

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00pm, Tuesday 15 August 2023

In the Council Boardroom, Welsford Street

COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Ben Ladson

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.

**M I N U T E S
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023 AT 3:00PM**

**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 (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
Almost Certain (5) Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
Likely (4) Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
Possible (3) Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
Unlikely (2) It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Rare (1) 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 Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)**
- Cr Seema Abdullah**
- Cr Anthony Brophy**
- Cr Geoffrey Dobson**
- Cr Ben Ladson**
- Cr Sam Spinks**
- Cr Fern Summer**

Officers:

Peter Harriott	Chief Executive Officer
Louise Mitchell	Director Community
Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
Gary Randhawa	Director Infrastructure
Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
Molly Willmott	Official Minute Taker
Janaka Samaranayake	Deputy Minute Taker

1 Welcome to Country

The Welcome to Country was not provided due to the absence of Cr James.

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

**Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Dobson**

That the apology from Cr Greg James be noted and a leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

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 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Dobson**

That the minutes of the 18 July 2023 Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

8 Public Question Time

8.1 Public Question and Response

The following public questions were submitted to Council in accordance with our Governance Rules.

Is Greater Shepparton City Council going to publicly support the Yes case for the referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to parliament and constitutional amendment to be held later this year?

If Yes, will the council both promote their support of the referendum and take actions to counterbalance/correct misinformation and disinformation circulating in communities?

The following answer was provided by Council officers

Council will consider its support for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament at the August 2023 Council Meeting.

This action is consistent with the Council Plan 2021-25 priority of calling for substantive First Nations constitutional change and structural reform.

9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.

10 Community Directorate

10.1 **LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee Terms of Reference & Membership recruitment**

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Greater Shepparton
LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

10.2 Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference

**Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Abdullah**

That the Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Advisory Committee, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

10.3 Empowering Communities Project Grants and Update

Moved by Cr Dobson
 Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for the Empowering Communities Project Grants as follows:

Organisation	Grant Amount Awarded
Giz A Break Limited	\$ 80,000
Goulburn Valley Gangaru Parasports	\$100,000
Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project	\$100,000
International Association for Psychiatric Nurses	\$ 40,000
Masomo Mbele Foundation	\$100,000
Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre	\$ 40,000
Secure Shepp Kids	\$ 20,000
Umoja Empowerment Group	\$ 20,000
TOTAL	\$500,000

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

10.4 Supporting an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

**Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Council support the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

10.5 Greater Shepparton Public Health Advisory Committee - Endorsement of Membership and Terms of Reference

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council:

1. appoint the following members to the Greater Shepparton Municipal Public Health Advisory Committee for a period of two years commencing on 1 October 2023 and expiring on 1 October 2025:
 - Kimberly Ackland
 - Camuran Albanoi
 - Dr Suresh Jayasundera
 - David Evans
 - Sherri Smith - Hoyer
 - Charles Oguntade
 - Belinda Conna
 - Amy Robinson
 - Charlotte Brewer
 - Gordon Ross
 - Dr Menon Parameswaran OAM
2. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Greater Shepparton Public Health Advisory Committee.
3. acknowledge the contribution of outgoing committee members and write to thank them for their service.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - July 2023

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council:

1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and
2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.2 Appointment of Independent Member to Audit & Risk Management Committee

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council appoint Daniel Butel to the position of Independent Member on the Audit and Risk Management Committee for a period of three years, commencing on 16 August 2023 and concluding on 15 August 2026.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.3 Audit & Risk Management Committee Charter

**Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Dobson**

That the Council adopt the Audit & Risk Management Committee Charter, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.4 Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer Policy

**Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Summer**

That the Council adopt the Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer Policy, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.5 July 2023 Monthly Financial Report

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council note the July 2023 Monthly Financial Report.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.6 CEO Employment and Remuneration Council Policy

**Moved by Cr Abdullah
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Council note and endorse the revised Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Council Policy

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12 Sustainable Development Directorate

12.1 Welsford Street Stages 5 and 6 Draft Concept Designs

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council:

1. note the conclusion of the pre-draft consultation associated with the Welsford Street Upgrade: Stages 5 and 6 held from 25 July to 26 August 2022;
2. receive and note the Conversation Report: Welsford Street Upgrade Stages 5 and 6 Pre-Draft Consultation, August 2023 summarising the community engagement process, all submissions received and Council officers' responses to submissions, as attached;
3. authorise for exhibition the Draft Welsford Street Stages 5 and 6 Concept Designs August 2023 for a period of four weeks commencing on 21 August 2023 and concluding on 18 September 2023, as attached; and
4. note that Council officers will report back to Council on any feedback, comments and submissions received from the public during the consultation period.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

13 Infrastructure Directorate

13.1 Kerbside Transition Program Stage 1

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council:

1. note the report for Stage 1 Kerbside Transition Program;
2. endorse the introduction of a dedicated nappy collection and processing service commencing early 2024; and
3. endorse the introduction of a 360L comingled recycling bin as an option offered to residents on as needs basis.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

13.2 Award of Contract Extension for Contract Numbers 1588, 1589 and 1590 for Interim Kerbside Collection and Processing Services

Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council:

1. award extension of the following contracts for the period commencing 1 November 2023 to 22 January 2025:
 - (a) Contract Number 1588 to Veolia Environmental Services for kerbside collection services;
 - (b) Contract Number 1589 to Veolia Environmental Services for recyclables processing;
 - (c) Contract Number 1590 to Western Composting Technology for FOGO processing; and,
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute such documents as are necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

14 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

15 Councillor Reports

15.1 Councillor Activities

15.1.1 Councillor Activities - July 2023

Moved by Cr Ladson
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillors' Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

16 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

16.1 Notice of Motion 11/2023 Environmental Water Opposition

Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council:

1. Acknowledge the meeting that the Greater Shepparton City Council Mayor Cr Shane Sali and CEO Peter Harriott had with the Federal Minister for Water on Thursday 3 August during a recent delegation to Federal Parliament to discuss the implications of the MDBP on the Goulburn Valley region.
2. Assist the Federal Minister for Water to understand the economic impact of the Basin Plan on the Goulburn Valley region.
3. Advocate for an extension of time for the completion of the Basin Plan so that appropriate environmental infrastructure works and measures can be completed.
4. Work with the State and Federal Governments to ensure that any further water recovery is subject to appropriate socio-economic assessment.
5. If remaining water is to be sourced to meet the targets of the Basin Plan outside of the environmental infrastructure works and measures, that this water be sourced from areas other than the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.

CARRIED

16.2 Notice of Motion 12/2023 Lemnos Commemorative Structure

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council:

1. request that officers provide a report to Council by October 2023 containing estimated costs of designing and erecting a memorial structure in the locality of Lemnos. Information contained within the report will outline and acknowledge the relevance of the Lemnos name and its historical link to the Gallipoli campaign, with special focus on the sacrifices of the female nurses based on the Island of Lemnos during World War One to be included within the memorial.
2. engage with the local Lemnos Community with a view to assisting the establishment of a formal community group that can advocate for the interests and aspirations of the Lemnos community.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

17 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

18 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 5:23pm.