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7. Maintain full connectivity between Manakau Heights Drive and Manakau Village

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Subject: Topic One Foxton Pools Submission

A.Richardson
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Foxton
Preferred option: Option 1
Comments:

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. The people, the people, the people.

My experience of living in Foxton for the last 4 years (and directly next to Foxton Pools) is that Horowhenua District Council has a 'can do' culture, and are able to prioritise funding where outcomes justify it. We are currently experiencing rapid growth and some significant changes in our population demographics. So when it comes to the Foxton pools rebuild we find ourselves at a significant moment in our cultural journey that requires strong leadership, strong business modelling and strong planning. I believe Horowhenua District Council has assembled a terrific team of people to achieve the best possible outcomes for our entire community with regards to the pools rebuild. The plans and business projections for Option 1 look fantastic. They are sensible, well researched and exciting and aspirational. I would like to see us as a community put our faith behind that group to produce a facility that is both resilient as a business and community facility now but also as an undertaking that is future proofed, given our growing and changing population. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. The people, the people, the people. Let's see this rebuild working hard for all our people, our entire community, and as a crucial cog in our tremendous cultural park which includes Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, our new Waterfront Park and now possibly our 'Te Awahou Pools and Fitness Whare'. What are the justifications?

Our coast dwelling kids learning to swim all year around and staying fit and active and happy through access to a superb community fitness and leisure hub that Foxton Pools will be.

And our ageing community.

And our teenagers who have a place to spend their time in an active and safe and aspirational place.

And our disabled who love their pool visits.

And everyone else in our community who would like access to great pools and exercise and to be able to participate in doing that with their whole whanau. Healthy people make healthy, strong, successful communities. And I believe rebuilding Foxton Pools to serve the entire community - which option 1 alone offers, is the correct way forwards.

Thank you :)

Sent from my iPhone

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Submission date: **19 April 2021, 12:59PM**
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Related form version: **2**

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **No** the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No** Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Basic All-year pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission date: **19 April 2021, 1:02PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

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Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

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Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

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Subject: LTP Submission of Horowhenua Crime Prevention Camera Trust:

Greetings LTP Team

On behalf of our chairperson and trustees, I herewith attach the HCPCT's submission.

Please note we wish to live present during the early May hearing days.

Nga mihi

Ted Melton
Deputy Chairperson

Submission of HOROWHENUA CRIME PREVENTION CAMERA TRUST to HDC Long term Plan 2021-2041

INTRODUCING OUR TRUSTEES & VOLUNTEERS - AND OUR NEW PLAN:

The Trust is transforming to meet our district's rapid growth, improve its services, and promote CCTV coverage across Horowhenua communities. To do this we will raise our profile with the public, report progress to our stakeholders, raise funds to expand CCTV coverage, and recruit & train more volunteer operators.

We are grateful to be receiving support and assistance from Council staff and elected members.

We recommend that the Council advances community safety by installing CCTV infrastructure in all new Horowhenua growth areas.

WE REQUEST 3-YEAR CONTRACT FUNDING OF AT LEAST \$15k pa (ex gst):

This level of funding would enable us to contract professional maintenance & minor repairs for the new Foxton Beach CCTV system and the existing Levin system, and to cover insurance, data, transmission, and administration costs. Although we ideally need \$20k pa, Council will assist us to reduce insurance costs.

WE ALSO REQUEST A ONE-OFF CAPITAL SUM OF \$6.76k (ex gst):

Most Police searches are completed successfully, with occasional difficulties. Fuller completion requires rationalisation of cameras, replacement of old workstation computers, and integration of the existing server into the new high-spec Foxton Beach server. We will expend Trust-held funds on workstations & cameras, but our external fundraising will not produce capital funds quickly enough to integrate our servers.

Expenditure of the \$6.76k to integrate servers would immediately boost whole system performance and search completion. Other funds we raise would eventually provide a third computer workstation, further rationalise and extend the camera system, and assist new communities obtain CCTV.

Mel Douglas - Chairperson, Horowhenua Crime Prevention Camera Trust, 19/4/2021.

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Development Contributions

These should be implemented and take effect immediately. It is a no brainer.

Activities:

All five options presented in the prescribed submission form should have funding from Development contributions.

Catchments:

Development Contributions should be charged on a **district wide** basis.

Time of Payment:

The timing of payment should occur at commencement of construction of homes. The timing of payment for subdivision lots should occur at the point of being offered for sale, not wait for purchase to occur.

Reductions:

No reductions should be applied.

Questions:

What risk management plan does Council have in place if a developer is financially unable to complete the development?

Will the ratepayer be expected to pick up the 'tab', either directly or indirectly?

Environment:

There is no money in the Long Term Plan for the Environment – Why is that ?

Action:

Given environmental concerns have been on peoples radar for at least the last ten years it would seem imperative that Council form an environment committee made up of councillors, council staff and members from the community.

