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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 8 July 2020 at 4.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Mr B P Wanden
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Mrs J F G Mason
<b>Councillors</b>	Mr W E R Bishop
	Mr R J Brannigan
	Mr T N Isaacs
	Mr S J R Jennings
	Mr V M Kaye-Simmons
	Mr R R Ketu
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mrs N Brady	(Deputy Chief Executive)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)
	Mr K Peel	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
	Mr B Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
	Mrs S Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
	Mr D O'Regan	(Strategic Communications Advisor)
	Ms S Hori Te Pa	(EA to Mayor & Chief Executive)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms T Whiti	(Secretary, Cr Ketu)
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### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

No members of the public attended the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Cr Ketu)

#### 1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Allan.

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MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THAT the apology from Councillor Allan be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

Public was unavailable as the items were procedural.

## 3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Announcements

There were no announcements.

## 5 Executive

### 5.1 Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2021

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Horowhenua District Council (Council) to formally adopt the Rates Resolution for the year ending 30 June 2021.

Having adopted the Annual Plan 2020/2021 containing the Funding Impact Statement, Council is now required to formally adopt the Rates Resolution.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Tukapua:

*THAT Report 20/273 Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2021 be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Mitchell:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021.*

#### (a) General Rates

*A general rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit, set on a differential basis as described below:*

- A rate of \$0.001535 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "Rural" category*
- A rate of \$0.00305643 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "District wide" category.*

#### (b) Land Transport (Roading) Rate

*A targeted Land Transport rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit, set on a differential basis as described below:*

- A rate of \$0.0005238 (GST Inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the "Business" category*

- A rate of \$0.00041971 (GST Inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the "District wide other" category.
- (c) **Stormwater Rate**  
A targeted Stormwater rate of \$0.00032225 (GST Inclusive) of capital value set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all "Urban" rating units.
- (d) **Community Centre/Library Rate**  
A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$282.40 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the provision of Community Centres and Library Services.
- (e) **Representation and Community Leadership**  
A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$222.80 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the Representation and Community Leadership costs.
- (f) **Solid Waste Disposal Rates**  
A targeted rate for solid waste disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Solid Waste activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:
- A rate of \$84.20 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "urban" category,
  - A rate of \$57.40 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "rural" category.
- (g) **Aquatic Centres (Swimming Pool) Rate**  
A targeted rate for the provision of swimming pools set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$128.60 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.
- (h) **Waste Water Disposal Rates**  
A targeted rate for sewage disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Waste water activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:
- A rate of \$560.60 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to a wastewater network,
  - A rate of \$280.30 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a wastewater network.
- (i) **Water Supply Rates**  
A targeted rate for water supply set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Water Supply activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:
- A rate of \$437.40 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to a water supply network (except for Foxton Beach which has a lower fixed rate to recognise the fact that it has universal water metering. This exception does not apply to the district wide availability differential).
  - A rate of \$218.70 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a water supply network;
- For the Foxton Beach water supply network:
- A rate of \$336.20 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network where a water meter is connected.

Targeted rates for water supply set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where a meter is used to measure consumption on the network during the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 of,

- \$2.22 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed in excess of 91m<sup>3</sup> per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to any water supply, except Foxton Beach.
- \$1.11 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed in excess of 91m<sup>3</sup> per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to the Shannon untreated bore water supply.
- For Foxton Beach Water Supply
  1. **Step 1** - \$0.93 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the first 50 m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed per quarter on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.
  2. **Step 2** - \$1.86 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the second 50 m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed per quarter in excess of 50 m<sup>3</sup> on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.
  3. **Step 3** - \$2.79 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the balance of water consumed per quarter in excess of 100 m<sup>3</sup> on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

## 2. DIFFERENTIAL CATEGORIES

That the Horowhenua District Council adopts the following definitions for its differential categories for the 2020/21 financial year.

### General Rate

- (a) **Rural** - all rating units that are located in areas outside the urban centres of Levin, Shannon, Foxton, Waikawa Beach, Manakau, Ohau, Hokio Beach, Waitarere Beach, Foxton Beach and Tokomaru, as shown on the maps available defining these areas for rating purposes held at the Council office in Levin. However, this differential category does not include those rating units classified as Rural Residential being all rating units classified as Lifestyle and Residential in rural areas (other than those rating units identified as “vacant” or “bare”). These properties will be identified in the DVR using the “Property Category” codes from Appendix F of the Valuation Rules 2008, promulgated by the Valuer General. This Rural category has a differential factor of 25%.
- (b) **District Wide** - all rating units other than those in the rural category. Being all rating units located within the urban centres of Levin, Shannon, Foxton, Waikawa Beach, Manakau, Ohau, Hokio Beach, Waitarere Beach, Foxton Beach and Tokomaru, as shown on the maps available defining these areas for rating purposes held at the Council office in Levin. However, this differential category also includes those rating units classified as Rural Residential being all rating units classified as Lifestyle and Residential in rural areas (other than those rating units identified as “vacant” or “bare”). These properties will be identified in the DVR using the “Property Category” codes from Appendix F of the Valuation Rules 2008, promulgated by the Valuer General. This category has a differential factor of 75%.

