

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON MONDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 1.30PM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell (via MS Teams), Cr Karam Fletcher (via MS Teams from 1.34pm), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), People and Culture Manager (L Nienhuser), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Community Engagement and Development Manager (H Tattle via MS Teams), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Senior Financial Planner (J Caldwell), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Team Leader Communications (D Beck), Senior Policy Advisor (K Goode), Asset Manager Transportation (C Sharland via MS Teams), Senior Community Development Advisor (G Smith via MS Smith), Team Lead – Transportation Operations (I Cruz via MS Teams), Senior Policy Advisor (P Caruana), Policy Advisor (A Wilson), Community Development Advisor (A Hendricks via MS Teams), Community Development and Emergency Management Advisor (P Lawson via MS Teams), Community Engagement Advisor (R Prisk via MS Teams), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Messrs Leon Pieterse and Kayode Oloro, Audit New Zealand (via MS Teams)

1 KARAKIA

All present opened and closed the meeting with a karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202409/14 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the apologies received from Crs Christine Rankin, Cr John Williamson (for absence), and from Cr Karam Fletcher (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/14 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

5.1 ADOPTION OF THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34

The Senior Policy Advisor thanked elected members and talked through key changes summarised in the

document attached to the agenda as a result of the audit process.

She noted that these changes were highlighted and where they had flow on effects in the Long-term Plan, they were shown via tracked changes.

The General Manager Organisation Performance noted that there was one Emphasis of Matter raised in the audit report which was attached to the agenda.

Audit New Zealand representatives Leon Pieterse and Kayode Oloro introduced themselves. Mr Pieterse explained that while there was an emphasis of matter noted for the East Urban Lands project, the opinion of Audit New Zealand was that the Long-term Plan provided a reasonable basis for long term integrated decision making.

Members thanked staff for their hard work, especially the level of engagement generated through consultation which had resulted in over 1400 submissions being received.

One member did not support the Long-term Plan on the basis he thought he had been elected on a platform of questioning decisions and perceived a deficiency of critical thinking in the significant transport items.

TDC202409/15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council:

1. Receives the audit report relating to the Long-term Plan 2024-34, pursuant to section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 (Attachment 17)
2. In accordance with section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002, adopts the:
 - The Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 (Attachment 12)
 - The Rates Remission and Postponement Policy 2024 (Attachment 2)
 - The Treasury Management Policy 2024 (Attachment 3)
 - The Development Contributions Policy 2024 (Attachment 4)
3. Adopts the audited Long-term Plan 2024-34 (Attachment 5) pursuant to section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002, including but not limited to the Funding Impact Statement, Financial and Infrastructure Strategies
4. Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 before final design.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/15 above. Cr Duncan Campbell voted against resolution TDC202409/15 above.

5.2 RATES RESOLUTION 2024-25

The Finance Manager highlighted that the due date for the metered water supply rates would be changed from 21 October to 20 November 2024.

TDC202409/16 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That, pursuant to section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, and in accordance with the Taupō District Council's Long Term Plan 2024-34, including the Funding Impact Statement the Taupō District Council hereby sets the rates and charges as set out in this resolution; (and in accordance with sections 24 and 57 states the due dates for payment of rates and authorises the addition of penalties to unpaid rates) for the period commencing on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025:

The rates and charges are as follows:

1. General Rate

A General Rate, set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit in the district and calculated on the capital value of each rateable rating unit. This rate is set on a differential basis as follows:

Rating Unit Category	Rate per \$ of CV 2024/25 GST incl
Residential	0.0019507/\$
Rural	0.0019507/\$
Industrial/Commercial (including electricity generators, utility assets and networks)	0.0035112/\$
Accommodation	0.0035112/\$
Other	0.0019507/\$

2. Uniform Annual General Charge

A Uniform Annual General Charge set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 assessed on every separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit in the district.

Per SUIP	2024/25 GST incl
Uniform Annual General Charge	\$250.00

3. Sewage Disposal

A targeted rate for sewage disposal, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on every rating unit connected or available to be connected (serviceable) to an accessible Council scheme on the basis of one charge per pan, urinal discharge point (with the exception of the residence of a single household – which shall be assessed only one charge) for connected rating units and per rating unit for serviceable rating units. For the avoidance of doubt the words ‘a single household’ do not restrict the charge to one pan/urinal in the situation where a rating unit has separately used or inhabited parts. In such a situation each separately used or inhabited part is regarded as a separate household, and the pan charge applied will be at the cumulative per pan rate multiplied by the number of households. (Serviceable - rating units within 30 meters of an accessible sewage drain).

The sewer schemes are: Taupō Township, Acacia Bay, Kinloch, Whakamaru, Mangakino, Ātiamuri, Tūrangi Township/Tokaanu, Omori/Kuratau/Pukawa, Motutere, Whareroa and Motuoapa.

Targeted Sewer Disposal charges per rating unit are:

Factor	2024/25 GST incl
Connected (1 pan/urinals) per pan/urinal	\$1118.83
Connected (2 pans/urinals) per pan/urinal	\$839.12
Connected (3 or more pans/urinals) per pan/urinal	\$559.42
Wastewater discharge points	\$1118.83
Connected Schools per pan/urinal	\$279.71

Serviceable (available to be connected) per rating unit	\$559.42
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4. Water supply

A fixed targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act, assessed on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, and being a rating unit, which is connected, or is available to be connected (serviceable), to an accessible Council scheme. A full charge will be made for each connected separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit and a half charge for serviceable separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit (those within 100 meters of any part of the water scheme).

