Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 10.30am.



Present Councillors D L Lean (Deputy Chairperson)

M J Cloke M G Davey C L Littlewood M J McDonald D H McIntyre B K Raine C S Williamson

Attending Messrs B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive)

A D McLay (Director-Resource Management)

S R Hall (Director-Operations)

M J Nield (Director-Corporate Services)
S Tamarapa (Iwi Communications Officer)
P Ledingham (Communications Manager)
R Ritchie (Communications Manager)
K van Gameren (Committee Administrator)

Two Members of the public. One Member of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor M P Joyce, Councillor D N MacLeod and

Councillor N W Walker were received and noted.

Notification of

Late Items There were no late items of business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 8 May 2017

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Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

 takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 8 May 2017 at 11.00 am.

Davey/Raine

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 6 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 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 6 June 2017 at 9.30am
- 2. <u>adopts</u> the recommendations therein.

Cloke/Davey

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Policy and Planning Committee Minutes - 6 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 1. <u>receives</u> 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 6 June 2017 at 10.30 am
- 2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Williamson/McIntyre

Matters arising

Extension to the dung beetle introduction programme to Taranaki dairy farms

Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, advised the Council that an inspection on a property in North Taranaki, where dung beetles were released 30 years ago, has found evidence that the beetles are still there. The Council will undertake some monitoring in the area to establish population levels and spread.

4. Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 14 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 1. <u>receives</u> the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 11.00 am
- 2. <u>adopts</u> the recommendations therein.

Williamson/McDonald

Matters arising

New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report (March 2017)

It was noted that the New Zealand Transport Agency webpage that provides information on the state highway network in and around the Taranaki region has now been updated as at 15 June 2017.

5. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 19 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 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 19 June 2017 at 10.00am
- 2. <u>adopts</u> the recommendations therein.

Lean/Cloke

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Joint Committee Minutes

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 1. <u>receives</u> the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2016
- 2. <u>receives</u> the unconfirmed minutes of the Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee meeting held on Monday 12 June 2017
- 3. <u>receives</u> the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2017.

Cloke/Williamson

7. Setting of rates 2017/2018

7.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to set the rates for the 2017/2018 financial year following the adoption of the Council's 2017/2018 *Annual Plan*.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. <u>sets</u> 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 2017 and ending on 30 June 2018:

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	\$16,998,928,540	55.35%	\$2,642,834	\$396,425	\$3,039,259
SDC	\$2,946,817,514	9.60%	\$458,378	\$68,757	\$527,134
STDC	\$10,763,892,555	35.05%	\$1,673,556	\$251,033	\$1,924,590
Total	\$30,709,638,609	100.00%	\$4,774,768	\$716,215	\$5,490,983

- ➤ a rate of 0.0159717 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 0.0200272 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region—GST inclusive
- ➤ a rate of 0.0188221 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 \$3,262,654) of \$60.95 – 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 inhabitation

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 inhabitation

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 0.003924 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$746,610) 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 0.000576 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$58,912) 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 0.004873 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$927,262) 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 0.000705 cents in the dollar – GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$18,563) 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 0.000402 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$41,113) 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 2017/2018 for each differential category is:

- ➤ Group 1 Commercial and Industrial to produce \$168,306 at a rate of 0.017658 cents in the dollar of land value GST inclusive
- ➤ Group 2 Residential to produce \$159,604 at a rate of 0.002883 cents in the dollar of land value GST inclusive
- ➤ Group 3 Small holdings to produce \$9,063 at a rate of 0.001686 cents in the dollar of land value GST inclusive
- ➤ Group 4 Farmland to produce \$15,929 at a rate of 0.000543 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 2017/2018 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:

Instalment 1 30 August 2017

Instalment 2 29 November 2017

Instalment 3 28 February 2018

Instalment 4 30 May 2018.

