, and why this was not being processed through the MRF. The Director Community Services responded, advising that three semi-trailer loads have now been sent to the receiver for processing (collected through kerbside residential recycling). We were awaiting confirmation that acceptance of commercial loads of cardboard would not risk the financial sustainability of the MRF. Now we have confirmation that this material can go through our established buyers and transport contractors onto the end markets at a reasonable price to the ratepayer, a formal process can be initiated to accept the commercial waste. In the next week, a skip will be placed at the transfer station for cardboard, to capture as much as possible through the MRF. It will be the responsibility of the private waste collectors to manage separate commercial cardboard collections.

Deputy Mayor Cr Kim Coghlan raised concerns about the traffic management plan for pedestrians during school term on the Fourth Avenue PCNP works. The CEO advised that an additional traffic controller is now in place in the morning and afternoons during school pick up and drop off.

13.2 WATER & SEWER OVERVIEW REPORT OCTOBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM14/ 10/25

Moved: Cr John Tully

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council notes the status of Water and Sewerage operations as outlined in this Overview Report.

CARRIED 7

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

15 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

RESOLUTION OM15/ 10/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

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 - September 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.

CARRIED 7

Commenced Closed Council at 10.37am.

At 10:38 am, Cr Peta MacRae left the meeting to attend the RDA Committee Meeting.

Resumed Open Council at 10.58am.

RESOLUTION OM16/ 10/25

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED 6

15.1 MICCOE FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION OM17/ 10/25

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther

Seconded: Cr John Tully

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

CARRIED 6

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.07am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2025.



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