Water Supply rate	2024/25 GST incl Serviceable (available to be connected)	2024/25 GST incl Connected
District wide fixed targeted	\$416.91	\$833.81

The water schemes are: Taupō, Kinloch, Whakaroa, Bonshaw Park, Whakamoenga Point, River Road, Mangakino, Tirohanga, Turangi, Motuoapa, Tokaanu, Hatepe, Omori/Kuratau/Pukawa, Whakamaru, Atiamuri, Rakaunui Road, Waihaha, Whareroa, Centennial Drive, Motutere

5. Metered Water Supply

Targeted rates for metered water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, and assessed on the volume of water supplied to every rating unit with a water meter. These metered water charges apply for supply over and above the equivalent supply allocation provided under the fixed targeted rate, where the equivalent supply allocation is the amount of the fixed targeted rate, divided by the rate per m3 for the relevant water scheme that the property is connected to.

The targeted water meter rates by water scheme are:

Water Scheme	2024/25 GST incl
	cents/m ³
Taupō (includes Taupō township, Waitahanui, Wairakei Village, Acacia Bay, Five Mile Bay and the wider Mapara area).	227
Kinloch	186
Whakaroa	229
Bonshaw Park	291
Whakamoenga Point	169
River Road	203
Mangakino	186
Tirohanga	100
Tūrangi	75

Motuoapa	120
Tokaanu	140
Hatepe	259
Omori/Kuratau/Pukawa	159
Whareroa	227
Whakamaru	159
Ātiamuri	186
Rakaunui Road	70
Centennial Drive (untreated)	57
Waihaha	100
Motutere	259

6. District Refuse Disposal Charge

A targeted rate for district refuse disposal, solid waste operations and waste minimisation initiatives, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and assessed on each separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of each rateable rating unit in the district on the basis that properties categorised as residential, rural or other shall be assessed with one charge per SUIP, and industrial/commercial (including electricity generators, utility assets and networks) or accommodation, rating units shall be assessed with twice the charge per SUIP. For the avoidance of doubt, where a rating unit is divided into separate parts for rating purposes, each separate part is treated as if it were a separate rating unit for the application of this District Refuse Disposal Charge.

The targeted District Refuse Disposal Charge is:

	2024/25 GST incl Accommodation, Industrial/Commercial, Electricity Generators, Utility Assets & Networks	2024/25 GST incl Residential, Rural or Other
District Refuse Disposal Charge	\$308.36	\$154.18

7. Whareroa Refuse Rate

A targeted Whareroa Refuse Rate, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on all rating units in the Whareroa rating area as a fixed amount per rating unit.

The targeted Whareroa Refuse Rate is:

	2024/25 GST incl
Whareroa Refuse Rate	\$208.69

8. Town Centre Taupō Management Rate

A targeted Town Centre Taupō Management Rate, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on each separately used or inhabited part of industrial/commercial (including electricity generators, utility assets and networks) rating units within the Taupō town centre boundary.

The targeted Town Centre Taupō Management Rate is:

	2024/25 GST incl
Town Centre Taupō Management	\$416.93

9. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

15% GST is included in the rates.

10. Due dates for payment

The due dates for the three instalments for rates assessed (excluding rates for metered water supply) are set out in the table below:

Instalment	Due Dates	Period the instalment covers
One	20 November 2024	1 July – 31 October
Two	20 February 2025	1 November – 28 February
Three	20 May 2025	1 March – 30 June

The due dates for the targeted rates for metered water supply are set out in the table below:

Month	Area	Due Date	
1	Taupō Town	20-Nov-24	20-Feb-25
2	Taupō Town, Acacia Bay, Wairakei	20-Nov -24	20-Mar-25
3	Taupō Town, Broadlands Rd/TMP, Mapara, Tokaanu, Tūrangi, Omori/Kuratau/Pukawa & Whareroa	20-Nov -24	21-Apr-25
4	Mangakino/Atiamuri/Whakamaru, Bonshaw Park, Waitahanui/Hatepe/Motuoapa, Centennial Drive/Rakaunui Road, River Road, Whakamoenga Point, Waihaha	20-Nov-24	20-May-25
5	Taupō Town, Kinloch, Whakaroa, Tirohanga, Serenity Cove	20-Dec-24	20-Jun-25
6	Taupō Town, Ashwood Park	20-Nov -24	22-Jan-25
Monthly	A C Baths, various other (Taupō)	20 th of each month (or the next working day)	
Quarterly	Various (Taupō)	20 Nov & 20 Dec 2024 20 Mar & 20 June 2025	

(Unless otherwise noted in the table, meters are read six monthly)

11. Penalty Charges

A 10% penalty will be added to any part of the rates instalment that remains unpaid after the due date as shown in the table below as provided for in Section 57 and 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Due Date	Penalty added
20 November 2024	27 November 2024
20 February 2025	27 February 2025

20 May 2025	27 May 2025
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A further 10% penalty on any rates that are unpaid from previous years on 7 October 2024 being 5 working days after this resolution is made, as provided in Section 58(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 will be added on 8 October 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/16 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 2.01pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 October 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON