

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

30 April 2024

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**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher (via MS Teams), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Kirsty Trueman (via MS Teams), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson (via MS Teams, from 10.35am)

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery (T Hale), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Senior Policy Advisor (K Goode), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Executive Assistant People, Community and Performance (M Bennett), Executive Assistant Operations, Strategy and Environment (M Niva), Legal and Governance Coordinator (D Periam), Governance Quality Manager (S James)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Five members of the public (via MS Teams)

Note: Cr John Williamson joined the meeting via MS Teams at 10.35am. He was not present for resolution TDC202403/01

1 KARAKIA

Cr Rachel Shepherd recited Taupō District Council's opening karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202403/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the apologies received from Cr Christine Rankin and Cr John Williamson (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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

4.1 DELAY ADOPTION OF LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34

Cr John Williamson entered the meeting via MS Teams at this point (10.35am).

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report. The Policy Manager added that:

- Significant decisions were best made in the context of a Long-term Plan (LTP), because many of those decisions had long-term funding implications. The LTP process would allow Council to look at a 10 year picture, and for the Infrastructure Strategy (one of the LTP's supporting documents), a 30 year picture.

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- The other benefit to continuing with the LTP process (as opposed to pivoting to an enhanced Annual Plan process) was an LTP would provide certainty sooner. Council had already completed a significant amount of work, including on kerbside waste options; rating policy changes; and development contributions. Changing to an enhanced Annual Plan process would delay those decisions until an LTP could be adopted in 2025.
- Council would still be meeting legislative requirements by adopting the LTP by 30 September 2024. The later-than-usual adoption date would however have significant flow-on implications for the collection of rates. If Council decided to continue with development of its LTP by 30 September, a report would be brought to the 30 April 2024 Council meeting, setting out options for rates collection for elected members' consideration.
- It was recommended that current fees and charges (with the exception of animal and health fees and charges) be rolled over until a new set of fees and charges could be adopted as part of the LTP process. A report would be brought to the 26 March 2024 Council meeting to enable Council to progress the animal and health fees and charges separately, with consultation and adoption for those particular fees and charges by 30 June 2024.

In answer to a question about the risks around meeting timeframes, the Policy Manager advised that a flexible approach may need to be taken to the proposed audit process in May 2024. The audit was discretionary unlike the audit of the final LTP. Instead of providing a package of documents for audit by a certain date as had been the process in the past, documents may be provided to audit staff as they become available, to keep the process moving. There was also the option to bypass this first audit phase altogether if Council needs more time to resolve work programme or budget changes.

The Chief Executive responded to another question, explaining that Local Government New Zealand and Taituarā had been advocating to Central Government on behalf of the sector. The enhanced Annual Plan option and the 30 September LTP adoption date had come about as a result of that advocacy. Advocacy was continuing.

Members agreed to continue with the Long-term Plan 2024/34 process, with the LTP to be adopted by 30 September 2024. The following points were noted during debate:

- Members were very concerned about the impact on ratepayers of striking the rates so late.
- It would be important to clearly communicate with the community, explaining the reasons for delays and the different approach to rates invoicing this year.
- The responsible approach was to continue with the LTP, rather than delay to 2025, which was a local government election year. The strategic direction should be set as soon as possible, to give Taupō district communities clarity and focus.
- Councils were in this situation as a result of Central Government decisions.
- Staff wellbeing was of concern and it would be important to monitor this as the LTP process continued.
- Taupō District Council was fortunate to be in a strong financial position relative to some other councils and able to continue with development of its LTP.

TDC202403/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council:

1. Directs officers to prepare the Long-term Plan for the 2024/25 year and notes that it will be adopted after 30 June 2024 with an expectation that it will be adopted by the legislative deadline of 30 September 2024.
2. Acknowledges that the review of the existing Development Contributions Policy, including consultation, will be extended until Council is able to consult on a draft Long-term Plan.
3. Adopts the fees and charges (excluding those related to Health and Animal Control) that were applied in the 2023/24 year for the 2024/25 year until such time as a new set of fees and charges are adopted as part of the Long-term Plan process.

CARRIED

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Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/02 above.

5 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.02am with a karakia recited by Cr Rachel Shepherd.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

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**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard (from 1.43pm), Cr Anna Park (until 2.48pm), Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Kirsty Trueman (until 2.04pm), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery (T Hale), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Community Engagement and Development Manager (H Tattle), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Team Leader – Resource Management/Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Communications Team Lead (D Beck), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Asset Manager Water (T Swindells), Compliance and Regulatory Manager (R McDonald), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Corporate Solicitor (F Bramwell), Environmental Impact Manager (B Aitken), Finance Business Partner (A Wichman), Project Manager Stakeholder Specialist (T Perry), Road Safety Co-ordinator (S Wraight), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Mr John Tilton (Trans Tasman Holiday Parks Limited), Mr Andrew Bateman and Mr Roger FitzGerald (Forsyth Barr), 2 members of the public

Notes:

- (i) Cr Kevin Taylor opened and closed the meeting with a karakia
- (ii) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.1, 5.8, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 6.1
- (iii) Cr Kylie Leonard entered the meeting at 1.43pm. She was not present for resolutions TDC202403/01-03.
- (iv) Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting at 2.04pm. She was not present for resolutions TDC202403/04-09, 11-15.
- (v) Cr Anna Park left the meeting at 2.48pm. She was not present for resolutions TDC202403/11-15.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202403/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That the apologies received from Cr Danny Loughlin (for absence) and Cr Kylie Leonard (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/03 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 FEBRUARY 2024**

The minutes were amended in the following manner:

Cr Kevin Taylor had intended to join the meeting late via MS Teams but due to technological challenges he did not attend the meeting.

TDC202403/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record, as amended.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/04 above.

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**5.1 MOTUTERE HOLIDAY PARK LEASE**

The Policy Manager summarised the report and highlighted that the reserve management plan review and the new lease were connected. At the recent Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee (MRRMPC) workshop, members had discussed different parts of the campground being used differently. Safety for pedestrians could lead to technical terms being added. He noted that if members proceeded with the recommendation to begin negotiating the lease now, and then granted it following the final adoption of the reserve management review, separate public consultation would not be required. He added that the intention was to move as fast as possible on both processes, dealing with stakeholders for both processes. There were complexities due to it being public land and having lots of interested parties.

In answers to questions from members, the Policy Manager clarified the following:

- Legal advice from Buddle Findlay supported the reserve management plan review and lease negotiation happening in parallel provided that the new lease was not granted until the new reserve management plan had been adopted.
- Council officers were conscious that lease terms would take a number of months to negotiate given the transactional elements and that the lessee, plus campground users, wanted certainty as soon as possible.
- Some information would be shared between teams working on the reserve management plan review and the new lease negotiations. As an example, the reserve management plan could add restrictions that would need to be considered in the new lease.
- It was anticipated that the draft Reserve Management Plan would be brought to the MRRMPC meeting in May for approval to go out for public consultation. Provided it was approved by the MRRMPC, it would be consulted with the public over June and July followed by hearings and deliberations.
- Under the Reserves Act 1977, there was a presumption that the lease would be publicly consulted on before the administering body granted a lease.
- When the lessee Mr Tilton first requested that the lease be extended between 2017 and 2019, Ngāti Tūwharetoa was going through a Treaty Settlement process. It would have been inappropriate for Council to grant another 33 year lease when the Treaty Settlement was going through. That Treaty Settlement also brought to light to Council the cultural significance of the reserve site. Council now

had clarity on who administered the land as it was not part of the final Treaty Settlement.

- Negotiations on any lease terms had not begun. It was difficult to determine the timeframe required to grant a new lease but it could take many months.

Members were concerned that by running the lease negotiations in parallel with the review of the reserve management plan, it could be considered to be a predetermined outcome. They expressed the importance of making it clear to all parties that this was without prejudice and that there could be changes to the lease depending on the final outcome of the reserve management plan review.

TDC202403/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council directs officers to begin the negotiation process for a proposed new lease on a without prejudice basis, in parallel to the Motutere reserve management plan review, with any decision on granting a new lease to be made once the reserve management plan is adopted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Crs Duncan Campbell, Karam Fletcher, Anna Park, Kirsty Trueman and Yvonne Westerman voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/05 above. Crs Duncan Campbell, Karam Fletcher, Anna Park, Kirsty Trueman and Yvonne Westerman voted against the resolution. Crs Kylie Leonard and Danny Loughlin were not present at the meeting.

5.2 ADOPTION OF DOG REGISTRATION AND FOOD LICENSING FEES FOR CONSULTATION

The Policy Advisor outlined the report and stressed the need for setting these fees ahead of the legislative deadline of the end of the financial year 2023/24.

In answer to a question from a member, he clarified that the domestic food levy was proposed by the Ministry for Primary Industries. It was targeted at those using their home kitchen to make goods to sell online or at a market stall, rather than a commercial kitchen.

Members were concerned that the percentage of the fees increases was higher for registration fees versus dog owners who did not comply such as for impound fees. Also, most dog owners and dogs never saw a compliance officer, especially those in rural areas and on farms and stations. The Policy Advisor confirmed that amendments could be made to the fees following consultation.

Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting at this point (2.04pm).

TDC202403/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council:

1. adopts the attached fees and charges proposal for dog registration/animal control and food licensing for consultation; and
2. resolves to address the inconsistency between the proposed dog registration/animal control charges and the revenue and financing policy when the policy is reviewed through the Long-term Plan.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Cr Kylie Leonard voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/06 above. Cr Kylie Leonard voted against the resolution.