### **Roading Targeted Rate**

- (c) **Business** - all rating units identified as Arable, Commercial (including all Rest Homes/Retirement villages other than those that have separate title for the individual units or houses), Dairy, Forestry (except protected forestry), Horticultural, Industrial, Mining, Pastoral, Specialist livestock, and Utilities using the "Property Category" codes from Appendix F of the Valuation Rules 2008, promulgated by the Valuer General. This category has a differential factor of 35%.
- (d) **District Wide Other** - all rating units identified as Lifestyle, Residential (excluding all Rest Homes/Retirement villages but including those that have separate title for the individual units or houses) and Other using the "Property Category" codes from Appendix F of the Valuation Rules 2008, promulgated by the Valuer General. This category has a differential factor of 65%.

### **Solid Waste Disposal Rate**

- (a) **Urban** - all rating units within the towns of Levin, Foxton, Shannon, Tokomaru, Foxton Beach, Waitarere Beach, Hokio Beach, Ohau, Waikawa Beach and Manakau as shown on the maps available defining those areas for rating purposes held at the Levin Office. This category has a differential factor of 80%.
- (b) **Rural** - all rating units within the district that are outside the defined "urban" differential described above. This category has a differential factor of 20%.

### **Wastewater Rate**

#### **(a) Connected Differential**

Council sets a fixed charge rate on all rating units across the District for which connection to a reticulated wastewater disposal system is available. A reticulated wastewater disposal system is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purposes of accepting wastewater from the rating unit to the wastewater trunk main, where there is a connection from the land within the rating unit to that lateral/s or trunk main.

Liability for the fixed-sum rate will be assessed on whichever is greater:

- (a) each rating unit, or
- (b) the number of SUIPs of each rating unit, or
- (c) the number of connections of each rating unit.

#### **(b) Availability Differential**

A fixed charge rate on any rating unit that is not connected to a reticulated wastewater disposal system, but is within 30m of a trunk main that is available to take waste from the rating unit. A reticulated wastewater disposal system is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of accepting wastewater from the rating unit to the wastewater trunk main or, if no lateral exists, if Council will allow the rating unit to be connected. This rate is set at 50% of the fixed charge for a connected rating unit.

### **Water Supply Rate**

#### **(a) Connected Differential**

Council sets a fixed charge rate on all rating units for which connection to a reticulated drinkable water supply is available. This does not include Moutoa, Waikawa, or Kuku schemes, which are not drinkable supplies. A reticulated potable water supply is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of delivering water from the trunk main to the rating unit, and there is a connection from the land within the rating unit to that

lateral/s or trunk main.

Liability for the rate will be assessed on whichever is the greater of:

- (a) each rating unit, or
- (b) the number of SUIPs of each rating unit, or
- (c) the number of connections of each rating unit.

The Foxton Beach charge is reduced by an allowance to account for the universal metering of Foxton Beach.

**(b) Availability Differential**

A fixed charge rate on any rating unit not connected to, but within 100 metres of a trunk main for a reticulated drinkable water supply that is available to the rating unit. A reticulated drinkable water supply is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of delivering water from the trunk main to the rating unit or, if no lateral exists, if Council will allow the rating unit to be connected. This rate is set at 50% of the fixed charge for a connected rating unit.

**3. DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES**

That all rates (except water-by-meter rates) will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

<b>WATER-by- METER RATES DUE DATES 2020-2021</b>		
<b>AREA</b>	<b>WATER METERS READ DURING</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Foxton Beach 6-10, Shannon, Tokomaru	Jul-20	25-Aug-20
	Oct-20	25-Nov-20
	Jan-21	25-Feb-21
	Apr-21	25-May-21
Foxton Beach 1-5, Whirokino	Aug-20	25-Sep-20
	Nov-20	25-Dec-20
	Feb-21	25-Mar-21
	May-21	25-Jun-21
Levin, Ohau, Foxton	Sep-20	25-Oct-20
	Dec-20	25-Jan-20
	Mar-21	25-Apr-21
	Jun-21	25-Jul-21

**4. PENALTIES**

(a) That the Council authorises the following penalties to be added to rates that are not paid by the due date:

- (i) a charge of 10 percent on so much of each instalment that has been assessed after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be added to the amount of the unpaid rates on:

- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

(ii) a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 which remain unpaid on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020,

(iii) a further charge of 10 percent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under (ii) above if the rates remain unpaid on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

(b) That the authority to apply the Council's policy on penalty rates be delegated to the Finance Manager.

## 5. PAYMENT OF RATES

That rates shall be payable at any of the following places:

Levin	Public Office, 126 Oxford Street,	Mon, to Fri	8.00 am to 5.00 pm
Foxton	Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom 22 Harbour Street,	Mon to Fri Weekends	8.00 am to 5.00 pm 10.00am to 4;00pm
Shannon	Library/Service Centre Plimmer Terrace	Mon to Fri Sat	10.00 am to 12 noon 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm 10.00 am to 12 noon
Tokomaru	Tokomaru Store Tokomaru Road	During store opening hours	

Where a payment made by a ratepayer is less than the amount now payable, the Council will apply the payment firstly to any arrears from previous years and then proportionately across all current year rates due.

**CARRIED**

## 6 Finance

### 6.1 Draft Rates Postponement Policy

#### Purpose

To present to Council a draft Rates Postponement Policy for consideration prior to it going out for public consultation as required by the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), subsequent to its adoption by the Horowhenua District Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Jennings:

*THAT Report 20/274 Draft Rates Postponement Policy be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.*

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Draft Rates Postponement Policy for public consultation.*

**CARRIED**

4.07 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....