



Council Agenda



Campaspe
Shire Council

Date: 4 November 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Photo Left to Right: Cr Adrian Weston, Cr Tony Marwood, Cr Rob Amos, Cr Colleen Gates (Deputy Mayor), Cr Daniel Mackrell, Cr Chrissy Weller (Mayor), Cr Paul Jarman, Cr John Zobec and Cr Leanne Pentreath.

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For a meeting of the Campaspe Shire Council held on Friday 4 November 2022, commencing at 6:00 pm as a Virtual Meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Campaspe is the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Yorta Yorta Peoples.

We respect and acknowledge their unique Aboriginal cultural heritage and pay our respect to their ancestors, descendants and emerging leaders as the Traditional Owners of this Country.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

Opening Prayer

We pray to almighty God that our decisions as a Council be in the best interest of the people, culture and the environment of the Shire of Campaspe.

Amen

Meeting Procedures

Please ensure that all electronic devices are turned off or switched to silent.

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1 Apologies

2 Term of the Mayor

Section 26(3) of the Local Government Act 2020, states that before a Mayor is elected, the Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one year or a two year term.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve that the Mayor be elected for a term of one year.

3 Election of Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer will conduct the election of the Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules and section 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Section 20(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor now become vacant and the Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations to fill the position of Mayor.

Nominations for the Office of Mayor

1. The CEO will call for nominations for the position of Mayor and confirm acceptance of the nomination with the nominee.
2. Each nomination must be seconded.
3. Any Councillor nominated may refuse nomination.

Determining the Election of the Mayor

1. If there is only one (1) nomination for the position of Mayor, that Councillor is deemed to be elected Mayor.
2. If there is more than one (1) nomination at the Council Meeting, the election of the Mayor will be held in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and rule 6.8 of the Governance Rules.

Voting for Position of Mayor of Campaspe Shire Council

1. The Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one (1) of the nominees (candidates) by a show of hands.
2. In alphabetical order of the candidate Councillors Surnames, The CEO will call for a show of hands in favour of each candidate.
3. If a candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, that candidate is declared to have been elected to the Position of Mayor.
4. In the event that no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated from the ballot.
 - a. If two (2) or more candidates have an equal lowest number of votes, a lot is to be undertaken to exclude one of these candidates.
5. The process as stated in point 2 to 4 (above) is repeated until one candidate receives an absolute majority of votes.

In accordance with section 25(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, if an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.

Elimination by Lot

If a lot is required, the CEO will conduct the lot and the following provisions will apply:

1. The order of drawing lots shall be determined by the alphabetical order of the Surname of the Councillors who received an equal number of votes, except that if two (2) or more such Councillors surnames are identical, the order shall be determined by the alphabetical order of the Councillor's first name;
2. As many identical pieces of paper as there are Councillors who receive an equal lowest number of votes shall be placed in a receptacle provided by the CEO;
3. Each candidate will draw one (1) lot;
4. If the lot is being conducted to determine which candidate is to be duly excluded, the word "Excluded" shall be written on one (1) of the pieces of paper and the Councillor who draws the paper with the word "Excluded" written on it shall be declared to have been excluded.
5. If the election is held as a virtual meeting, the CEO will draw lots on behalf of candidates as required.

DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR

The CEO will declare the following:

Councillor _____ has been elected as Mayor of Campaspe Shire Council for the next 12 months.

4 Ceremonial Mayoral Speech

In accordance with Governance Rule 6.12, the Mayor may make a ceremonial speech to outline the priorities for the year ahead based on the adopted Council Plan.

5 Term of the Deputy Mayor

Section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, states that before a Deputy Mayor is elected, the Council must determine by resolution whether the Deputy Mayor is to be elected for a one year or a two year term.

Section 27(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, states that section 26 applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve:

1. **That the Deputy Mayor be elected for a term of one year, and**
2. **If during the Mayoral Term, 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*.**

6 Election of the Deputy Mayor

The Mayor will conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules and section 26 and 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

NOMINATIONS

The Mayor will call for nominations to fill the position of Deputy Mayor.

Nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor

1. The Mayor will call for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and confirm acceptance of the nomination with the nominee.
2. Each nomination must be seconded.
3. Any Councillor nominated may refuse nomination.

Determining the Election of the Deputy Mayor

1. If there is only one (1) nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor, that Councillor is deemed to be elected Deputy Mayor.
2. If there is more than one (1) nomination at the Council Meeting, the election of the Deputy Mayor will be held in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and rule 6.8 of the Governance Rules.

Voting for Position of Deputy Mayor of Campaspe Shire Council

1. The Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the nominees (candidates) by a show of hands.
2. In alphabetical order of the candidate Councillors Surnames, The Mayor will call for a show of hands in favour of each candidate.
3. If a candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, that candidate is declared to have been elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.
4. In the event that no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated from the ballot.
 - a. If two (2) or more candidates have an equal lowest number of votes, a lot is to be undertaken to exclude one of these candidates.
5. The process as stated in point 2 to 4 (above) is repeated until one (1) candidate receives an absolute majority of votes.

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2. As many identical pieces of paper as there are Councillors who receive an equal lowest number of votes shall be placed in a receptacle provided by the CEO;

3. Each candidate will draw one (1) lot;
4. If the lot is being conducted to determine which candidate is to be duly excluded, the word “Excluded” shall be written on one (1) of the pieces of paper and the Councillor who draws the paper with the word “Excluded” written on it shall be declared to have been excluded;
5. If the election is held as a virtual meeting, the CEO will draw lots on behalf of candidates as required.

DECLARATION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor will declare the following:

Councillor _____ has been elected as Deputy Mayor of Campaspe Shire Council for the next 12 months.

7 Close Meeting

Pauline Gordon

Chief Executive Officer