5.3 ADOPTION OF THE SOLID WASTE BYLAW PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION

The Policy Advisor summarised the report and explained that this proposed bylaw protected the current system.

Members thanked Council officers for looking more long-term into solid waste to allow time for new initiatives to be explored.

TDC202403/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council:

1. adopts the statement of proposal and draft Solid Waste Bylaw attached to the report in the agenda for consultation;
2. constitutes a Special [Ad Hoc] Committee of Council, as per the attached terms of reference, to hear and consider submissions on the proposed Solid Waste Bylaw (hearing date proposed for 28 May 2024); and
3. appoints Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Yvonne Westerman and Cr Sandra Greenslade plus the Mayor ex-officio to the Special [Ad Hoc] Committee of Council.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/07 above.

5.4 BUDGET TRANSFER FOR TIROHANGA AND WHAREROA WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

The Asset Manager Water summarised the report and outlined how the funds would be transferred between the projects. He clarified that the Motuoapa project would be deferred to year one of the next Long-term Plan.

TDC202403/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council, to fast-track water treatment plant upgrade projects that will provide protozoa barriers which will meet the expectation set by the Water Regulator for New Zealand, Taumata Arowai:

1. approves budget transfer of one million, five hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,550,000) from project W00696 Motuoapa DWSNZ Project to project W00148 Tirohanga Treatment Compliance Upgrade from within the 2023/24 Annual Plan; and
2. approves budget transfer of one million and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,050,000) from project W00696 Motuoapa DWSNZ Project to project W00358 Whareroa Treatment Compliance Upgrade from within the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/08 above.

5.5 SCOOTER SAFETY PROGRAMME EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATION

The Road Safety Co-ordinator introduced the report and added that the scooter safety programme would make it safer for the kids. The funding sought would allow the fleet to be implemented and would make the

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programme accessible to all kids. She confirmed that Ruben the Road Safety Bear still travelled to Taupō once per year and mainly targeted early childhood education facilities.

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor clarified that this item needed to be supported by a Council resolution in order to meet the criteria.

TDC202403/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council resolves to apply for funding from The Lion Foundation for a total of \$6,272.00 (excluding GST) for scooters and helmets to deliver a new Scooter Safety Programme across Taupō District.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/09 above.

5.6 DELEGATION OF POWER OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT UNDER SECTION 48(1) OF THE RESERVES ACT 1977

The Senior Solicitor introduced the report and explained that it would create efficiencies. She clarified that reserves subject to the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe between the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust, the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee and the Taupō District Council were an exception to this delegation.

TDC202403/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council delegates to the Chief Executive the power to grant Ministerial consent under section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 to easement grants affecting reserves vested in Council except those reserves subject to the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe Agreement between the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust, the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee and the Taupō District Council.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/10 above.

5.7 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING - QUARTERLY UPDATE

The Health, Safety and Well-Being Manager drew attention to the refreshed approach to Health and Safety, including the strategy which was focussed around engagement and policy.

Members thanked the team for their hard work on this refreshed data over a short space of time.

The Health, Safety and Well-Being Manager advised that the incident management traffic light system had been introduced to better monitor aggressive behaviours in terms of threats. Those that were pending or not started would be addressed through training and had already reduced significantly since the report had been written.

She reassured members that support systems would be provided to front-line staff should there be an increase in aggressive behaviours.

TDC202403/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council receives the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for 1 December 2023 to 29 February 2024.

CARRIED

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Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/11 above.

5.8 ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES (SIPO)

The General Manager Organisation Performance introduced the report and the representatives from Forsyth Barr, Mr Andrew Batemen and Mr Roger FitzGerald.

Mr Andrew Batemen from Forsyth Barr confirmed that the Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives had incorporated feedback from the workshops held previously.

Members expressed their appreciation for the time that Forsyth Barr had put into this, and valued the robust and quality discussions.

TDC202403/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council

1. Receives the report by Jeanette Paenga titled 'Adoption of Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO);
2. Adopts the amendments to the Treasury Management Policy, removing references to the management of the Taupō Electricity Ltd Fund; and
3. Adopts the new Statement of Investment Policies & Objectives for the management of the Taupō Electricity Ltd fund.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/12 above.

5.9 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2024

The Chief Executive advised that a key theme across all of the commentary provided by General Managers was related to the Long-term Plan 2024-34. She welcomed the Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery, Mr Tony Hale.

Members thanked the Finance Manager and her team for all of their work on the Long-term Plan and acknowledged that there was a lot of pressure on the team.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that the significant projects report would be refreshed to show the programme of works and how some of the smaller projects were interlinked. She explained that many of the red status projects were in relation to water projects. Due to some delays, they were under pressure to meet compliance. In answer to a question, the Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery advised that it was not likely that the standards imposed by Taumata Arowai, the New Zealand water services regulator, would change in terms of drinking water standards and compliance expectations. Council had a great relationship with Taumata Arowai and had shared the programme of works that was in place for drinking water standards. The Chief Executive reiterated that extensive testing of water was in place to manage any risk to public health.

In answer to questions, the Project Management Office Manager advised the following:

- funding from central government towards the Tūrangi Kerb and Channel project was due to be paid by the end of the calendar year. The Project Manager worked stringently within scope and managed the funds and the project carefully.
- phase two of the Mangakino Lakefront Upgrade project had a lot of scope which could include

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power.

The Project Management Office Manager introduced the Project Manager Stakeholder Specialist who was leading the stakeholder engagement for the Taupō Wastewater Southern Trunk Main Upgrade project currently underway.

Cr Anna Park left the meeting at this point (2.48pm).

The Project Manager Stakeholder Specialist explained that this project would ensure a resilient wastewater network for the town. Feedback so far had been positive, residents understood that the work needed to happen. Construction would start on phase 1 after Easter and the project itself would be divided into 5 phases. The Project was expected to be completed by around November or December 2024. Letter drops had started which explained the wider implications of the project, and those affected would be notified of further information should they be affected by traffic management changes. An advisor from Waipahihi Marae was working with Council to assist with works surrounding the urupā.

TDC202403/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of February 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/11 above.

5.10 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS APRIL 2024, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Committee Advisor added the following engagements for April 2024:

- Long-term Plan workshop on 2 April from 10.30am – 2pm
- Accessibility and pedestrian improvements around the network workshop on 9 April from 10.30am-11.30am
- Extraordinary Council meeting on 16 April from 10.45am – 4pm
- Taupō / Taupō East Rural Community Grants Distribution Committee meeting on 30 April from 10.30am-12pm.

The Mayor thanked Cr Yvonne Westerman for her work with Waiora House and congratulated her on her new role as Chair of Waiora House.

TDC202403/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council:

1. Receives the information relating to engagements for April 2024.
2. Approves the attendance of Mayor David Trewavas at the Rural & Provincial meeting taking place in Wellington on 11 and 12 April 2024, with costs of travel and accommodation to be paid by Council.
3. Approves the appointment of Cr Rachel Shepherd as the councillor representative on Waiora House Community Trust to replace Cr Yvonne Westerman for the remainder of the triennium 2022-25.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/12 above.

5.11 MEMBERS' PORTFOLIO UPDATES

The following members' portfolio updates were received:

Cr Christine Rankin

- Had spent a lot of hours on Destination Great Lake Taupō business. DGLT were about to advertise for a new General Manager.
- Attended a superb strategic planning session for Amplify.

Cr Rachel Shepherd

- Attended the Super Rugby under 20s tournament at Owen Delany Park which was a particularly good event over two weekends and part of the week. It added additional numbers to the area for hospitality and she congratulated all that had been involved.

Cr Karam Fletcher

- Thanked Gina Pohe for her leadership and facilitation at Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub. A Taupō youth hub meeting had been held the previous day and they were also going well.
- Attended the Kura Taiao at Pākira Marae where there was a youth panel talking about the environment. The panel was very knowledgeable, he thanked Poipoia for organising this event.
- Attended the Te Maruata annual hui online which had a great turnout.
- It was a privilege to be part of the powhiri for Mr Andrew Moraes at Rotorua Lakes Council.

Cr John Williamson

- Attended an online Creative Taupō strategic meeting. The following week a meeting would be held with Creative Waikato, the groups were looking to collaborate for funding for the future. Cr Rachel Shepherd would join him at this meeting.
- Creative Taupō funding allocation would take place on 22 April 2024.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- The Waikato Regional Transport Committee hearings had been postponed to mid April 2024 because Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency had not confirmed funding streams.
- District Plan change deliberations had concluded the previous day so following approval of the final report, these would come before Council.

Cr Kylie Leonard

- It was great that Teh-han, Fonterra's Chief Executive of Greater China was visiting and would be travelling to Rotorua that night. Fonterra's annual results were up which was good.
- Acknowledged the sad passing of Mr Peter Williams who would be a great loss to the community.

Cr Yvonne Westerman

- Attended the Acacia Bay monthly meeting and Greening Taupō strategic meeting discussing the next 10 years.
- Attended the Waipahihi Botanical Gardens Society Annual General Meeting on 24 March 2024.
- Bayleys hosted Business After 5 where they received an update regarding the V8 Supercars upcoming event.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Attended the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee workshop and meeting in March which was worthwhile.
- Attended a Destination Great Lake Taupō meeting regarding the new logo.
- On 20 March she attended the official opening of the aquaponics system at the Tongariro National Trout Centre.
- Attended the Amplify strategic planning workshop and expressed that the team was doing an amazing job for the district.

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- Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee hui were going well, she welcomed members of the public to attend.

Cr Duncan Campbell

- Submitted a complaint to the Ombudsman about the Council's behaviour and culture. He did not feel that the culture was sufficiently transparent and open in terms of elected members receiving information.
- He suggested that Council started to conduct ratepayer surveys because his view was that assumptions were being made about what ratepayers wanted. This could be for customer satisfaction with Council decisions as an example.
- Mayor David was disappointed that Cr Campbell had taken this route of going to the Ombudsman. He would have preferred that the members worked together.

Mayor David Trewavas

- A lot of events had taken place, it was great that Ironman was successful.
- He had been a guest speaker at the Pāmu Farm manager's meeting.
- Attended an event at Simple Cakes which was a great café in the industrial area of Taupō.
- Attended the Toi Ohomai Graduation Ceremony.
- Thanked the Special Projects Lead – Events for her update to the Business After 5 group regarding the V8 Supercars event.
- Attended the site blessing and groundbreaking ceremony of the Ngā Tamariki power station.
- Acknowledged Mr Peter Williams' contribution to the community which would be a huge loss.
- Attended the Taupō pride picnic.

TDC202403/13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/13 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**TDC202403/14 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48[1] of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Agenda Item No: 6.1 Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council	Section 7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to	Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the

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CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/14 above.

Note: The following resolution was made with the public excluded but was released after the meeting so can therefore appear in the public part of the minutes:

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES - 27 FEBRUARY 2024

TDC202403/C15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/C15 above.

The meeting closed at 3.12pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

Confidential Council Meeting Minutes

26 March 2024

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery (T Hale), Community Engagement and Development Manager (H Tattle), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Note: Crs Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park and Cr Kirsty Trueman were not present at the meeting.

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES - 27 FEBRUARY 2024

TDC202403/C15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202403/C15 above.

The meeting closed at 3.12pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Confidential Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes

16 April 2024

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024 AT 10.45AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Kirsty Trueman (via MS Teams), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery (T Hale), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Policy Manager (N Carroll), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Events and Venues Manager (S Giles), Revenue Manager (T Wilkinson), Asset Manager Water (T Swindells), Team Leader – Resource Management / Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Senior Policy Advisor (K Goode), Senior Policy Advisor (P Caruana), Senior Policy Advisor (T Wood), Programme Manager (J Walton), Project Manager Stakeholder Specialist (T Perry), Team Lead Asset Renewals (J Wetherall), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Ms Ngaire Grainger, Tongariro Representative Group member

Notes: (i) Cr Rachel Shepherd opened and closed the meeting with a karakia.

(ii) The meeting was adjourned at 12.06pm and reconvened at 12.33pm.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202404/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the apology received from Cr Karam Fletcher be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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

4.1 CONTRACT CN564 OMORI WATER RISING MAIN

The Asset Manager Water summarised the report and reiterated the need for this project to occur immediately. In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- This unbudgeted expenditure was required to be brought to Council for approval because it was not

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- currently budgeted for in either the Annual Plan 2023/24 or the Long-term Plan 2021-31.
- No other projects were able to be substituted for funding because they did not fit the same expenditure profile.
- Council's engineering professional consulting firm WSP were investigating the material used in the failed PVC pipes and had noted that there appeared to be manufacturing issues of the PVC pipes from the late 1990s / early 2000s.
- Asbestos and galvanised pipes at end of life were prioritised for replacement by Council but where possible, PVC pipes would also be renewed.
- Underground assets were not insured and the TEL fund could not be used to fund this project because it was for disaster recovery, not renewal or replacement of underground assets.

TDC202404/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council

1. approves unbudgeted water expenditure in the 2023/24 financial year of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars \$875,000.00 (excl. GST) for the Omori Water Rising Main project,
2. accepts the Tender for Contract CN564 Omori Water Rising Main submitted by Civtec for the sum of \$821,569.25 [excl. GST] and authorises His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive to sign the Contract Document(s) and attach the Council's Common Seal to them.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/02 above.

4.2 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION TO THE FAST-TRACK APPROVALS BILL

The Team Leader Resource Management / Reserve Planning summarised the report and highlighted the concerns that Taituarā had raised in their submission which had been received the day prior to the meeting:

- Concerns that the economic imperative forgot environmental sustainability.
- Recommended that the bill aligned with the sustainable management approach in the Resource Management 1991 (RMA).
- That the inclusion of such a wide range of legislation had not been fully assessed.
- Uncertainty about how the process would work in practice.
- Too much emphasis on speed risked undermining quality decision making.
- Local government involvement in all aspects of the Fast Track Process should be ensured.
- Concerns that there would be a burden on local government resulting from the handover of assets associated with ill-conceived housing or other developments that had not been the subject of usual local government quality control exercised at the Resource Management Act 1991 section 224 subdivision stage.
- Lack of clarity about whether Council-administered reserve land was included.
- Recommended that decisions should sit with Expert Panels not ministers.
- The bill should ensure that ministers declared conflicts of interest and that these were publicly reported.
- Clear criteria should be developed that established significance, including for housing developments.

While elected members supported the purpose of the fast-track bill, they shared concerns raised in the report and by Taituarā. There was potential for local regulations including the District Plan to be overridden.

TDC202404/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council

1. approves the submission on the Fast Track Consenting Bill (attached to the agenda) with amendments noted at the meeting; and
2. appoints Cr Kevin Taylor to present the submission to the Select Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/03 above.

4.3 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

The Finance Manager summarised the report.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The total revenue borrowing limit was self-imposed and aligned with the Local Government Funding Agency limit.
- This debt limit was not a target, it allowed for flexibility to fund Long-term Plan projects.
- The revised Treasury Management Policy would be audited by Audit New Zealand.
- The revised Treasury Management Policy incorporated preferences by the Treasury Advisor Bancorp New Zealand and gave more flexibility in interest rates compared with the previous policy.

TDC202404/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council approves the draft Treasury Management Policy 2024 provided in Attachment 1 for consultation as part of the Long-term Plan 2024-34 subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/04 above. Cr Duncan Campbell abstained from voting.

4.4 APPROVAL OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report. In response to queries raised by elected members, he advised that he would include major events in the peak population assumption which currently only took into account the increased population in the holiday season from mid December to the end of January.

The Senior Policy Advisor confirmed that the figures for the population and growth projections were sourced from the New Zealand Census conducted by Stats NZ. The Chief Executive confirmed that a conservative approach was taken to financial assumptions for planning and that these assumptions were audited. Lake Taupō Bays included Pukawa, Omori and Kuratau.

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TDC202404/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council approves the draft significant assumptions supporting the Long-term Plan 2024-34 as proposed in Attachment 1 for consultation subject to any changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/05 above.

4.5 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

The Team Leader Corporate Planning summarised the report and highlighted the main changes to the revenue and financing policy.

In answer to questions, he confirmed that the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) was not sufficient to cover costs and needed to be adjusted to reflect the percentage changes. This would not change the dollar amount, it would change the funding split between the UAGC and rates.

TDC202404/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council approves the draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 for consultation subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/06 above.

The meeting was adjourned at this point (12.06pm) and reconvened at 12.33pm.

4.6 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25 FOR CONSULTATION

The Team Leader Corporate Planning displayed the proposed fees and charges (Attachments under separate cover 1) and members went through them line by line. The Chief Executive added that the fees and charges had been calculated on the current levels of service.

Members of the community including those people and groups affected by the proposed fees were encouraged to make submissions to the Long-term Plan.

The following proposed fees were amended following discussion:

Fee	Fee description	2024/25 (proposed)	2024/25 (amended at the meeting)	Notes
Mobile Trading Fee	No trading approval penalty	\$100	\$200	
AC Baths, Tūrangi Aquatic Centre	Disability customer's carer entry	n/a	Free	If you need a person in the pool with you because of a disability, entry for the support person is free (the swimmer pays their usual rate)

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TDC202404/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council approves the draft Fees and Charges 2024/25 for consultation subject to changes noted at the meeting and required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/07 above.

4.7 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT RATES REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

The Team Leader Corporate Planning summarised the report. Members supported the amendment to the policy for toilet pan charges, particularly for marae and churches.

TDC202404/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council approves the draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy 2024 for consultation subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/08 above.

4.8 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CONSULTATION

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report and reiterated that performance measures for water and transport were set by the Department of Internal Affairs so wording could not be changed. The Chief Executive added that officers monitored performance measures internally and intended to provide quarterly reports to the Risk and Assurance Committee.

TDC202404/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council approves the draft performance management framework (objective reference A188810) for consultation subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/09 above.

5 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 2pm with a karakia from Cr Rachel Shepherd.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

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WORKING DRAFT 2– WAIKATO BIODIVERSITY ACCORD (MARCH 2023)

Purpose

The Waikato Biodiversity Accord seeks to unite organisations to work together to develop and implement a regional biodiversity strategy, and to support each other to make a positive commitment to ensure healthy, functioning indigenous biodiversity in the Waikato region.

Principles

The actions of signatory parties to this Accord will be guided by the following principles:

Collaboration and Partnership	Emphasise shared responsibility, working together and forming partnerships as fundamental to achieving biodiversity goals
Integrated and Coordinated Approach	Coordinate efforts across jurisdictional boundaries, integrating resources, funding, and actions for greater impact on biodiversity conservation and enhancement.
Honesty, Trust and Accountability	Maintain transparency, honesty and accountability in all biodiversity management actions and decisions, respecting the interests and mandates of signatories.
Te Tiriti Principles	Mana whenua are recognised as customary kaitiaki at place (rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga) and kawa, tikanga, mātauranga and whakapapa are respected.
Inclusiveness and Participation	Ensure the involvement and participation of all signatories to foster a sense of collective responsibility for biodiversity management.
Long-Term Commitment and Adaptability	Commit to a long-term strategy, acknowledging the need for sustained efforts and adaptability when circumstances change.