An annual report would be made available to the community to keep them informed of environmental issues particularly around wastewater, sewage and water supply.

It would be involved with risk management of these three areas. It would involve scientific evidence and resource planning.

Focus on restoration of wetlands that help increase biodiversity and aid the climate.

Adopt a '20 minute neighbourhoods' policy. This originated in Portland Oregon and the idea is work, schools, shopping, healthcare and recreation should be within 20 minutes by foot, bike or public transport. It also makes the area less car dependent. (Councils outstanding environment)

Landfill:

A disaster waiting to happen and it will, given climate change. Who will bear the burden of that? ...The community?

An urgent decision needs to be made about closure and all waste taken to Marton. Council claim it would be too costly. How come a small community like Masterton can afford it without a significant rate rise?

Has there been any progress in negotiations with Kapiti District Council to cease accepting their waste?

What is the height/angle of existing landfill mountain? Effect on gas plume related to height of landfill?

The gas plume explosive level measure is 20, only 5 less than when the plume will explode – what safety measures are in place if this occurs?

What plans are in place for remediation and mitigation of the Landfill once closed? Will these be based on international research?

‘The current Horowhenua District Council has inherited a region with a highly degraded environment and toxically high levels of community mistrust in the council. Particularly affected sectors of the community include the Hōkio community, Ngāti Pareraukawa, hapū of Muaūpoko, and environmental groups. The main sources of this conflict are; the wider history of colonisation and how it has played out in the Horowhenua, recent council actions of intimidation and dishonesty, and a council culture of interacting divisively with Māori communities. The historic apathy of the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (Horizons) has also played a significant role. The Levin Landfill is a key environmental issue in the region.’

(Social Impact document prepared by Bronwyn Kerr. Executive Summary. July 2020).

The Pot:

With the expected rise in growth what is the likely impact on the Pot? Do you have risk management in place? How will this be monitored?

Trees:

It is well documented that more trees help cool urban temperatures. Climate change is happening. There is a dearth of trees planted in the streets. The south end of town is barren, ugly and uninviting. As well as being good for the environment in terms of carbon credits, it rewards us with an increase in bird life which brings joy to people. There is nothing quite like birdsong. Trees also provide shelter from the sun. (‘outstanding environment’ appears frequently on the Long term plan - lets hope they are just not nice words to put in the document) Focus on evergreens rather than deciduous tree planting to decrease blocked drains due to leaf fall.

Fiduciary Duty of Care Policy:

The community has been asking for transparency, honesty and clarity from Council for years and it is timely for this policy to be implemented.(refer to **Social Impact Report by Bronwyn Kerr**).

Decision making behind closed doors has to stop.

It was stated by the Mayor at the public forum meeting held by Horowhenua District Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc on 11 April 2021 that this did not occur. However according to the Chronicle Article p.11 Friday April 16, it does indeed occur.

Below are just three examples.

Questions:

How come councillors were not included in the Matarapa Agreement prior to decision making?
All have stated they were only informed after the event. Closed doors?

How come elected representatives (excluding Robert Ketu), were not included in a highly suspicious agreement around the Pot. An agreement was reached with Hapu from Ngati Kikopiri, Ngati Pareraukawa, Ngati Hikitunga, Te Runanga O Raukawa Incorporated and Muaupoko Tribal Authority Lands Trust involving sums of money. This led to an agreement that they would not oppose HDC seeking a 25 year consent to operate the Pot for that length of time – an environmental disaster created for a sum of money. Who was behind the Judas act? Was it out in the open for all to know about?

All finance meetings are considered ‘commercially sensitive’ and not in public. Therefore done behind closed doors.

Who decides what is commercially sensitive?

Given it is the community’s money being spent shouldn't the community be part of the discussions?
For this kind of skulduggery to stop a Fiduciary Duty of Care policy needs urgent implementation.

Growth:

Growth is being driven by Council and not the developers, who should be approaching Council with plans rather than other way around.

Question:

Is it Council’s role to be running a business? Is its primary function to be a service to the community? Is Council planning to be a property developer?

Is Council purchasing land in the Taraika Development for parks and reserves?

Shouldn't the developers be required to provide parks and reserves?

Are existing ratepayers paying for growth and if so by how much?

Financial/infrastructure/ activities strategies.

How come Council operates without project accounting? – this provides transparency around individual projects and ensures clarity.

Is there a business plan for Taraika?

Where is the project accounting for the billion dollar projects?

Why is Council limiting stormwater collection rate to urban properties?

In year (1) the operational budget is up by \$5 million – what for?

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I wish to speak to this submission and request 15 minutes from the Chair

Koputaroa/ Opiki:

It is noted that HDC do not support the communities of Koputaroa and Opiki seeking to join the Palmerston North City Council. It is obvious the impact of the transference would be a loss of rating revenue. HDC cannot continue to place emphasis on rate collection as one of its main source of revenue.

