

# MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

## ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

**2:00PM, Tuesday 19 December 2023**

In the Council Boardroom, Welsford Street

### COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Anthony Brophy

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Sam Spinks

Cr Fern Summer

### VISION

**GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE**

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

# Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

## **Respect first, always**

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

## **Take ownership**

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

## **Courageously lead**

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

## **Working together**

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

## **Continually innovate**

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

## **Start the celebration**

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

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FOR THE  
ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023 AT 2:00PM**

**CHAIR  
CR SHANE SALI  
MAYOR**

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## Risk Level Matrix Legend

**Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.**

| Likelihood   | Consequences      |              |                 |              |                |
|--|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
|  | Negligible<br>(1) | Minor<br>(2) | Moderate<br>(3) | Major<br>(4) | Extreme<br>(5) |
| <b>Almost Certain (5)</b><br>Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly) | LOW               | MEDIUM       | HIGH            | EXTREME      | EXTREME        |
| <b>Likely (4)</b><br>Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)               | LOW               | MEDIUM       | MEDIUM          | HIGH         | EXTREME        |
| <b>Possible (3)</b><br>Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)      | LOW               | LOW          | MEDIUM          | HIGH         | HIGH           |
| <b>Unlikely (2)</b><br>It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)                          | LOW               | LOW          | LOW             | MEDIUM       | HIGH           |
| <b>Rare (1)</b><br>May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)        | LOW               | LOW          | LOW             | MEDIUM       | HIGH           |

**Extreme** Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation

**High** Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.

**Medium** Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls

**Low** Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

**PRESENT:**  
Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)  
Cr Seema Abdullah  
Cr Dinny Adem  
Cr Anthony Brophy  
Cr Geoffrey Dobson  
Cr Greg James  
Cr Ben Ladson  
Cr Sam Spinks  
Cr Fern Summer

|                  |                     |                                |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Officers:</b> | Geraldine Christou  | Acting Chief Executive Officer |
|                  | Louise Mitchell     | Director Community             |
|                  | Chris Teitzel       | Director Corporate Services    |
|                  | Gary Randhawa       | Director Infrastructure        |
|                  | Rebecca Good        | Manager Corporate Governance   |
|                  | Molly Willmott      | Official Minute Taker          |
|                  | Janaka Samaranayake | Deputy Minute Taker            |

## 1 Welcome to Country

Cr James will now present a Welcome to Country on behalf of the Yorta Yorta Elders Council and the 16 family groups.

## 2 Acknowledgement

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

## 3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

## 4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the decisions contained in these Minutes gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

## 5 Apologies

Nil Received.

## 6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

**Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.**

## 7 Corporate Services Directorate

### 7.1 Election of Deputy Mayor

Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council:

1. elect a Deputy Mayor commencing effective immediately and concluding at the time of the next Local Government Election scheduled for 26 October 2024.
2. if at any time there is a vacancy in the office of the Mayor or the Mayor is absent, incapable of acting or refusing to act, then provided the Deputy Mayor is available, the Council hereby appoints the Deputy Mayor to be the Acting Mayor in accordance with Sections 20B(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

In accordance with Section 20(A) of the Local Government Act 2020, the Mayor called for nominations for a Councillor to fill the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Summer nominated Cr Spinks for the position of Deputy Mayor  
Cr Spinks accepted the nomination

Cr James nominated Cr Brophy for the position of Deputy Mayor  
Cr Brophy accepted the nomination

Those in favour of Cr Spinks: Cr Spinks, Cr Adem, Cr Summer, Cr Abdullah, Cr Ladson

A majority vote was achieved and the chair declared Cr Spinks duly elected as the Deputy Mayor of Greater Shepparton City Council.

Deputy Mayor Spinks provided a formal acknowledgement and addressed the Council.





## 8 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 3:17pm.