Objectives

A collaborative regional biodiversity strategy is developed with Accord signatories that has the buy-in of key stakeholders and meets the statutory requirements. The strategy will include:

- **A holistic approach** to the restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem services, recognising:
 - the interactions between people and species;
 - the connections between rural and urban environments;
 - biological and physical connections within, and between the terrestrial environment, freshwater and the coastal marine area; and
 - biological and environmental changes associated with climate change.
- **Identification and prioritisation of high-value biodiversity areas** for restoration, research, management, and monitoring, protection and enhancement, while considering all biodiversity values and ecosystem services.
- **Effective community** actions to build skills, knowledge and capability and enable people to be connected, active guardians of biodiversity.

- **Actions to protect and enhance the full range of regional ecosystems** for current and future generations.
- **Ensuring treaty partners, whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori organisations** are recognised as leaders and are central to the biodiversity system.

Commitment

We the undersigned agree to use the guiding principles and objectives in this Accord to strengthen our collaboration and build a strategy to improve the indigenous biodiversity of the Waikato region.

Who

- **Waikato Regional Council**
- **Department of Conservation**
- **Ministry for Primary Industries**
- **Te Nehenehenui**
- **Waikato Raupatu River Trust**
- **Raukawa Charitable Trust**
- **Te Kōpu ā Kānapanapa**
- **Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board**
- **Te Arawa River Iwi Trust**
- **Pare Hauraki**
- **Waikato District Council**
- **South Waikato District Council**
- **Waipā District Council**
- **Hamilton City Council**
- **Hauraki District Council**
- **Matamata-Piako District Council**
- **Ōtorohanga District Council**
- **Waitomo District Council**
- **Rotorua District Council**
- **Taupō District Council**
- **Thames-Coromandel District Council**
- **QEI National Trust**



TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL LONG-TERM PLAN

INTRODUCTION

1. Taupō District Council is submitting on Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) Long-term Plan. Taupō District Council supports the key objectives of WRC's Long-term Plan regarding the enhancement and protection of the environment. However, we have some concerns with issues particular to the Taupō district.
2. These primary issues are:
 - The proposed regional transport rate
 - Alignment of budgets for erosion control and protection of Lake Taupō
 - Protection equipment and training staff for spills in Lake Taupō

OUR KEY MESSAGES

The proposed regional transport rate distances decision makers from ratepayers and users.

3. Currently Taupo District Council in conjunction with NZTA funds the local bus systems and provides the funding to WRC for the administration of these services. Council is not convinced that the centralisation of services under the preferred option will deliver any further efficiencies for our communities.
4. While Waikato Regional Council is proposing what appears to be a cost neutral change to public transport it risks significantly undermining local input. We are concerned that when local communities ask for better services or true cost savings they won't be heard.
5. We believe this is a risk as the proposal further distances the user and rate payer from the decision makers. Currently our communities across the district can talk directly to their locally based representatives to raise these issues which enhances localism. Our community can let their elected members know what the problems are and what they can or cannot afford. This proposal minimises local community voices especially those of our smaller communities such as Tūrangi and Mangakino who will potentially get drowned out at a regional level.

Erosion control and management (project watershed) funding needs to be coordinated.

6. Taupo District Council welcomes the continuation of the partnership we have with WRC focused on managing erosion around the margins of Lake Taupō. We seek continued financial support through Project Watershed and technical support through WRC's Taupō office for the physical works programme.
7. As part of this programme, we need to ensure that our funding allocations for future years are aligned. Taupō District Council is intending to have an estimated \$5.7¹ million (total cost) programme of works over the next 10 years for erosion control.

¹ Inflation adjusted.

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
\$200,000*	\$1,500,000	-	\$285,000	\$3,617,000	\$21,300	\$282,000	-	-	-

*carry forward from 23/24

8. We expect these funding lines to deliver a range of erosion control initiatives such as:

- Erosion control works in Kuratau starting with getting agreements and procurement in 24/25, works beginning in 25/26. This work has already begun, Council has a technical report from Tonkin + Taylor and we are engaging with Iwi and Hapu.
- A groyne field to protect the Tapuaeharuru cliffs (Lake terrace) which we intend to progress in 2027/28 and start construction in 2028/29.
- 29/30 and 30/31 years are for erosion control works in Hatepe

9. We would like to see that WRC align their 45% share of these total costs with this expected programme of works. We understand that WRC has had concerns about the deliverability of the erosion control work programme in the past, to reflect this we have modified our initial work programme by spreading the work over a longer period of time.

10. To be successful with this work we need to have a strong relationship with iwi and hapu and particularly the Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board. This is a key focus for our Council however we would appreciate WRC actively supporting this key relationship alongside us.

Waikato Regional Council needs to take accountability for protection equipment and staff to manage spills in Lake Taupō.

11. There is a history of vehicles crashing into Lake Taupō with related environmental issues. This will happen again, and we must be ready to manage the effects. The Lake is a national treasure whose protection from spills has been entrusted to Waikato Regional Council and that responsibility needs to be taken seriously.

12. We expect WRC to actively collaborate and be more proactive in this area. Like other local agencies we will work with WRC to achieve good environmental outcomes but expect WRC to take responsibility for response leadership and funding.

13. Taupō District Council understands that there is a range of equipment housed around the district for spill responses in the local waterways including Lake Taupō. However, we note that much of it belongs to private companies who may or may not be able to provide that equipment when it is needed.

14. We have discussed this with the harbour master, and it is clear to us that while there is equipment available the harbour master or coastguard may not be able to access it easily especially after hours where response times from those companies that have equipment may be delayed.

15. We request that WRC provides dedicated spill protection equipment directly rather than relying on equipment held by other organisations. This will ensure that the equipment can be accessed rapidly when needed.

16. Our discussions with the harbour master also flagged concerns with trained staff levels. We understand that the harbour master's team are a main source of trained staff locally who can deploy the spill equipment. The harbour master was clear that while they have staff, they may not always be available.

17. We believe that there is a need for some redundancy in terms of trained staff to ensure a quick response. Waikato Regional Council should work closely with local partners to ensure there are sufficient trained staff available locally. We believe this is Waikato Regional Council's responsibility.

and both staff and equipment should be available locally and not come from two hours or more away. The coordination and funding of this training needs to be prioritised by WRC.

18. Failing to adequately manage spills into Lake Taupō and the surrounding waterways would not only be an ecological disaster but would also signal a failure of WRC to meet its obligations. Taupō District Council is willing to help facilitate conversations between Waikato Regional Council and local groups including Iwi and Hapu to ensure that Lake Taupō is adequately protected.

Taupō District Council supports the increase in regional emergency management funding.

19. Taupō District Council supports the increased funding for regional emergency management. Emergency management is a critical issue for all regions of New Zealand and increasing severe weather events make this a critically important issue for all communities. Taupō District Council looks forward to working closely with Waikato Regional Council in the future.

Funding of Te Waka

20. Taupō District Council is happy to see regional councillors making the case that funding for Te Waka would be contingent on meeting accountability measures. Taupo District Council supports the position held by regional Councillors and is eager to see what accountability measures will be established to ensure value for money from Te Waka if it continues.

CONCLUSION

21. Lake Taupō is important to our community, and we want to make sure it's well protected and there are enough resources dedicated to ecological emergencies. Waikato Regional Council needs to take management and financial leadership in this area.
22. Erosion control work through project watershed is a crucial part of protecting Lake Taupō and its surrounds and we want to ensure there is adequate funding set aside in the Waikato Regional Council Long-term Plan to match the funding we are intending to provide.
23. The regional transport rate approach, while cost neutral, distances local ratepayers and users from decision makers who are responsible for that service.

Signed: _____

Mayor David Trewavas

Taupō District Council

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TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC BYLAW 2014 (Reviewed 2024)

Purpose and Scope

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to set the requirements for parking and control of vehicle traffic on any road managed or controlled by Taupō District Council.
2. The Bylaw is made under the authority of the section 22AB of the *Land Transport Act 1998*. In addition, traffic and parking issues are also regulated and controlled by other Acts, Regulations, and Rules, which should be referred to in conjunction with this Bylaw.

Commencement

3. The Bylaw shall come into force throughout the district on 16 December 2014

Revocations

4. The Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2008 is revoked at the time of the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2014 coming into force.
5. The School Patrol Pedestrian – Crossing:1989, Parking Restrictions: Taupō Commercial Business District:1990, On-Street Parking Development/Footpaths:1994, Provision of School Parking Facilities:1996, Signs:2001 and Road Signs:2006 policies are revoked at the time of the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2014 coming into force.

Definitions

6. Any words, phrases or expressions used in this Bylaw which have meanings assigned to them by the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Land Transport Act 1998*, and Rules made under the *Land Transport Act 1998* shall have the meanings as are respectively assigned in those Acts/Rules, unless inconsistent with the context in which such words occur.
7. In this Bylaw, if not inconsistent with the context:

Approved disabled person's parking permit	A disabled person's parking permit or mobility parking permit- a. Issued by CCS Disability Action; or b. Approved by Council .
Chief Executive	The chief executive of Council and any person delegated to perform any duties of the chief executive
Council	Taupō District Council
Footpath	As much of any road or public place that is laid out or constructed by Council for pedestrian use
Parking Space	Any space or section, of any road or public place , indicated by and lying within markings made by the Council for the accommodation of a vehicle
Parking Warden	Any person appointed or authorised by the Council to act on its behalf and includes any Parking Warden appointed under section 128D of the Land Transport Act 1998 or Police Officer
Prescribed signs	The same as Traffic Control Device as defined in the <i>Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Device 2004</i> .

Public Place	Any place under Council control and open to or used by the public as of right
Residential Zoned Land	Land within the residential environment of the Taupō District Plan or legislation enacted in substitution
Roadway	The portion of the road used for the transportation of vehicles, not the footpath or cultivated area.

Parking

8. **Council** may subject to the erection of the **prescribed signs** prohibit, limit or restrict the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles of any specified class or description on any road.
9. A person must not stop, stand or park a vehicle on any road in contravention of a prohibition, restriction or limitation made by **Council**.
10. A person must not stop, stand or park a motor vehicle, displaying a 'for sale' sign or for carrying out any repairs on any road or **public place**.
11. A person must not wilfully or negligently obstruct or leave a motor vehicle, structure or object on any road or **public place**.
12. A person must not stop, stand or park a heavy motor vehicle for longer than an hour on any road or part of a road within the **residential zoned land**, unless for the purposes of loading and unloading a delivery.
13. A person must not stop, stand or park a motor vehicle on that part of the road not laid out as the **roadway**.
14. A person must not stop, stand or park a motor vehicle on a road or **public place**, for a period exceeding seven days.

Mobility parking

15. **Council** may by resolution, subject to the erection of the **prescribed signs**, reserve any **parking space** on a road for the exclusive use of a disabled person who has on display in the vehicle a current approved disabled person's parking permit that is clearly legible.
16. **Council** may approve the form of a disabled person's parking permit.
17. A person must not park a vehicle which is not displaying a current **approved disabled person's permit** in a **parking space** reserved for the exclusive use of disabled persons.
18. A person must not park a vehicle which is displaying an **approved disabled person's parking permit** unless the vehicle is being used to convey a disabled person or to pick up or drop off a disabled person.

Parking spaces

19. **Council** may by resolution:
 - a. Reserve any area of land or any part of a road or any zone under the care, management or control of **Council** to be a **parking space**;
 - b. Specify the vehicles or classes of vehicle that may or must not use a **parking space**;
 - c. Prescribe the times, manner and conditions for the parking of vehicles or classes of vehicles in a **parking space**;
 - d. Prescribe-
 - i. any charges to be paid for the use of a **parking space**; and
 - ii. the manner by which parking charges may be paid by the use of **parking space**;
 - e. Make provision for the efficient management and control of a parking space.
20. Any restrictions that apply to a zone, do not apply in locations within that zone parking area where other specific stopping, standing or parking restrictions apply.

Vehicle and Road Use

21. **Council** may by resolution, subject to the erection of the **prescribed sign**:
 - a. Prohibit, restrict or limit, the use of any road or **public place**, by any vehicle of any specified class or description.
 - b. Provide that vehicles must drive in one specified direction.
 - c. Prescribe any traffic lane be used for the turning of any vehicle.

22. A person must not use the road or **public place** contrary to the prohibition, restriction or limitation.

Miscellaneous

23. **Council** may by resolution, subject to the erection of the **prescribed sign**:
- Restrict the use of vehicles on unformed legal roads.
 - A person must not use a vehicle on an unformed road contrary to the restriction.
24. A person must not move, deface or overturn any **prescribed sign** on any road or **public place**.
25. A person must not wilfully or negligently obstruct any road or **public place** in any manner which causes a nuisance to other users or interferes with any person's right to use any road or **public place**.
26. Council may prohibit or limit any livestock from using any road, or prescribe the routes which any livestock may use on any road.

Exemptions

27. A person is not in breach of this Bylaw if that person proves
- The act was taken to avoid death or injury of a person; or
 - The act was taken at the direction of a **Parking Warden** or enforcement officer; or
 - They have prior written approval from the **Chief Executive**, a fee or rental may be prescribed for processing these approvals. This fee or rental may be refunded, remitted, or waived at the **Chief Executive's** discretion.

Offences/Penalties/Powers

28. A person is in breach of this Bylaw who fails to comply with any control, restriction, limitation or prohibition made under this Bylaw commits an offence under the Land Transport Act 1998 and is liable to the penalties set out in the Act.
29. Any person that commits a breach of this Bylaw commits an offence and is liable to a fine under the *Land Transport Act 1998* as follows:
- Not exceeding the amount fixed for any breach for which an infringement notice is issued;
 - Not exceeding \$500.00 and the breach is a continuing one, not exceeding a further \$50.00 per day thereafter.
30. **Council** may remove or cause to remove from any **parking space**, road, or **public place**, any vehicle, structure or object, in breach of this Bylaw, and/or recover all charges in connection with the removal of any vehicle, structure or thing.

THIS BYLAW WAS MADE BY RESOLUTION XXXX OF COUNCIL AT AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON XXXX.

IN WITNESS thereof the Common Seal of the Taupō District Council has hereby order in Council hereunto been affixed in the presence of:

David Trewavas
MAYOR

Julie Gardyne
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



PROPOSED TRAFFIC BYLAW STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

Introduction

Taupō District Council's Traffic Bylaw manages a range of traffic related matters such as:

- Parking times and fines
- Parking restrictions (including allowing for mobility only parking spaces).
- Allows Council to create new parking spaces.
- Allows Council to restrict access to roads.
- Prohibits the public from moving or damaging traffic signs (including temporary ones).

About the Bylaw

Bylaws are enacted under the Local Government Act 2002 which requires that all bylaws be reviewed five years after the day when first enacted and then every 10 years after that. If a bylaw is not reviewed within the required timeline, it is then revoked two years after the review due date and is no longer applicable.

We have reviewed our current Traffic Bylaw because it is due for review and have found no major issues.

The bylaw in its current form works well so we are proposing no changes and are looking to continue the bylaw without amendment.

This statement of proposal has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Council's Proposal

Appropriateness of the Bylaw

The Traffic Bylaw plays an important role in the management of local roads and parking spaces and helps ensure our roads are accessible and safe for everyone to use.

Council has considered the Traffic Bylaw included with this Statement of Proposal and has determined that:

- The proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw for the purposes of consultation, and
- That the proposed bylaw has no implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

Purpose of the Bylaw

The purpose of this Bylaw is to:

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to set the requirements for parking and control of vehicle traffic on any road managed or controlled by Taupō District Council.

Based on the matters the bylaw regulates, its appropriateness, and the purpose it achieves Council is proposing to continue the bylaw without amendment. However, it impacts everyone who uses a vehicle in our district, so we want you to have your say.

Have Your Say

The consultation period for the bylaw will begin on 3 May and close on 3 June 2024.

This is your opportunity to let Council know what you think of the Traffic Bylaw and if it should continue without amendment. There are many different ways for you to tell us what you think.

You can:

- Read the bylaw and submit using our online consultation portal at www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay;
- Email us at bylawreview@taupo.govt.nz; or
- Drop your submission into the Taupō Customer and Visitor Information Centre at 30 Tongariro Street, Taupō.

Copies of the statement of proposal and the proposed bylaw are available online or from our offices.

If you have any questions about this proposal or about how to make a submission, please contact us via email at bylawreview@taupo.govt.nz.

Hearings

Please tell us if you would like to attend the hearing to speak to Council in support of your submission and include a telephone number and email address to ensure we can contact you to arrange a time for your presentation. Hearings will be held at 10.30am on 25 June 2024 in the Council Chambers.

What happens next?

After the hearings, Council will consider all the submissions received and make decisions on any amendments to the bylaw as a result. As a submitter you will be notified of Council's decision.

Council will consider the Traffic Bylaw for continuation on 30 July 2024.

Remember, you have until 3 June 2024 to send us your feedback.



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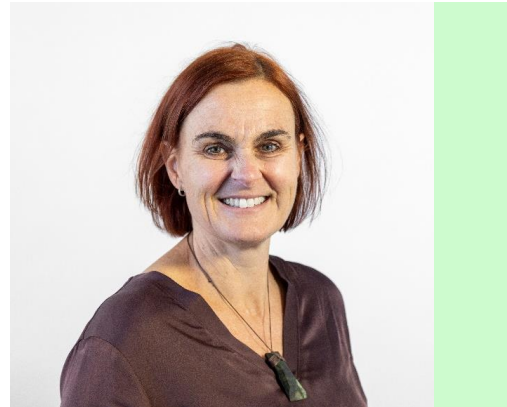
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JULIE GARDYNE

TUMU WHAKARAE | **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Work across the organisation in March once again focussed on the draft Long-term Plan (LTP), as the TDC team prepared information for elected members' decisions. With a pending rates increase in the first year of 13%; which is a substantial decrease on the first cut of 27%, the organisation has worked hard trying to ensure they balance the demands from the community, against the preparation of a budget that's affordable for the community.



Three Waters/Local Water Done Well has also been a major focus - we recognise that the status quo is not going to work long term, however the path forward is still unclear. The lack of details from central government about a future economic regulator and water services plan requirement adds to the uncertainty. We know change is needed due to rising costs, increasing demands, pressures from the rates funding models, and the drive for better environmental outcomes.

While we continue to talk to other Waikato councils about the most efficient way to move forward, we're seeking to understand our own position and options around waters delivery, so that Council can make the best decision for our region moving forward.

