



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting



Date 18 May 2021, 10.30am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present Councillors D N MacLeod (Via Zoom)
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 S J Ruru Chief Executive
M J Nield Director - Corporate Services
D R Harrison Director - Operations
A D McLay Director - Resource Management
A J Matthews Director - Environment Quality
Mr P Ledingham Communications Adviser
Miss L Davidson Committee Administrator

One member of the media, Mr M Watson, Taranaki Daily News.

Apologies Apologies were received from Councillors M P Joyce and apologies for lateness from Councillors C S Williamson and M J McDonald
Walker/Van der Leden

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Appointment of Chairperson

- 1.1 The Chief Executive, Mr S J Ruru, opened the meeting and called for nominations of Chairperson due to Mr D N MacLeod being unable to get to the meeting in-person and the deputy chairperson Councillor M P Joyce, being an apology for the meeting.
- 1.2 Councillor D N McIntyre nominated Councillor C L Littlewood to chair the meeting.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) appoints Councillor C L Littlewood to chair the Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 18 May 2021.
McIntyre/Walker

2. Confirmation of Minutes – 6 April & 10 May

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 in at the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 6 April 2021 at 10.30am
- b) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in at the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Monday 10 May 2021 at 10.00am.
Walker/Van Der Leden

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 27 April 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the minutes and the public excluded 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 27 April 2021 at 9.30am
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.
Lean/Davey

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Policy and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – 27 April 2021

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 27 April 2021 at 10.30am

- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Littlewood/Walker

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 10 May 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the minutes and the public excluded minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Monday 10 May 2021 at 9am
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/Van Der Leden

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Meeting dates for June

- 5.1 The meeting dates were attached for members information.

6. Draft Submission on "Phasing Out Fossil Fuels in Process Heat" Consultation Paper

- 6.1 Mr C Wadsworth, Strategy Lead, spoke to the memorandum informing Members of the proposed submission to Ministry for the Environment ("MfE") on their consultation paper on "Phasing Out Fossil Fuels in Process Heat" ("the Paper").

Councillor M J McDonald arrived at 10.37am

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this Memorandum *Draft Submission on Phasing Out Fossil Fuels in Process Heat*
- b) adopts the Draft Submission for presentation to the Ministry for the Environment by the due date of 20 May 2021.

Van Der Leden/Walker

7. Adoption of the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan

- 7.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum adopting the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*.

Councillor C S Williamson arrived 10.41am

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum on the consideration of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- b) notes that the formatting of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* is still to be completed and that there are a number of minor editorial changes to be made
- c) notes that once the Council has adopted the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*, the Council's auditors, Deloitte on behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General, will issue an unmodified (unqualified) audit opinion on the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- d) adopts the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- e) determines that this decision be recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- f) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Walker/Van Der Leden

8. Setting of Rates 2021/2022

- 8.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum setting the rates for the 2020/2021 financial year. The rates are driven from the adopted *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*.

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 2021 and ending on 30 June 2022:

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	\$25,305,918,029	63.00%	\$5,311,617	\$796,743	\$6,108,360
SDC	\$3,393,674,950	8.45%	\$712,431	\$106,865	\$819,296
STDC	\$11,470,400,824	28.55%	\$2,407,090	\$361,063	\$2,768,153
Total	\$40,169,993,803	100.00%	\$8,431,138	\$1,264,671	\$9,696,809

a rate of 0.0259071 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 0.0247256 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region – GST inclusive

a rate of 0.0251053 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.

Uniform annual general charge

Pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a uniform annual general charge (to produce \$2,882,074) of \$51.18 – GST inclusive for every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Taranaki region.

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 0.003337 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$786,689) 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 0.000677 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$74,640) 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 0.006406 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$1,510,396) 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 0.001577 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$52,241) 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 0.000836 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$92,209) 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 2021/2022 for Group 1 Commercial and Industrial is to produce \$123,835 at a rate of 0.009984 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 \$229,039) of \$96.60 – 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 \$1,601,392) of \$45.30 – 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 \$138,464) of \$29.17 – 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 \$412,739) of \$29.17 – 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 *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* as its rating categories for the year.

- b) sets, pursuant to Section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that 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	25 August 2021	25 August 2021	25 August 2021
Instalment 2	24 November 2021	24 November 2021	24 November 2021
Instalment 3	23 February 2022	23 February 2022	23 February 2022
Instalment 4	25 May 2022	25 May 2022	25 May 2022

- c) sets, pursuant to Section 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that 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 2021 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment.

	New Plymouth & North Taranaki Constituencies	Stratford Constituency	South Taranaki Constituency
Instalment 1	25 August 2021	25 August 2021	25 August 2021
Instalment 2	24 November 2021	24 November 2021	24 November 2021
Instalment 3	23 February 2022	23 February 2022	23 February 2022
Instalment 4	25 May 2022	25 May 2022	25 May 2022

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 2021 and which remain unpaid on 1 July 2021. The penalty will be applied on 30 September 2021 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 2022 (New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies).

The Council will charge a penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2021 which remain unpaid on 10 July 2021 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 2020 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 2021 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2021 or such later date as required under section 58(1) (b) (ii). (South Taranaki constituency).

A discount of 2% 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 25 August 2021.

- d) sets that 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.
- e) notes that all rates set are inclusive of GST.
- f) 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.
- g) 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*.
- h) 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*.
- i) 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.
- j) determines that this decision be recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- k) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Williamson/McDonald

9. Representation Review: Timetable and Process

- 9.1 Mr M J Nield, Director - Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum for Members to receive the timetable and broad approach to the 2021 Representation Review.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the 2021 Representation Review Timetable and Process.

Walker/Williamson

There being no further business, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 10.53am.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____

D N MacLeod

29 June 2021