



MINUTES Ordinary Meeting



Date 30 June 2020, 1pm
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present Councillors D N MacLeod (Chairperson)
M P Joyce (Deputy Chairperson)
M J Cloke
M G Davey
D L Lean
C L Littlewood
M J McDonald
D H McIntyre
E D Van Der Leden
N W Walker
C S Williamson

Attending Messrs B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive)
S R Hall (Director - Operations)
M J Nield (Director - Corporate Services)
G K Bedford (Director - Environment Quality)
A D McLay (Director - Resource Management)
P Ledingham (Communications Advisor)
Miss L Davidson (Committee Administrator)
One member of the media, Mr M Watson, Taranaki Daily News.

Apologies There were no apologies.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Ordinary Minutes - 19 May 2020

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held at the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 10.30am

McIntyre/Littlewood

Matters arising

It was clarified that under item 8 it was STV voting options only that a report was to be completed on.

2. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 9 June 2020

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

a) receives the minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten road, Stratford on Tuesday 9 June 2020

b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/Williamson

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 9 June 2020

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

a) receives the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 9 June 2020

b) adopts the recommendations therein.

McDonald/Davey

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 22 June 2020

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

a) receives the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Monday 22 June 2020 at 10am

b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/Cloke

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Joint Committee Minutes

- 5.1 The joint committee minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee held on Thursday 21 May 2020, Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held Thursday 21 May 2020 and the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held Wednesday 17 June 2020 were attached.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2020
- b) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee held on Thursday 21 May 2020
- c) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held on Wednesday 17 June.

Walker/Cloke

Matters arising

Regional Transport Committee

This was the first meeting since the triennial elections. Taranaki Trails Trust presented their plans to establish a series of trails throughout the province. Having those plans as part of the RLTP gives a good start to their plans. If the trust wants to progress applications for funding to PGF the RTC could look to support them.

6. July and August Meeting Dates

- 6.1 The meeting dates for July and August 2020 were attached for information.

7. Setting of Administrative Charges Pursuant to Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991

- 7.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum introducing the submissions on the 2020/2021 administrative charges pursuant to section 36 of the *Resource Management Act 1991* (RMA), to consider those submissions, to recommend any changes to the 2020/2021 administrative charges pursuant to section 36 of the *Resource Management Act 1991* and then to fix the 2020/2021 administrative charges pursuant to section 36 of the *Resource Management Act 1991*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) notes that no submissions have been received in response to the Statement of proposal: Schedule of charges pursuant to section 36 of the *Resource Management Act 1991*
- b) notes as there are no submissions, there is no officer's report and, as a result, there are no amendments to the Schedule of charges pursuant to section 36 of the *Resource Management Act 1991*
- c) adopts the Schedule of charges pursuant to section 36 of the *Resource Management Act 1991*.

Cloke/Williamson

8. Adoption of the 2020/2021 Annual Plan

- 8.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum considering and adopting the *2020/2021 Annual Plan*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum on the consideration and adoption of the *2020/2021 Annual Plan*
- b) confirms a nil general rates increase for 2020/2021
- c) notes the balanced budget deficit for 2020/2021 and confirms the transfer from the dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit.
- d) notes that the use of the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget surpluses and deficits balances out over the ten-year life of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* and that, over the full ten years, the Council's budgets balance
- e) notes that the formatting for the *2020/2021 Annual Plan* is still to be completed and that there are a number of minor editorial changes to be made
- f) adopts the *2020/2021 Annual Plan*.

Van Der Leden/Joyce

9. Setting of Rates 2020/2021

- 9.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to set the rates for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) sets the following rates pursuant to the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002* on rating units in the Taranaki region for the financial year commencing 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021:

Capital Value General Rate

Pursuant to section 13 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002* a general rate on the rateable equalised capital value (ECV) of all land within the region known as Taranaki region to collect the following amounts:

General rate	ECV	Percent	GST excl	GST	GST Incl
NPDC	\$23,344,023,600	61.69%	\$4,907,064	\$736,060	\$5,643,124
SDC	\$3,461,165,033	9.15%	\$727,827	\$109,174	\$837,001
STDC	\$11,033,882,958	29.16%	\$2,319,501	\$347,925	\$2,667,426
Total	\$37,839,071,591	100.00%	\$7,954,392	\$1,193,159	\$9,147,551

- a rate of 0.0243445 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region – GST inclusive
- a rate of 0.0282108 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region – GST inclusive
- a rate of 0.0242842 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region – GST inclusive.

Pursuant to section 131 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, the Council has used a registered valuer to make an estimate of the projected valuation of all the rateable land in the districts of the constituent territorial authorities.

Separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (SUIP): A SUIP is defined as a separately used or occupied part of a rating unit and includes any part of a rating unit that is used or occupied by any person, other than the ratepayer, having a right to use or inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence, or other agreement, or any part or parts of a rating unit that are used or occupied by the ratepayer for more than one single use.

Separately used or inhabited for a residential rating unit includes a building or part of a building that contains, two or more separately occupiable units, flats or houses each of which is separately inhabited or is capable of separate habitation

Separately used or inhabited for a small holding or farmland property rating unit includes a rural property/farm with multiple dwellings (e.g., a house is used by a farm worker) each of which is separately inhabited or is capable of separate habitation

Separately used or inhabited for a commercial or industrial rating unit: means a building or part of a building that is, or intended to be, or is able to be, separately tenanted, leased or subleased for commercial purposes

An exception is made for motels/hotels as these are treated as one business even if each accommodation unit may be capable of separate habitation.