March was also a month for award applications! These include Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards, which received a record number of entries this year. With entries in Taupō Town Centre Transformation, Te Kapua Papa Tākaro, Te Mataapuna and Waiora House; we wish everyone who worked on the projects the best of luck at the award ceremony.

Taupō District Council also came first in Waikato for the Aotearoa Bike Challenge in our category (businesses with 200-499 employees) with 14604 points. We placed 22 in the country and together the team rode 9195km!

Ngā mihi,

Julie



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SARAH MATTHEWS

KAIWHAKAHAERE MATUA -
WHAKATUTUKI WHAKAHAERE
**ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE
GENERAL MANAGER**



What were your group highlights of the month?

The Property team have been working on AC baths leisure pool tile re-surfacing which is due to be completed next week. We also received \$100K BOPLASS funding for CCTV for the district, and we are currently working through the procurement process to appoint a physical works contractor.

The Business Excellence team showcased the new Procurement Policy and Procedure which was approved by the Executive team. The team is now working on rolling the new requirements out throughout the business, with the official implementation of 1 July 2024.

The Legal & Governance team updated the Chief Ombudsman on the progress towards implementing the action points relating to its meeting and workshop practices, which was the last update required, with the Ombudsman noting the implementation of improvement in Council's policies and guidance. The Corporate Solicitor vacancy was also filled and commenced late March.

The Digital Solutions team have filled all vacancies, with the last appointment of a Knowledge Management Team Lead. Procurement for the new Council office technology fit-out is ready to go to market and network redesign almost completed. Project Quantum property and rating is progressing with a new 'go live' date of 10 June. The team completed the removal of SIMs, mobile phones, and non-essential landlines in advance of the budget efficiencies committed for Council's Long-term Plan.

Finance have been busy working on draft Long-term Plan financials and preparing for the upcoming implementation of the property and rating module, asset module, and the 2023/24 annual report.

What were your group challenges of the month?

The Health and Safety Manager has resigned, and the Risk Advisor has not started yet, so the Business Excellence team is short-staffed at this time.

The Long-term Plan workload is at its peak and driving a lot of the whole team.

Project Quantum implementation continues to be challenging in terms of workload and change management.

What is coming up in the next quarter for your team?

The team will be busy with LTP audit and subsequent consultation (leading into adoption in September). Industrial development will also be progressing with sale of surplus land on the open market. The rollout of training on the new Procurement Procedures and renewal of TDC's Supplier Panels. Continuing to develop training materials around the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and workshop processes, reporting writing, Committee delegations, and upcoming national Privacy week 13-19 May. Pilot group to look at the opportunities of AI using Microsoft CoPilot for work will be progressed and 'go live' of CiAnywhere assets, revenue.

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LIBBY O'BRIEN

KAIWHAKAHAERE MATUA –
HONONGA TĀNGATA, HAPORI
PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
GENERAL MANAGER

What were your group highlights of the month?

In the People and Culture space, we saw our new recruitment policy go live and another successful quarterly induction day delivered. We have led a number of workshops in both employee engagement and leadership in the past month as we continue our engagement focus to support bringing our turnover down. We have also gone live with our new eLearning platform to make it easier for our kaimahi to access internal learning across the organisation and to achieve their development goals.

Our new intranet has had great uptake from staff and is already working well as our main TDC digital hub as we wait for the construction of our new hub – our new building.

There was plenty of community engagement around the news from elected members this year's rates rise would be double digits and while it was obviously not the news ratepayers wanted to hear, it was important to pre-warn the community of what they could expect when the draft Long-term Plan comes out for consultation in June.

The other big topic across the district has been the lead-up to Supercars, with our focus making sure locals have the information they need to welcome visitors and avoid the worst of the inevitable-but-short-term impacts such a large event will bring.

Messages about the major reseal of Lake Terrace during March and early April were well broadcast and have had good uptake by the community, with contractors reporting 100 percent positive feedback on this high-profile project. People love the new smooth road – arguably our favourite stretch of tarmac!

We have been increasing our direct engagement with organisations in the Waioara collective through participating in networking events and spending more time working from space. This is helping identify ways we can support and identifying/confirming challenges within community sector.

We are continuing to reconnect with our sister cities. We have been supporting a planned visit from Suzhou No.1 Middle School to St Patricks School in July/August and are in the process of supporting Japan's Hakone town connect with the Japanese club at Taupō nui-a-Tia College.

We supported River Road Residents Collective to successfully apply to Department of Internal Affairs Community Led Small Initiatives Fund for \$10,000 to purchase items such as a BBQ, shed for storage, and a picnic table to support community events and localism in the River Road community.

Our emergency management team, in conjunction with other members of the Taupō Emergency Services Co-ordination Committee, Waikato Regional Council and the Waikato Group Emergency Management Office, exercised the Immediate Response Plan section of the Volcanic Eruption Response Plan. The exercise was a success and highlighted useful areas for improvement to be implemented as further planning is undertaken.



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Iwi and hapū engagement continues across the rohe, with Ngāti Raukawa now ready to commence negotiations for their Joint Management Agreement review and our Iwi and Co-Governance team supporting positive outcomes for Awaroa. (Five Mile Bay.)

What were your group challenges of the month?

In the People and Culture space we continue to work alongside our managers on complex employee relations and performance improvement issues. We have also worked through some complex tax changes and back pay calculations in our Services area.

Queries coming through relating to funding are continuing to rise – especially as funding landscape across New Zealand is changing and groups need more support.

Overall, the biggest challenge has been restricted timeframes for preparing for Long-term plan engagement and balancing this with other emerging work.

Team wellbeing is always our first and foremost challenge and focus as a group. Our people come first, and we are committed to ensuring their wellbeing at every point of what we do, especially as our teams are often at the coal face when it comes to engaging with the community. However, continued misinformation or incomplete information on social media about council and its activities continues to be an issue with some staff expressing concern for their wellbeing.

What is coming up in the next quarter for your team?

We continue to recruit at pace and will be launching our Managers Essential Programme - our online training for managers on essential people and culture processes.

Love Taupō Community Ambassadors have wrapped their summer season but will now be supporting Supercars events in the Taupō CBD, and across the school holiday period. We are undertaking the allocation and administration of the final round of community grant funding for the 2023/24 financial year.

Our big project across our group for the next quarter will be developing communications and iwi/hapū/community engagement plans for the draft Long-term Plan consultation so the community understand what is being asked of them and how they can have their say. We will also be preparing our customer relations team to answer the thousands of questions they will get from the community over the coming months on issues such as rates payments, Long-term plan engagement, dog registrations, Supercars and much more.

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WARRICK ZANDER

KAIWHAKAHAERE MATUA - RAUTAKI, TAIAO
**STRATEGY AND ENVIRONMENT
GENERAL MANAGER**



What were your group highlights of the month?

The council approved to change the Taupō District Plan to allow for increased building coverage (from 30 to 35 percent) on most residential properties, without the landowners having to go through the resource consent process. The remaining five plan change decisions are expected in the next quarter.

Motutere Holiday Park is negotiating a new lease with the council. The negotiations are running without prejudice and alongside the reserve management plan review, with any decision on granting a new lease to be made once the reserve management plan is adopted. The second round of consultation on the plan will be in mid-2024.

The parks and reserves team has been working hard to ensure the town is looking great for the Supercars weekend in April, including renovation of the Tapuaeharuru lawn areas.

Since the pest control at Otumuheke Stream began in January this year, 100 rats have been trapped, in addition to 55 possums, 25 hedgehogs, 1 mustelid and 3 cats.

We have already achieved our KPI of registered dogs in the district which now sits at 99.1%.

Three building processing staff have completed the two-year prerequisite diploma. The processing team have also been provided upgraded software, which will help reduce consent processing time. Currently the team are sitting at an average of four days to process a consent and 100% were processed within statutory timeframes which is an excellent result.

What were your group challenges of the month?

Invasive freshwater gold clam was found in the lagoon at Lake Taupō Aqua Park. Biosecurity New Zealand closed the park temporarily following the find. The surveillance in the surrounding area was increased in response to this find, and so far there are no indications of the clam in any nearby waterways, including the Waikato River and Lake Taupō. Council is working together with Biosecurity New Zealand to prevent any spread by maintaining surveillance and testing. Also new signage is being installed around the lake.

There is continued pressure bringing together a proposed work programme and supporting financial information for the Long-term Plan. Considerable amount of work is going into preparing the supporting strategies and policies alongside the Long-term Plan.

The parks and reserves team have continued to deal with unseasonably high grass and weed growth due to weather conditions, making it challenging to have everything looking pristine across the district.

There has been a significant drop in number of resource consents compared to this time last year. This will have a flow on effect, however once the final District Plan changes are released, we expect to see this increase again.

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Only 18 dogs were rehomed in the first quarter of 2024. This figure is down from the same period in 2023, due to rescue agencies being overwhelmed and not taking any animals.

Alcohol licensing applications have increased and there is high public interest. This increased interest together with recent changes to legislation to allow more community participation in the licensing process, has increased workloads for the licensing team and District Licensing Committee.

What is coming up in the next quarter for your team?

Dog control and food licensing fees and charges are currently being consulted on, with the 'have your say' closing on 3 May. Another consultation underway is the revised Solid Waste Bylaw, which provides the framework for waste management and disposal and regulates commercial waste disposal operators. Elected members will consider the feedback from the community on both items in May.

Following the conclusion of the Supercars event in April, the parks and reserves team is undertaking tree and garden planting to enhance the 70.3 Ironman World Championships course.