HDC has a Wellbeing Committee whose function is to consider decisions made that affect the wellbeing of a community.

It seems a large component of these two communities have shown a preference for moving to Palmerston North City Council. I understand that one meeting was held by HDC with the members of these communities. In my view that is insufficient consultation. It is noted that Palmerston North are opposing this transfer due to the huge cost of replacing the aged infrastructure of water, wastewater and road upgrades that would impact on the ratepayers of Palmerston North.

It is an indictment on HDC not meeting the needs of these two communities despite HDC claiming that they have not treated these communities poorly at the same time denying services and representation would be better served in Palmerston North (Horowhenua Mail, April 8, 2021. p.10)

Action:

Survey each household in these two communities before deciding. Probably too late now but Council would have a concise picture how many in the community wanted change.

In the likely event that Tokomaru and Opiki are forced to remain in HDC jurisdiction decide to treat them fairly and upgrade the aged water, wastewater and roads.

Consents:

Currently there is no consent to operate the Queen Street drain and all stormwater continues to pour into the Lake. How Come? Council have spent millions of dollars on so-called Lake restoration with no resolution while it continues to be polluted by an unconsented stormwater drain. Millions more is planned in the Lakes restoration – Does this make sense while pollutants affect the lake from stormwater and horticulture/agriculture/ dairying runoff?

A businessman, (Mr Tatana) runs a business whereby wastefill from dug up areas of land/roads/ building demolitions etc, is currently being dumped on land close to the pot? He does not have a consent to do this. How come? Yet another environmental disaster.

Currently there is no consent for the Koputaroa Stormwater discharge yet residential new builds are going up at speed. How can this occur when a consent does not exist?

General:

Time for council to develop a social conscience. (Refer Council to the Social Impact Report by Bronwyn Kerr)

The LTP is such an important document yet the community are given **thirty days in which to interpret and understand, then try** and make submissions on each very important topic.

Action:

Council need to get the draft document out to the community with a longer time frame to comprehend the document. Suggest 60 days.

Councillors are charged with making decisions about the community submissions within three days. That is an impossible task to do the submissions justice as well as the expectation placed on Councillors who have outside work commitments. It should be nothing short of 7 days.

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Rates Rebate:

Council have declared its intention to raise rates as one of its major sources of revenue. Council have an expectation of a population increase of 2,500 for the Taraika Development. It is highly likely that population will mainly be composed of superannuitants with capital to afford the properties.

Implications for that are low income for rates affordability. Victoria Crone, CEO for the Callaghan Institute (Company that predicts futuristic technology and Innovation) stated on National Radio that there would only be a 10% increase in the workforce but those **over 65 years of age is expected to double in the next 10 years.**

With that in mind what planning has Council included in the LTP for the population rise in superannuitants / low income over the next ten years, relying on the rate revenue and the unaffordability of intended rate increases?

Action:

Council need to engage Central Government to innovatively plan for the impact on smaller communities from a social and wellbeing point of view.

Need to consult with central government about raising the rate rebate level as has not been done for a long time.

Look at linking rate rebate scheme with IRD to ensure those eligible for a rebate actually get it.

Court Action:

Council need to move away from the willingness to engage in Environment Court Action, which means Ratepayer money is spent on consultants and legal fees rather than benefiting the Community.

Action:

Proactively engage with Community to reach agreements without resorting to court action. Develop a collaborative/ consultative approach rather than fostering a 'them/us' mentality.

Rate value:

Council is required to consider the wellbeing of the community. Currently the rating system is unfairly loaded from an economic point of view.

Action:

Move to introduce capital value rating system district wide rather than a land value system. It spreads the load in a more equitable way.

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I wish to speak to this submission and ask for 15 mins from the Chair

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Submission date: **19 April 2021, 1:12PM**
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Contact Details

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

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Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

I have no comment on this issue

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

I have no comment on this issue

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing?

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

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I have no comment on this issue

Which approach do you think should be used?

Comments on Catchments:

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Do you agree with this approach?

Comments on Time of payment:

I have no comment on this issue

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Comments on Reductions:

I have no comment on this issue

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

I have no comment on this issue

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

I have no comment on this issue

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

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I have no comment on this issue

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

I have no comment on this issue

Community Outcomes

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Additional Comments

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I would like council to investigate and install solar generation (panels and/or batteries) on Council buildings. I would like to see a commitment to at least a trial installation as proof of concept and to quantify actual advantages from the system. I believe it will bring Council benefits for the following reasons:

Financial savings

While there would be a cost to installing the panels over time the panels would go to offset the power costs of the buildings. In the case of some smaller facilities, if the installations were right sized, the buildings may be able to offset 100% of their energy costs, especially if these were combined with battery banks. A main benefit of the panels would be that the power is generated during the day, which in the case of many of Council buildings is when they are in use. They would also be ideal for other situations, such as water treatment plants.

