

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the  
Taranaki Regional Council, held  
Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47  
Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 26  
June 2018 at 10.30am.**



<b>Present</b>	Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
		M J Cloke	
		M G Davey	
		M P Joyce	
		D L Lean	(Deputy Chairperson)
		C L Littlewood	
		M J McDonald	
		D H McIntyre	
		B K Raine	
		N W Walker	
		C S Williamson	
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G C Severinsen	(Planning and Strategy Manager)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
		Mrs	K van Gameren

**Apologies** There were no apologies.

**Notification of Late Items** There were no late items of general business.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - 15 May 2018**

**Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and confidential minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 10.30am.

Williamson/Cloke

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **2. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes - 5 June 2018**

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. 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 5 June 2018 at 9.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Joyce/McDonald

### **Matters arising**

#### Mt Messenger Bypass Project

It was noted that the hearing to consider submissions on applications relating to the Mt Messenger Bypass has been rescheduled to Wednesday 1 August 2018.

#### Forestry

Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, noted to the Committee that an officer report on the possible impacts of forestry slash in Taranaki would be reported to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

## **3. Policy and Planning Committee Minutes - 5 June 2018**

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes and confidential 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 5 June 2018 at 10.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/Raine

#### Update on submissions to the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki

The matter raised by the Policy and Planning Committee in relation to Hearing Commissioners the Council has would be looked into, together with what other local authorities were doing to retain/appoint Commissioners, and be the subject of an officer report to a subsequent Council meeting for further consideration.

#### **4. Regional Transport Committee Minutes – 13 June 2018**

##### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes and confidential 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 5 June 2018 at 10.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

MdcDonald/Williamson

##### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 18 June 2018**

##### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the 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 18 June 2018 at 10.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/Cloke

##### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **6. Joint Committee Minutes**

##### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 May 2018
2. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2018.

Cloke/MacLeod

## 7. Setting of Rates: 2018/2019

- 7.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to set the rates for the 2018/2019 financial year which are driven from the adopted *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan*.
- 7.2 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, noted to Members that Deloitte's have verbally advised the Council of their preparedness to issue an unqualified audit opinion on the final Long-Term Plan following formatting and minor editorial changes to be completed.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. 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 2018 and ending on 30 June 2019:

#### 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	\$20,927,358,182	60.18%	\$2,965,459	\$444,819	\$3,410,277
SDC	\$3,082,320,450	8.86%	\$436,590	\$65,488	\$502,078
STDC	\$10,766,181,593	30.96%	\$1,525,600	\$228,840	\$1,754,440
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,775,860,225</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$4,927,648</b>	<b>\$739,147</b>	<b>\$5,666,795</b>

- a rate of 0.0175741 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 0.0172177 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region – GST inclusive
- a rate of 0.0170829 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 \$3,480,756) of \$64.40 – 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.

This definition of SUIP only applies to the uniform annual general charge as the Council does not set a fixed charge for any other rates.

**River Control and Flood Protection Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, a targeted rate of 0.003896 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$755,940) 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 0.000609 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$62,522) 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 0.006737 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$1,307,404) 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 0.000957 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$27,907) 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 0.000521 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to

produce \$53,510) on the capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

### **Yarrow Stadium 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 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 2018/2019 for each differential category is:

- Group 1 Commercial and Industrial to produce \$168,063 at a rate of 0.017442 cents in the dollar of land value – GST inclusive
- Group 2 Residential to produce \$154,822 at a rate of 0.002750 cents in the dollar of land value – GST inclusive
- Group 3 Small holdings to produce \$8,757 at a rate of 0.001626 cents in the dollar of land value – GST inclusive
- Group 4 Farmland to produce \$14,985 at a rate of 0.000519 cents in the dollar of land value – GST inclusive.

### **Differential Categories**

The Council adopts the definition of its differential categories set out in the Funding Impact Statement contained in the *2018/2028 Long-Term 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:

	<b>New Plymouth &amp; North Taranaki Constituencies</b>	<b>Stratford Constituency</b>	<b>South Taranaki Constituency</b>
Instalment 1	1 August 2018	29 August 2018	29 August 2018
Instalment 2	1 November 2018	28 November 2018	28 November 2018
Instalment 3	1 February 2019	27 February 2019	27 February 2019
Instalment 4	1 May 2019	29 May 2019	29 May 2019

### **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 2018 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment.

	New Plymouth & North Taranaki Constituencies	Stratford Constituency	South Taranaki Constituency
Instalment 1	29 August 2018	5 September 2018	29 August 2018
Instalment 2	28 November 2018	5 December 2018	28 November 2018
Instalment 3	27 February 2019	6 March 2019	27 February 2019
Instalment 4	29 May 2019	5 June 2019	29 May 2019

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 2018 and which remain unpaid on 2 July 2018 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 29 March 2019 (New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies).