The Long-term Plan will continue to be progressed into public consultation and engagement phase.

Te Kapua Papa Tākaro (playground) in Tūrangi is a finalist for New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects (NZILA) Award in playgrounds category. The awards dinner is on 17 May. The playground is a partnership between Ngāti Tūrangitukua, who own the land, and Taupō District Council, creating a unique play space themed around some of the stories of the surrounding rohe, such as the Tongariro River and maunga.

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TONY HALE

KAIWHAKAHAERE TUKU MAHI

OPERATIONS AND DELIVERY GENERAL MANAGER (ACTING)**What were your group highlights of the month?**

Four weeks into the role, and I've had to adjust to the change in cadence and calendar commitments. I am enjoying the challenge and opportunity to focus on infrastructure.

Taupō Wastewater Treatment Plant celebrated 50 years of processing the town's wastewater. Deputy Mayor Kevin Taylor and Councillor Anna Park were in attendance along with the Chief Executive Julie Gardyne and the Three Waters teams.

The airport has been hosting an increasing number of private aircrafts and they are booked out for the Supercars event in April.

The Southern trunk sewer pipeline project started with a blessing at Kaimanawa Reserve. This will make a significant contribution to the town's successful growth. The installation of new sewer main will be finished by the end of the year.

First stage of piling on the Kinloch Water Treatment Plant has been completed, and we have also started preparation in Omori for their new Water Treatment Plant.

Lake Terrace resurfacing works that started after the Ironman event are on track to be completed before the Supercars weekend. The Wairakei Drive Roundabout construction is progressing well and currently ahead of schedule.

What were your group challenges of the month?

Several recent pipe breaks in Omori, also impacting Kuratau and Pukawa have prompted a request to Council for unbudgeted expenditure to replace the existing rising main. This project is currently planned in the proposed Long-term Plan in years 1 and 2 but recent outages and operational demands have pushed it up the priority list.

Staffing in the transportation asset team remains a challenge, with three out of the six positions vacant. After two rounds of unsuccessful advertising, we have put the positions to a recruitment agent to undertake a search for suitable candidates.

Long-term Plan planning and asset management plan completion have been challenging due to central government changes, Three Waters uncertainty and the recent Government Policy Statement on Land Transport with unknown effect on the subsidised maintenance budgets.

What is coming up in the next quarter for your team?

Government has replaced the Three Waters Reform with Local Water Done Well. The new policies and framework will be introduced through legislation to be passed by mid-2024. The measures include requirements for councils to develop Water Services Delivery Plans (by mid-2025), steps towards future economic regulation, and streamlined processes for setting up water services council-controlled organisations. Our team is talking to



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other councils in the Waikato region to consider our options for efficient and cost-effective delivery of water infrastructure, in a way that best suits our communities.

The first Repair Café in Taupō will take place in April to encourage waste reduction.

Mangakino basketball court works will commence in April, with a pre-start blessing. The construction is expected to be completed mid-2024.

Road maintenance contract is currently out for tender, closing at the end of April. The tender evaluations will take place during May, and the contract will commence in July.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE PERFORMANCE

Figure 1 below sets out the Revenue & Expenses for the financial year to March 2024.

Revenue is ahead of budget across all key revenue lines. In particular, our subsidies and grants revenue is higher than budget because of revenue from central Government in relation to Tūrangi Kerb & Channel funding \$3.375m, Better-off Funding carried forward of \$484k, 3 waters transition funding \$128k, and funding for the weighbridge at Tūrangi of \$103k.

Development Contribution revenue is ahead of plan by \$1.4m, mainly due to timing of when we estimated the contributions would fall due.

Revenue from fees and charges is also tracking higher than budget by \$898k. This is mainly due to building consents revenue being higher by \$295k with higher consent numbers than forecast, resource consents higher than plan by \$106k, solid waste revenues being ahead of plan by \$190k, AC Baths & Turtle Pool revenue being ahead of plan by \$227k due to timing, revenue from venues being ahead of plan by \$78k.

Other revenue is ahead of plan by \$637k, this is due to insurance recoveries of \$125k, infringements & fines ahead of plan by \$116k and gains on financial assets of \$394k.

\$000	YTD Actual	YTD Forecast	YTD variance to	Full year Annual Plan	Full Year Forecast
REVENUE					
Rates	70,686	70,261	425	92,517	93,681
Subsidies and Grants	8,966	4,492	4,474	7,786	7,786
Development Contributions	5,202	3,809	1,393	5,079	5,079
Fees and Charges	10,343	9,445	898	12,449	12,449
Finance Revenue	5,287	5,268	19	7,024	7,024
Other Revenue	2,843	2,206	637	8,487	8,487
TOTAL REVENUE	103,327	95,481	7,846	133,342	134,506
EXPENDITURE					
Personnel Costs	22,992	23,054	62	30,311	30,739
Depreciation	22,357	22,353	(4)	29,804	29,804
Finance Costs	8,690	8,761	71	11,681	11,681
Other Expenses	39,947	38,533	(1,414)	50,461	51,377
TOTAL OPERATING	93,986	92,701	(1,285)	122,257	123,601
NET SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	9,341	2,780	6,651	11,085	10,905

Figure 1: Statement of Revenue & Expenses at 31 March 2024

Total operating expenditure is greater than budget year to date by \$1.3m. Personnel costs are broadly in line with budget, with churn from unfilled roles during the year offsetting additional costs for summer students and the additional personnel costs relating to the engineering issue. The actual figure includes an adjustment relating to capitalisation of wages. Other expenses are \$1.4m higher than plan. There are favorable and unfavorable variances across all expense types. The variances of significance are; 3 waters maintenance being higher than budget by \$723k, \$125k of costs related to insurance claims (offset overall with insurance proceeds revenue). There are also net losses on financial assets of \$765k driven primarily by shares sold by Forsyth Barr as part of the rebalancing of the TEL portfolio, partially offset by unrealised gains.

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CHANGES TO YEAR-END FORECAST

Changes to forecast reported in prior months:

Increase in rates	1,164,000
Business Excellence team	(48,000)
DGLT support (budget error)	(107,000)
Supercars support	(480,000)
Engineering issue	(569,920)
Riskpool further call	(138,871)
Net increase/(decrease) in surplus	(179,791)

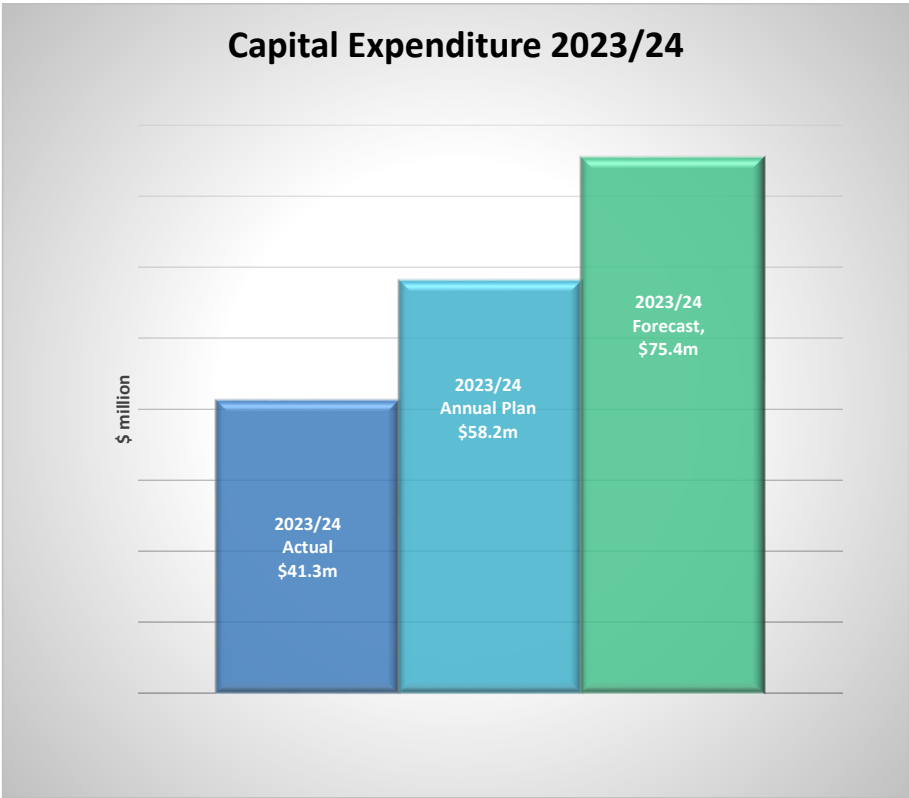
Changes to forecast in current month: Nil.

The effect of these forecasted changes decreases our 2023/24 Annual Plan surplus by \$179,791.

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

We have deployed \$41.3 of capital expenditure for the nine months to 31 March 2024. The Annual Plan budget for 2023/24 of \$58.2m plus an estimated carry forward from 2022/23 of \$52m, giving a total capital budget for 2023/24 of \$111m.



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TREASURY REPORT

TREASURY COMPLIANCE

The table below sets details our compliance with the Treasury Management Policy at 31 March 2024.