In the case of my own solar installation I have not had to pay a power bill in the last four months. These panels have also generated extra revenue from generation additional to my usage. The ROI at installation was estimated at 7 years, assuming no increase in power costs.

Resilience

In the event of an emergency the solar panels would be able to continue to provide energy, reducing the reliance on expensive to run fossil fuel powered generators.

Climate change

It is acknowledged that the energy mix of New Zealand is quite green. However, the ability for local generation, to reduce transmission losses and if paired with batteries the ability to load shift peak usage would reduce demand for peaker plants, which are fossil fuel driven.

Attach any other comments:

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From: Long Term Plan 2021-41 Project Team
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 1:51 PM
To: Records Processing
Subject: FW: Submission from Long Term Plan Horowhenua

From: Celtic Motel <celtic.motel@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 1:35 PM
To: Long Term Plan 2021-41 Project Team <ltp@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission from Long Term Plan Horowhenua

Hello

HDC LTP 2021-31

As a small commercial motel operator, we feel HDC need to take into consideration our limited budget when considering the following in the future:

- Target Rates
- Bed Taxes
- Visitor Levy
- General Rates
- Infrastructure improvements

It is an easy fix to target the small commercial motelier.

However within our area of Foxton/Foxton Beach we have a high number of Airbnb and Book a Batch operators.

These accommodation providers often fly under the radar when it comes to targeted taxes, yet we moteliers have to compete in the same market as these operators.

We ask for a fairer playing field.

If any new tax is introduced all operators must contribute not a few targeted moteliers.

The other concern is any tax on these businesses must be allocated and go back to improve the local tourism experience thus be of a benefit to the businesses that are making the contribution.

Thank you.

Regards
Paul



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From: Customer Services - Public <CustomerServices@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 1:52 PM
To: Long Term Plan 2021-41 Project Team <ltp@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: LTP

Hi Team,

One for your action, thanks

From: GJ and CM Kane <kanevale@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 1:35 pm
To: Customer Services - Public <CustomerServices@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: LTP

Submission Long Term plan.

On behalf Wiki-Hamiti trust 238 Hokio beach road, Levin.

We wish to speak to this submission.

Adress for contact—Mua Tetangata Matakatea,
238 Hokio Beach road,
Levin.
Ph. 0272684635.
No email address.

The change to rural differentials means that our Maori owned bare land will become uneconomic to farm and yet is very dare to our hearts. For this reason we require a suitable answer and a way forward.

It also has a big effect on the rates we pay and make it very difficult for our next generation to live and work in their family area.

We wish to be involved in these discussions.

Yours Mua

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Contact Details

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

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Topic One - Foxtan Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 3: Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

In May 2013 when development contribution fees were in place we paid \$5325.65 for moving a house onto our farm . (There was no new direct infrastructure required as a result of this). We object to the fact that we paid these fees and many people at the same time did not pay their development contribution fees debt, and if it was not enforceable then why would it be in the future? I would like to know why they did not have to pay.

Development contributions should be paid only by those developers who develop, subdivide and sell off sections whereby creating the need for new infrastructure. It should not be charged to individuals building a home.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **No**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

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Comments:

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We support the new Waitarere Surf Club build but it is needed urgently.

We want the funding moved to year 1 of the Long Term Plan from year 3.

There is so much enthusiasm by dedicated volunteers they deserve to have better a facility now and it will only strengthen support

Attach any other comments:

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **No**
the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No**
Hearing?

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Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 4: Seasonal Outdoor Basic Pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **No**

Comments on Time of payment:

The payment should be made up front so that appropriate infrastructure is at least partially funded and is able to be put in place at the outset.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

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Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

I strongly object to the proposed change to the rating differentials. The current proposal for option one does not provide a definition for what is meant by a 'farming property'. This definition is fundamental to understanding the proposal. Therefore I do not consider that the council has adequately consulted on this proposal. I have been verbally informed by your CFO that the definition of a farming property is any property over 10ha. My property is just over 12ha and as such the proposal should not apply to my property nor should I have the recent letter from the CFO. My property is also used as a greenfield horticulture business. I expect that there are a significant number of properties that are used as commercial horticultural operations on blocks smaller than 10ha. I consider that the current definition of farming property is arbitrary. Instead, the Council should be obtaining information about the use of rural properties and only removing the rural differential only where such properties are not being used for farming or horticultural purposes.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

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Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

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Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **No**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:



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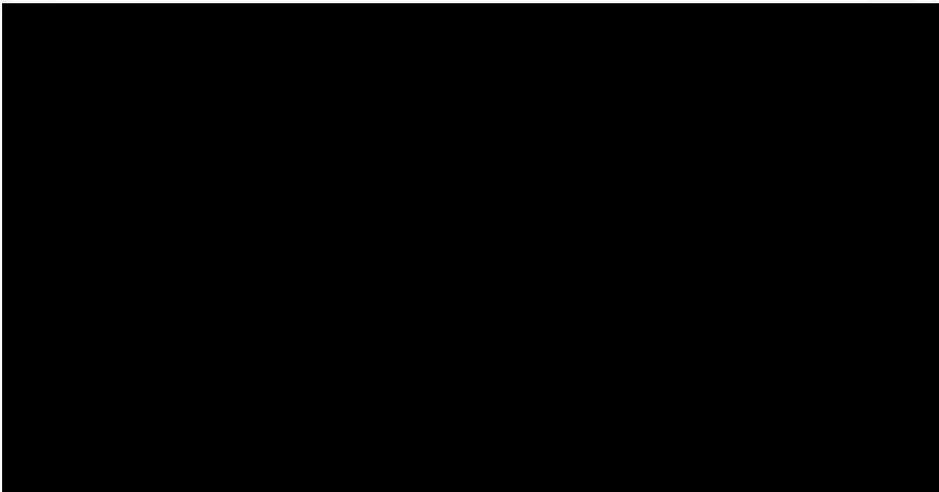
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Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private

Title: _____

Full Name: Wendy & Bryan Kibby

Name of Organisation: _____



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Yes No

Hearing of Submissions

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Yes No

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In person zoom

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Yes No

Do you require a translator?

Yes No

If yes, please specify below:

Topic One

Foxton Pool

The structure of the Foxton Pool needs to be replaced for health and safety reasons. There are five options for the community to consider.

	Option 1 All-Year Leisure	Option 2 All-Year Basic	Option 3 Seasonal Leisure	Option 4 Seasonal Basic	Option 5 Close the Pool
Indoor provision – All-year	✓	✓			
Outdoor provision – Seasonal			✓	✓	
25m Pool	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Leisure Pool	✓		✓		
Teacher/Toddler Pools	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Splashpad	✓		✓		
Upgrade change rooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cover over Teaching/Toddler Pools	✓		✓	✓	
Outdoor landscaping/BBQ area	✓		✓		
Multi-purpose room	✓				
Rates impact	\$44.53	\$26.61	\$22.00	\$16.02	-\$12.49

Tick below to identify your preferred option

- Option 1:** Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 2:** Basic All-year Pool
- Option 3:** Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 4:** Seasonal Outdoor Basic Pool
- Option 5:** Permanently Close Facility

Topic Two

Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Council is considering the reintroduction of Development Contributions as a key source of funding our growth infrastructure. Do you think this is a good idea?

This needs to be implemented fairly across the board.

Tick below to identify your preferred option.

- Option 1:** Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.
- Option 2:** Not using development contributions for funding growth infrastructure, and increasing rates instead.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

If Council reintroduces development contributions, the Draft Development Contributions Policy outlines what contributions are collected and how.

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing?

- Yes No

Activities

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

- Roading
 Water supply
 Wastewater treatment
 Stormwater
 Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

We do not need to spend ~~these~~ huge money in this climate on feel good projects. Lets get our infrastructure right first. We have great parks and playground. Please do it right once so we don't have to go back in 10 yrs and fix up. Stop wasting

our money it doesn't grow on trees!!

Stop trying to please a few at the cost of everyone!!

We have had great community projects in the past eg the Hockey turf, adventure playground involving community makes for a better connected district!

Catchments

The Draft Development Contributions Policy is proposing to use district-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. It is also proposing scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters, which means different contribution amounts would apply to each scheme area. The big growth areas will pay an additional contribution for major expenses related just to them, however there are other approaches Council could use such as everyone paying the same.

Which approach do you think should be used?

- District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.
 District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas do not pay for major expenses related to them, these are spread out over the rest of the scheme.
 Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.
 Other (please specify)

All houses should have watertanks and meters, you have to educate the urban community to conserve water it is gold.

Our roads are in bad repair and lowering the speed limit is not the answer. Again you need to do the job once and do it right. Patch up jobs only cost more in

the long run. Need to spend our money wisely.

Time of payment

Normally development contributions are charged when granting development consents. That is early in the development process and developers can find it difficult to manage cash flows when there is still a lot to do before selling a lot or a new house.

The draft policy proposes to invoice developers at later times in the case of subdivision and building consents, closer to when lots and homes are to be sold as identified below.

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Do you agree with this approach?

Yes No

Reductions

The draft policy proposes a limited scope for reducing development contributions once they are calculated for a development. This scope includes just two principles, that the development:

- provides a significant public benefit; or
- addresses significant affordability issues.