The Council will charge a penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2018 which remain unpaid on 10 July 2018 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 2017 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 2018 which remain unpaid on 2 July 2018 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 29 August 2018.

### **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.

2. 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.
3. 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*.
4. approves the keeping 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*.

5. 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.

Lean/Joyce

## 8. Representation Review for the 2019 Local Authority Elections

- 8.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to commence the Council’s representation review for the 2019 local authority elections as per the requirements of the *Local Electoral Act 2001*.

### Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the representation review for the 2019 local authority elections
2. agrees to retain four constituencies, being North Taranaki, New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki to comply with Section 19 of the *Local Electoral Act 2001*
3. agrees to include the following meshblocks from the New Plymouth District City Ward into the New Plymouth Constituency resulting in an increase in population in the New Plymouth Constituency (2,200) and a decrease in population in the North Taranaki Constituency (2,200):  
  
Meshblocks – 1555001, 1555302, 1555303, 1555304, 1555400, 1555500, 1555602, 1555606, 1555607, 1555702, 1555703, 1555800, 1555900, 1556001, 1556100, 1557001, 1557002, 1557100, 4007886, 4007887, 4008025, 4008026, 4008728, 4008729
4. agrees to retain the number of elected members at eleven (11), being:  
  
two (2) elected members for the North Taranaki constituency  
five (5) elected members for the New Plymouth constituency  
one (1) elected member for the Stratford constituency  
three (3) elected members for the South Taranaki constituency
5. notes the procedural steps and timeline for the representation review process
6. agrees to publicly notify the representation review proposal within fourteen (14) days to comply with the *Local Electoral Act 2001*, being no later than 10 July 2018
7. notes that this proposal does not fully comply with the *Local Electoral Act 2001* but that the proposal is considered the most appropriate solution for Taranaki
8. applies to the Local Government Commission for approval for the Stratford and South Taranaki constituencies to be retained as they do not comply with the  $\pm 10\%$  rule and seek approval for the inclusion of part of the New Plymouth District City Ward into the New Plymouth Constituency and the changes in boundaries for the New Plymouth and North Taranaki Constituencies to comply with the  $\pm 10\%$  rule.

Williamson/Cloke



## **9. Approval of the revised Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015-2021**

- 9.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to adopt the revised Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020/21: Mid-term Review for the 2018/19-20/21 period prepared by the Regional Transport Committee.

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and approves the revised *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16–2020/21: Mid-term Review for the 201/19-20/21 period* following its mid-term review.

Williamson/McDonald

## **10. Broadcasting Hearings and Permitting Remote Submitters to Present**

- 10.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum allowing the Council to consider whether to live broadcast hearings (such as the recent Long-Term Plan hearing) across the internet and whether to allow submitters to present their hearing submissions via electronic means (eg Skype or Zoom) rather than in person.
- 10.2 Following discussion, it was agreed to allow submitters to present their submissions to regional policies or plans remotely at the discretion of the Council Chairperson or Committee Chairperson. Members expressed a preference that submitters who wish to be heard in support of their submission do so in person, but agreed that in some extenuating circumstances remote submissions can be received. This would be on a case by case basis and with the approval of the Council Chairperson or Committee or Joint Committee Chairperson.

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. agrees to live broadcast hearings on regional policies, plans and strategies
2. agrees to allow submitters to present their submissions remotely (via electronic means) at the discretion of the Council Chairperson or Committee or Joint Committee Chairperson, noting the Council's preference that submitters who wish to be heard in support of their submission do so in person.

MacLeod/Williamson

Councillor M J Cloke voted against Resolution 1

Councillor D N MacLeod left the Ordinary Meeting at 11.35am. Councillor D L Lean undertook the role of Chairperson for the duration of the Ordinary Meeting.

## **11. Submission to NZ Productivity Commission on Low-emissions economy**

- 11.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission made to the New Zealand Productivity Commission on their draft report *Low-emissions economy* and to recommend its adoption by the Council.

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *Submission to NZ Productivity Commission on Low emissions economy*
2. adopts the submission.

Walker/McIntyre

## **12. Meeting Dates July-August 2018**

- 12.1 The next round of Council and joint committee meetings were received and noted.

## **13. 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 26 June 2018 for the following reason/s:

Item 14 – Confidential Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes

*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 such disclosure would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.*

*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 15 – Taranaki Maunga

*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.*

Lean/Cloke

There being no further business, Deputy Chairman D L Lean, declared the open meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.50am.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**D N MacLeod**

**Date:** **7 August 2018**