River Control and Flood Protection Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a targeted rate of 0.003393 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$786,453) on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

River Control and Flood Protection Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a targeted rate of 0.000669 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$73,490) on the capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

Passenger Transport Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a targeted rate of 0.005852 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$1,356,614) on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

Passenger Transport Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a targeted rate of 0.001329 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$39,437) on the capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region.

Passenger Transport Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a targeted rate of 0.000699 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$76,729) on the capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

Yarrow Stadium Commercial and Industrial Land Value Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a differential targeted rate for Yarrow Stadium on the land value on each commercial and industrial rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The targeted rate (in cents in the dollar of land value) for 2020/2021 for Group 1 Commercial and Industrial is to produce \$296,258 at a rate of 0.023729 cents in the dollar of land value – GST inclusive.

Yarrow Stadium Commercial and Industrial Fixed Value Targeted Rate (New Plymouth and North Taranaki Constituencies)

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a fixed targeted charge (to produce \$407,963) of \$172.50 – GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, Group 1 Commercial and Industrial, in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

Yarrow Stadium Residential, Small Holdings and Farmland Fixed Value Targeted Rate (New Plymouth and North Taranaki Constituencies)

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a fixed targeted charge (to produce \$2,832,398) of \$80.89 – GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, Group 2 Residential, Group 3 Small Holdings and Group 4 Farmland, in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

Yarrow Stadium Fixed Value Targeted Rate (Stratford Constituency)

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a fixed targeted charge (to produce \$240,197) of \$53.88 – GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region.

Yarrow Stadium Fixed Value Targeted Rate (South Taranaki Constituency)

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a fixed targeted charge (to produce \$757,371) of \$53.88 – GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

Differential Categories

The Council adopts the definition of its differential categories set out in the *Funding Impact Statement* contained in the *2020/2021 Annual Plan* as its rating categories for the year.

Due Dates

Pursuant to Section 24 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002* the Council's rates will become due and payable by four equal instalments on the following dates:

	New Plymouth & North Taranaki Constituencies	Stratford Constituency	South Taranaki Constituency
Instalment 1	26 August 2020	26 August 2020	26 August 2020
Instalment 2	25 November 2020	25 November 2020	25 November 2020
Instalment 3	24 February 2021	24 February 2021	24 February 2021
Instalment 4	26 May 2021	26 May 2021	26 May 2021

Penalties and Discounts

Pursuant to Section 57 and 58 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, the following penalties on unpaid rates will be applied.

A charge of 10 percent on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2019 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment.

	New Plymouth & North Taranaki Constituencies	Stratford Constituency	South Taranaki Constituency
Instalment 1	26 August 2020	26 August 2020	26 August 2020
Instalment 2	25 November 2020	25 November 2020	25 November 2020
Instalment 3	24 February 2021	24 February 2021	24 February 2021
Instalment 4	26 May 2021	26 May 2021	26 May 2021

The Council will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any portion of rates that were assessed or levied in any previous financial years to 1 July 2020 and which remain unpaid on 1 July 2020. The penalty will be applied on 30 September 2020 and a further additional penalty of 10 per cent on any rates that were assessed or levied in any previous financial years and which remain unpaid on 31 March 2021 (New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies).

The Council will charge a penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2020 which remain unpaid on 10 July 2020 or such later date as required under section 58(1) (b) (ii). A continuing additional penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2019 which remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added (Stratford constituency).

The Council will charge a penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2020 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2020 or such later date as required under section 58(1) (b) (ii). (South Taranaki constituency).

A discount of 3% will be allowed on the total rates set for the financial year, if the rates for a financial year are paid in full on or before the due date of the first instalment for the financial year. (South Taranaki constituency only). This will be 26 August 2020.

Payment Locations

The Council's rates and charges will become due and payable at the principal offices and service centres of the region's district councils. The rates and charges can also be paid at the principal office of the Taranaki Regional Council.

GST Inclusive

All rates set are inclusive of GST.

- b) appoints the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 53 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, to collect the rates set by the Taranaki Regional Council.
- c) delegates to the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council the power to postpone and remit rates pursuant to the relevant adopted *Rates Remission and Postponement Policy*.
- d) approves the keeping of the rating information database in separate parts for the constituent districts of the region and delegates the function of maintaining the rating information database to the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 27(7) of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*.
- e) delegates to the Chief Executive and the Director – Corporate Services the power to resolve administrative matters in relation to the collection of the Taranaki Regional Council's rates and the administration of the rating information database.

Cloke/Lean

10. General Business

The Chairman, Mr D N MacLeod moved a vote of thanks to retiring Taranaki Regional Council Chief Executive, Mr B G Chamberlain, for his service to the Taranaki region and the wider New Zealand community over the past 40 years. Councillors, staff and attendees of the meeting expressed their gratitude.

MacLeod/Lean

Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, thanked Councillors and staff noting that it has been a privilege to have been in the role surrounded by a good team.

11. Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 30 June 2020 for the following reason/s:

Item 12 - Public Excluded Ordinary Minutes - 19 May 2020

THAT the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Item 13 - Public Excluded Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 22 June 2020

THAT the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Item 14 - Ngāti Maniapoto Treaty Settlement Negotiation - Proposed Relationship Agreement with Taranaki Regional Council

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Walker/Williamson

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Public Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 1.28pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____

D N MacLeod

11 August 2020