Before agreeing to any reduction, Council needs to be sure it can fund the income it forgoes from another source.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes No

Topic Three

Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Council is considering whether the differential on the Land Transport Targeted Rate should be removed. Currently there is a differential that means businesses only pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate. This was set up when businesses made up 38% of the capital values in the district. However, due to residential growth, businesses now only make up 30% of the district, but are still paying 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate.

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Remove Differential
All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Option 2: Status Quo
Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Council is considering changes to the General Rate to enable rural properties to gain the same benefits from growth as urban properties. The existing differential treated non-farming properties the same as farms even though they do not have the same large footprint and land value.

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential
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Option 2: Status Quo
 Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates Rates income.

There needs to be a way for farmers with small blocks or runoffs to be able to prove they are part of their farming operation ~~to~~ and are not being land banked

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Topics Three and Four propose changes to the draft Revenue and Financing Policy.

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes No

don't have a crystal ball our districts future.

We need to keep our debt down ~~for~~ ~~the~~ interest rates are low at the moment but we and you should not gamble

Financial Strategy

To deliver the projects and services planned over the next 20 years, we are proposing the limit on annual rates increases to range between 4.6% and 7.5% per year for the first 10 years, with an average of 4.4% for the following 10 years. We are also proposing to increase our net debt limit from 195% to 250% of our operating income. Generally operational costs to run the business and renewals are funded by rates, and capital projects such as building new facilities and putting in new infrastructure is funded by debt.

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes No

Our debt level needs to stay at 195% cut out the feelgood Projects spending \$36 m on Donnelly Park and \$22 m for Foxton Beach Reserve is extravagant to say the least. And should be put on the shelf for now.

Community Outcomes

Council has reviewed the community outcomes which are what we aim to achieve for our community. The outcomes are Vibrant Economy, Outstanding Environment, Fit for purpose Infrastructure, Partnership with Tangata Whenua and Strong Communities.

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Yes No *unsure.*

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

We should be one community not singling out, be including everyone

Thank you for your submission

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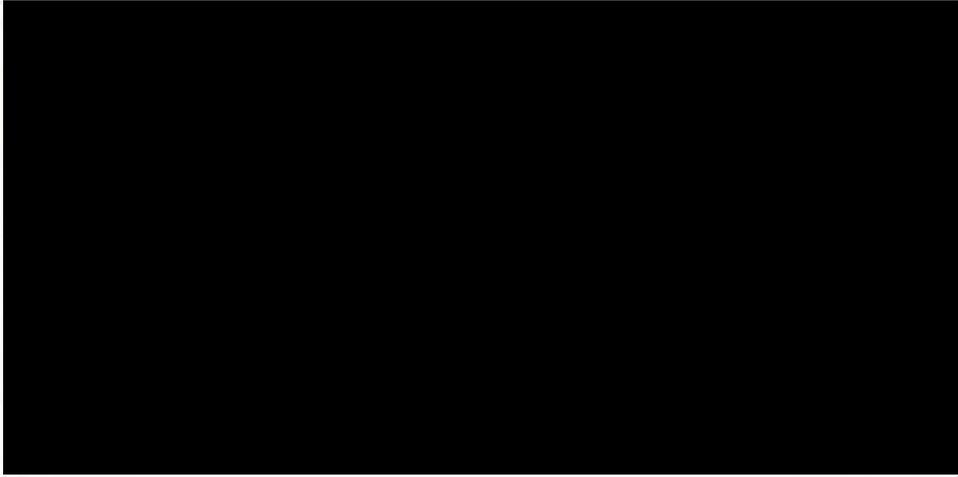
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Comments. live in wellington but are always up in fexton every weekend, school holidays

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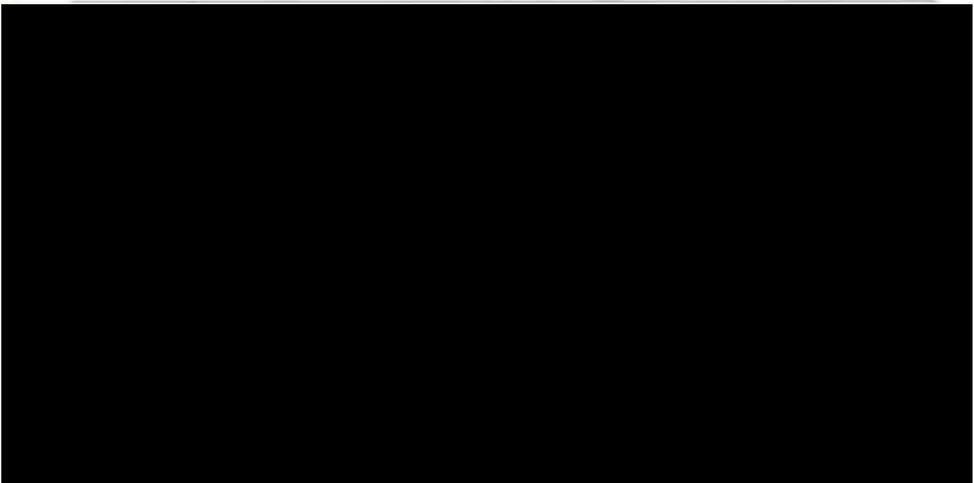
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Definitely. It's user pays these days