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 2017 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment.
- ➤ the Council will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any rates that were assessed or levied in any previous financial years and which remain unpaid on 30 September 2017 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 2018 (New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies).
- ➤ the Council will charge a penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2017 which remain unpaid on 10 July 2017 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 2016 which remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added (Stratford constituency).
- ➤ the Council will allow a discount of 3% where a ratepayer pays the year's rates in full on or before the due date of the first instalment for the year (South Taranaki constituency only). This will be 30 August 2017.

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. <u>appoints</u> 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. <u>delegates</u> 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. <u>approves</u> the keeping the rating information database in separate parts for the constituent districts of the region and <u>delegates</u> 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. <u>delegates</u> 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.

Davey/McIntyre

8. Navigation contract and the appointment of Harbourmasters, Deputy Harbourmasters, Enforcement Officers and Issuing of Warrants

8.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum providing an update on how the Council is contracting harbourmasters and to recommend the Council appoint harbourmasters, including deputy harbourmasters, and enforcement officers to carry out the Council's responsibilities for navigation safety and navigation bylaws and related codes within Port Taranaki and its approaches.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 1. <u>receives</u> the memorandum on the appointment of harbourmasters, deputy harbourmasters, and enforcement officers and the issuing of warrants
- 2. <u>notes</u> that the Council is in the process of replacing a Memorandum of Understanding with Port Taranaki Limited with a comprehensive contract for the provision of harbourmaster services and related matters
- 3. <u>appoints</u> Mr Neville Fox and Mr Anthony Parr as Harbourmasters, under section 33D of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and sections 32 and 174 of the Local Government Act 2002, and <u>approves</u> their warrant powers described in this memorandum

- 4. appoints Mr Michael Birch, Mr Andrew MacKean, Mr Adam Eager, and Mr Olaf Wahlen as Deputy Harbourmasters under section 33D of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and sections 32 and 174 of the Local Government Act 2002, and approves their warrant powers
- 5. <u>appoints</u> Mr Alan McLay, Mr Bruce Pope, Mr Jared Glasgow, Mr William Crofskey, Mr Clinton Carré, Mr Glen Candy, Mr John Cooper, Mr Richard Caskey, Mr Timothy Payne, Mr James Cookson and Mr Ivan Smith as enforcement officers, under section 33G(a) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and 174 of the Local Government Act 2002, and <u>approves</u> their warrant powers.

Cloke/Williamson

9. Iwi Appointments to Taranaki Regional Council Standing Committees

9.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and confirm iwi appointments to the Council's Consents and Regulatory Committee and Policy and Planning Committee.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 1. <u>receives</u> the memorandum *Iwi Appointments to Taranaki Regional Council Standing Committees*
- 2. <u>confirms</u> the appointments of Fay Mulligan, Keith Holswich and Hoani Eriwata to the Taranaki Regional Council Consents and Regulatory Committee
- 3. <u>confirms</u> the appointments of Emily Bailey, Mitchell Ritai and John Hooker to the Taranaki Regional Council Policy and Planning Committee
- 4. <u>notes</u> the iwi appointments will be welcomed with a Powhiri at the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 15 August 2017 and <u>welcomes</u> their input on the Council Committees
- 5. <u>notes</u> that the iwi appointee's first official standing committee meeting will be on 29 August.

Lean/Raine

10. Representation Review

10.1 The memorandum providing information to Members of the Council's intention to undertake a Representation Review, required pursuant to the *Local Electoral Act* 2001, for the 2019 local authority elections was received and discussed.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. <u>receives</u> and <u>notes</u> the memorandum *Representation Review*. Lean/Williamson

11. Meeting Dates July-August 2017

11.1 The next six-weekly round of Council meetings for July-August 2017 were received and noted.

12. Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, <u>resolves</u> that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 27 June 2017 for the following reason/s:

Item 13 - Confidential Joint 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 the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Item 14 - Waitara Lands Bill Update

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, and to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.

Lean/McIntyre

Confirmed

There being no further business, Deputy Chairman D L Lean, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.45am.

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Chairperson:		
•	D N MacLeod	
Date:	15 August 2017	