



**MINUTES
OF THE
CONFIDENTIAL
SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL
HELD ON**

7 JULY 2025

Council Chambers

Honour Avenue

Wyalkatchem

Commencement: 4:00pm

Closure 4:06pm

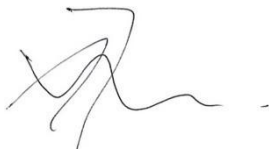
Preface

When the Chief Executive Officer approved these Minutes for distribution they are in essence “*Unconfirmed*” until the following Ordinary Meeting of Council, where the minutes will be confirmed subject to any amendments.

The “*Confirmed*” Minutes are then signed off by the Presiding Member.

Unconfirmed Minutes

These unconfirmed minutes were approved for distribution on 8 July 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabine Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sabine Taylor

Chief Executive Officer

DISCLAIMER

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Wyalkatchem for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decisions, which will be provided within ten days of this meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors and staff are reminded of the requirements of section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to disclose any interest or perceived interest in any matter to be discussed during a meeting, and also the requirement to disclose any item affecting impartiality.

Financial Interest:

Under section 5.60A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the Local Government in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

Proximity Interest:

Under section 5.60B of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or a proposed development of land that adjoins the person's land.

Impartiality Interest:

As per the Shire of Wyalkatchem Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members, and Candidates for Election, and to maintain transparency, it is important to disclose all interests, including impartiality interests which include interests arising from kinship, friendship and membership of associations. If it is possible that your vote on a matter may be perceived as impartial, you should disclose your interest. Having disclosed the interest, you may declare your objectivity on the matter, and remain in the Chamber, and chair, or move/second, speak and vote on the matter.

Disclosing an Interest:

Disclosures must be made, in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting, or prior to consideration of the item in which an interest exists.

If you disclose a Financial or Proximity Interest, you must leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on. Only after a decision has been reached may you return to the meeting, at which time the Presiding Person will inform you of Council's decision on the matter.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Cr Garner declared the meeting open at 4:00pm.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1. Attendance

Cr Owen Garner	President and Presiding Member
Cr Christy Petchell	Deputy President
Cr Mischa Stratford	
Cr Christopher Loton	
Cr Tracy Dickson	
Cr Rod Lawson Kerr	
Cr Justin Begley	
Sabine Taylor	Chief Executive Officer
Claire Trenorden	Manager Corporate Services

2.2. Apologies

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1. Financial and Proximity Interest

Nil

3.2. Impartiality Interests

Nil

4. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(74/2025) Moved: Cr Petchell

Seconded: Cr Lawson-Kerr

That Council close the meeting to members of the public under Sec. 5.23 (2)(c) and (e)(iii) of the Local Government Act 1995.

CARRIED 7/0

Voted for: Cr Garner, Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Dickson, Cr Petchell, Cr Begley, Cr Loton

4.1. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

4.1.1. ACTING CEO RECRUITMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	07 July 2025
Reporting Officer:	Cr Owen Garner, Shire President
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Number:	22.23.07
Attachment Reference:	

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION /COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(75/2025) Moved: Cr Lawson-Kerr

Seconded: Cr Begley

That Council, by Absolute Majority:

- 1. Agree to the appointment of a consultant to perform in the role of Acting CEO, from a date to be agreed.***

Thus that Ian McCabe be appointed Acting CEO for a term commencing on 10 July 2025 and expiring with the commencement of the substantive CEO.

That the Acting CEO be remunerated at the current CEO's remuneration level.

CARRIED 6/1

Voted for: Cr Garner, Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Dickson, Cr Petchell, Cr Begley

Voted against: Cr Loton

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(76/2025) Moved: Cr Loton

Seconded: Cr Petchell

That Council move out from behind closed doors.

CARRIED 7/0

Voted for: Cr Garner, Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Dickson, Cr Petchell, Cr Begley, Cr Loton

5. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no other business to attend to, Presiding Member Cr Garner closed the meeting at 4:06pm.