DEBT MANAGEMENT		
Measure	Compliance Status	Required by
Interest Rate Risk	✓	TMP
Funding Maturity	✓	TMP
Carbon unit coverage/ hedging	✓	TMP
Liquidity	✓	LGFA
Net Debt	✓	LGFA
Debt/ Revenue	✓	LGFA
Interest Cost/ Rates Revenue	✓	LGFA
Interest Cost/ Total Revenue	✓	LGFA
Debt affordability	Measured at the end of the financial year only	LGA
Balanced budget benchmark		LGA
Debt servicing benchmark		LGA
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT		
Investment Maturity	X	TMP
Counterparty Credit Limit	✓	TMP
Strategic Asset Allocation	X	TMP

TMP= Treasury Management Policy
 LGFA= Local Government Funding Agency
 LGA= Local Government Act

Investment Maturity - The General and Special Reserve Investments are currently 90% weighted toward 0-3 Months maturity versus a ceiling of 80%. We are currently holding more cash to cover forecast increased capex spend prior to year-end and are presently reviewing our funding requirements beyond the 3-month timeframe.

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Strategic Asset Allocation - The TEL Fund is still in a transitional phase with the continuation of asset transfer to Forsyth Barr and the allocation of these assets in accordance with the now preferred risk profile.

Note: Carbon Units have been purchased to ensure our obligations for the 2024 financial year are covered. The cost of these units aligns to the total cost of carbon set out in the 2024 Annual Plan.

TEL UPDATE

Funds transferred to Forsyth Barr:

NZD \$41.07m

AUD \$3.456m

GBP \$0.304m

All New Zealand and foreign shares have been transferred. At the date of the April Council meeting, all funds will have been transferred over to Forsyth Barr.

CEO DELEGATIONS REPORTING

CEO approval of budgeted expenditure over \$500,000:

20/03/2024 CN000524 Tokaanu Wastewater Rising Main Renewal 2024 \$2,181,033.62

Contractor: Cambridge Excavators Ltd T/A Camex Civil

04/04/2024 CN000557 Tirohanga Turbine and Generator Upgrade Contract \$796,900.00













Contractor: Vortex Group Limited

CEO approval of unbudgeted expenditure over \$50,000: Nil to report





















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SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

PROJECT	TIME	SCOPE	COST	RAG STATUS <i>(Required if change in rag status, or if it's red)</i>	COMMENTS
WATER					
Kinloch Drinking Standards NZ Upgrade <i>March 2024:</i>				Time: Change to green: Extension of time has been approved and project has been re-baselined. New completion date 19 th August 2025. Original completion date was 11 th December 2023	Upcoming Milestones: Completion of piling and acceptance of detailed design report. Other key details: Half of the Piling is complete – on track to be completed in early May.
<i>February 2024:</i>				Cost: Costs are expected to be higher due to increased cost fluctuations and the technical foundation/piling solution being significantly more costly than anticipated Additional funds are requested in the LTP for next financial year.	
Omori Drinking Standards NZ Upgrade <i>March 2024:</i>				Time: Change to green: extension of time has been approved and project has been re-baselined. New completion date 21 st May 2025. Original completion date was 26 th February 2024	Upcoming Milestones: Acceptance of detailed design report planned April. Other key details: Site has been established by the Contractor and works have commenced, starting with site clearance and service locating.
<i>February 2024:</i>				Cost: Costs are expected to be higher due to increased cost fluctuations being significantly more costly than anticipated Additional funds are requested in the LTP for next financial year.	













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PROJECT	TIME	SCOPE	COST	RAG STATUS <i>(Required if change in rag status, or if it's red)</i>	COMMENTS
WATER					
Tauhara Ridge Reservoir & Airport Connection <i>March 2024:</i>				Time: Red due to design delays.	Upcoming Milestones: Reservoir tender to market, pump station upgrade design complete, airport pipeline design completion, reservoir designation submitted. Other key details: Reservoir pipeline and airport pipelines out for tender. Reservoir tender to follow in April. Pump station design underway
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Motuoapa Drinking Water Standards NZ Upgrade <i>March 2024:</i>				Time: Red due to the flow on impact from the delays with Kinloch being the same contractor and their availability for resource. Now that Kinloch and Omori have been re-baselined the contractor is ascertaining the impact of the delays and will submit, and extension of time. Cost: Costs are expected to be higher due to increased fluctuations and Geotech design - Additional funds are requested in the LTP for next financial year.	Upcoming Milestones: Submission of design report from Contractor. Other key details: Awaiting contractor indicative Geotech design for peer review.
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Bonshaw Park Drinking Water Standards NZ project. <i>March 2024:</i>					Upcoming Milestones: Air Valve and Hydrant locations to be installed. Other key details: Special Aquathermal pipe has been installed through the hot ground. The Pump Station is 90% complete and directional drilling is occurring towards SH1 roundabout.
<i>February 2024:</i>					

























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PROJECT	TIME	SCOPE	COST	RAG STATUS <i>(Required if change in rag status, or if it's red)</i>	COMMENTS
WASTEWATER					
View Road Stage 2 Land Disposal Expansion <i>March 2024:</i>					Upcoming Milestones: Final Completion planned for late April. Other key details: Physical works are complete (apart from minor snags). Integration to existing site and SCADA is underway. However, the team are facing some challenges here due to the technical nature of this. In the interim TDC operators can operate the pivots manually.
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Taupō Wastewater Southern Trunk Main Upgrade – Stage 1. <i>March 2024:</i>					Upcoming Milestones: Directional drilling will continue down the south side of Kaka Street with pipe installation to follow. Other key details: The contractor has established on site and have directional drilled from Kaimanawa Reserve under Rifle Range Road into Kaka Street. The first section of pipe was pulled in early April.
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Taupō Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier 3 <i>March 2024:</i>					Other key details: Currently Design has been awarded to GHD (Design Consultant and scoping is underway). Once the scoping phase is complete the timeframe will be able to be developed.
<i>February 2024:</i>					










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PROJECT	TIME	SCOPE	COST	RAG STATUS <i>(Required if change in rag status, or if it's red)</i>	COMMENTS
WASTEWATER					
SCADA Upgrade <i>March 2024:</i>					Upcoming Milestones: The Centennial Drive, Acacia Bay water schemes are ready for factory acceptance testing and will be converted April 2024, as well as the Whareroa Water Treatment Plant. The Whakamoenga water scheme will follow the Whareroa Water Treatment Plant. All wastewater pump & step stations are planned to be converted to FView April 2024.
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Tūrangi Street Revitalisation <i>March 2024:</i>					Upcoming Milestones: Contractor will move into Te Takinga Road on the 22 nd of April. Other key details: Contractor is 95% complete with Te Rangitauhanga Road. Trees are being procured for the replanting of the main road.
<i>February 2024:</i>					

























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TRANSPORT					
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<i>February 2024:</i>					Other key details: Contractor is 95% complete with Te Rangitauhanga Road. Trees are being procured for the replanting of the main road.
Wairakei Drive and Huka Falls Road Roundabout <i>March 2024:</i>					Upcoming Milestones: Works carrying on as per the programme with expected completion for the end of May.
<i>February 2024:</i>					Other key details: Works are progressing well. There are still timeframe challenges with Unison, impacting on street lighting timeframes.
Whangamata Road Improvements <i>March 2024:</i>					
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Northern Access Investigation <i>March 2024:</i>					Upcoming Milestones: Completion of preferred option report, and NTZA point of entry document.
<i>February 2024:</i>					Other key details: Traffic modelling has been completed to inform options analysis and the steering group has confirmed preferred bridge option.

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES					
Owen Delany Park Upgrade <i>March 2024:</i>					Other key details: Building consent for the lighting towers is underway. There have been some challenges engaging Unison to do a transformer upgrade for the lights, but this is being worked through.
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Tūrangi Recreation & Activities Centre (TRAC) <i>March 2024:</i>					On-hold: Next step will be determined based on the outcome of the Long-Term Plan.
<i>February 2024:</i>					
Mangakino Lakefront Upgrade Project. <i>March 2024:</i>					On-hold: Phase 1 complete – Phase 2 will be dependent on the outcome of the Long-Term Plan.
<i>February 2024:</i>					
PROPERTY					
Civic Administration Building - Fit out. <i>March 2024:</i>					
<i>February 2024:</i>					

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DEMOCRACY AND PLANNING					
Long-term Plan				Time: Timeframes are tight but on track.	Upcoming Milestones: Council Meetings, 16 th April and 23 rd April, Council Workshop 23 rd April, and Audit Adoption on the 3 rd of May.
March 2024:					
February 2024:					Other key details: The team is working towards preparing/finalising documents for Audit adoption on 3 rd May. Time is still tight, but timeframes are currently being met.
REFORM, INVESTMENTS					
3 Waters Reform Activities					Upcoming Milestones: More details on Legislation expected soon.
March 2024:					
February 2024:					Other key details: Waikato water proposal timeline shared – expect final in July.
204 Crown Road – Subdivision Earthworks & Civil					Upcoming Milestones: Obtaining resource consents for subdivision and stormwater.
March 2024:					
February 2024:					
Project Quantum & Tech one					Upcoming Milestones: Final go live rehearsal underway for delivery 18 th April. End user training underway.
March 2024:					
February 2024:					Other key details: Go live date revised by steering group and now scheduled for 10 th June 2024.

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REFORM, INVESTMENTS					
EUL Stage 1 Lot 20 – Earthworks & Civil March 2024:					Upcoming Milestones: Lodging resource consents 23 rd April – Council special meeting that will determine the future of the project.
February 2024:					
PARKS & RESERVES					
Erosion control-Taupō Bay, Lake Terrace Cliffs & Tapuaeharuru Bay March 2024:					Upcoming Milestones: A completed concept design. Meeting with Ngā Kaihautu to discuss options. Other key details: The concept design is still being developed by Tonkin & Taylor.
February 2024:					



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