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Not sure about this

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Don't use good vegetable growing areas for housing. We need food

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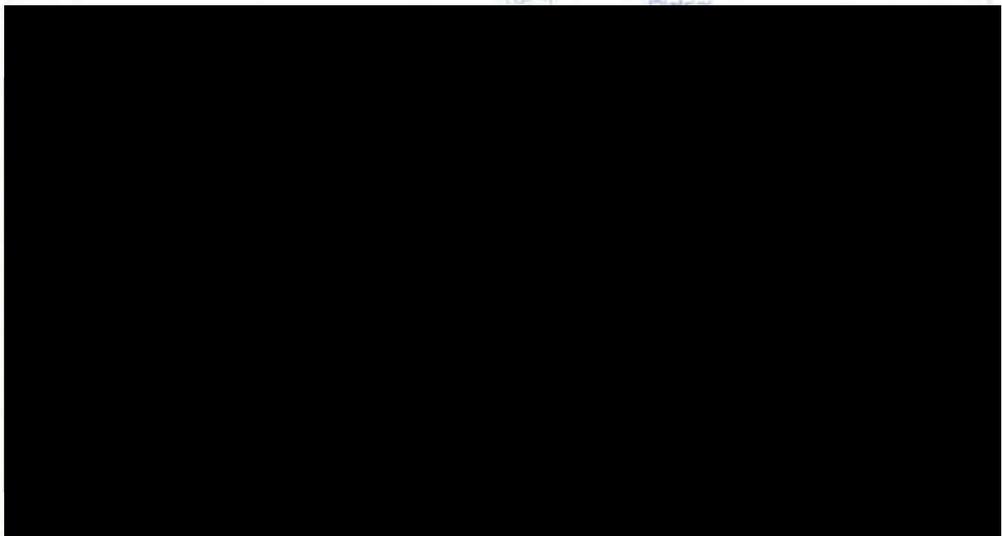
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- What happens when borders open up again & those who came back, or the younger generation leaves NZ to find work elsewhere again?
- When big developments, with lots

- These seem somewhat loaded questions. Three waters is still a big unknown, and a balance between who pays for what, and when is not as simple as this.
- Urban people don't eat without the rural people providing 'primary produce', rural people have less need for an extended road network.

- Case by case, aiming for the most 'fair deal' for those who tend to lose out, i.e. small urban & rural communities. The urban centers having the benefit of numbers; which is exacerbated by urban growth

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- 'Trendy' projects like splash pools, or limited use pools, libraries, parks etc or 'prestige' projects that drain public funds are not of public interest.

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money borrowed. - Paying interest erodes the spending power of the rates income - With the Covid-19 experience still with us, being 'bullish' for growth might backfire, so maybe downscaling the project(s), spreading them out, working on 'infill' instead of more area for urban centre(s) and no fun/prestige/leisure projects until a solid base has been achieved, i.e. slow-down instead of speed-up

- Growth numbers are optimistic - if less growth than expected, rates will need to be increased and/or more

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*- Is staying with the basics not a safer option?
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- Can we minimize all that outsourcing?
- My understanding for Council is that it isn't here to keep us in 'bread or circus' but to provide the basic infrastructure that business & community can build on.
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Good luck & Go well :)

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If I was to add an extra emphasis I would stress the reports coming out now saying that if urban sprawl is to continue then the spread will be onto N Z's best food growing land and when that land is lost to housing it creates a situation where the cost of generating food increases. Horowhenua does not want that, nor does it want Wellington's difficulties.

I did some mathematics pertaining to house building on the density projection within the development (had to make some estimates and assumptions of course) and arrived at a 30m x 30m block per house. That indicated to me the expectation is single storey houses on individual sections and as a result I'm happy to let my earlier thoughts proceed to consideration within the Long Term Plan.

Because the development is East of Levin and over the far side of the proposed expressway you will not be confronted with NIMBYs. The only criticism I see that can be levelled at Council and Councillors is what may come via persons resistant to change.

I would like to speak to Council at one of its hearings in support of my thoughts.

John Martin

16th April 2021.

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Dear

I have been thinking about the proposed new development to the East of Levin and – also – East of the proposed expressway and relating it to some of the major issues facing us as a nation:

Availability of land for housing;

Housing availability in both volume and size;

Cost of the houses;

Water in both supply of potable and management of grey water;

Proximity to medical services;

Mental wellbeing of the residents;



And there will be other relevant considerations which I'll not bother to comment on.

I believe the new development is a fantastic opportunity for being innovative!

For example: houses could be 3 storey – or more. Why not? So you might have to change the district Plan. So what? Just do it! Even if only to enable the new concept of development to proceed.

Greater height means more residents and there are house designs now which accommodate levels of full size family living.

There could be an area set aside for a small playground (not too big because Levin already has a good one) and opportunity for a dairy.

I assume there will be safe access across the expressway and current highway so that the broader features of central Levin can be readily visited – the new development will be as close to Horowhenua Community Practice as central Levin is; we have schools and colleges.

There is evidence that mental wellbeing is enhanced by being able to walk in open air nature; the development is very close to the Levin East Walkway.

I am sure there are modern methods of passive and unobtrusive heat retention which can be utilised.

From me that is enough – I have floated a concept. The furtherance of the concept will require skills which I fear (and I'm guessing here) that HDC does not have so will have to be acquired elsewhere. But what I do know is that the moment the concept gets out (if it ever did so for whatever reason) the naysayers would immediately appear, maybe even within HDC offices: it's a silly idea, it hasn't been done before, it's not Council's role, it's this, it's that, and so on. But in defence I would say, "If you always do what you've always done then you'll always get what you've always had." Why in this instance can't there be innovation? And if the total concept has a few 'bits that could have been done better' there will still have been provision for a greater number of residents than would have been the case if all that happened was single storey houses on a small area. Like Speldhurst for example though I accept that what is showing there is something that has been well considered and constructed

What is wrong in regarding the area as a standalone concept incorporating innovative thinking?

Just a few thoughts of mine,

John Martin

11.1.2021

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I appreciate that there will be many submissions made on what HDC proposes for the next twenty years, and as such, I expand my submission on the issues of most importance to me with the future of my whanau in the heart of my submission.

Yours sincerely

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **Yes**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

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Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

I support full indoor plans but not overly keen on outdoor section. I also believe the concept plans have absolutely no functionality for families with wide ranging age and ability needs. Whilst it would be a shame to move toddler learning pools - they need to be moved down to beside family and bombing pool. Spa pools need to be removed back to old site of toddler pool with addition of hydrotherapy pools which could all be fenced off to stop children going in. Yr Infrastructure document talks about Levin being over capacity and growing age in whole region so putting capacity of hydrotherapy in plans (even if staged development is far less costly to do now. Foxton Futures and State Highway changes turns Foxton into a destination by 2029 so another reason to build capacity for visitors now. Also meeting room down by family are, narrow and long if better for site - to allows not just exercise but rental income family birthday and other events where mot of 'action' will be - also stop children running around a large complex.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Also lobby government for law change to have existing service subdivisions have to have development contributions as the ever reducing section sizes is contributing to expansion as well as renewal costs of existing assets for all 3 'waters'.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

As per previous comment, growth comes at a cost and I believe all that growth should be paid for by developers AND people sub-dividing existing land that has services for one house - not two or more,

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

I have concerns about scheme-by-scheme contributions - this might need a balance as smaller communities may not be able to afford best practice and most environmentally sustainable schemes. Also needs more transparency and education to rate payers on what parts are harmonised and what isn't. Example - if Foxton and Foxton Beach get Option One pool with a targeted rate, then other communities in the council should not be swaying decisions on options thru submissions.

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **No**

Comments on Reductions:

There are other ways to address affordability - as a region we also need to look at new developments to not only have water metres but whole communities on compostable toilet systems, septic tanks and rainwater collection rather than massive expense adding to already strained infrastructure systems

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Businesses bring trucks, which brings pollution and heavier wear on roading - we should all pay same.

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Lifestyle blocks who have own water and sewerage need relief but a major compliance issue for checking that home businesses are not operating would need to occur.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Continued and stronger lobbying for central government onto national government to get these amounts raised, not with CPI but with market property values which rates are based on.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

There seems a pattern of every 3 years we have a higher increase of rates for 2-4 years then reducing but then 3 years later same 'graph' with different dates appear. Council needs to look at it's responsibility of debt against growth - can HDC ratepayers really afford the costs of growth with the huge amount of infrastructure repair and renewal that now needs to occur because of lack of previous councils actions. Yes we now have to pay the bill - so perhaps time to say no to growth and get our infrastructure fixed with rates truly affordable with council back to supporting current residents, not future ones.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Yes

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **I often feel some staff put forward ideas and plans that are not actually wanted, nor affordable for the residents especially when the basics are not being maintained or even present in smaller communities - footpaths, stormwater that doesn't flood. A vibrant economy with an outstanding environment means having community being heard in the communities that are affected by the change. I hope council will listen to the desire of Foxtton (and probably Shannon) to gift back their Foxtton War Memorial Hall AND provide support to help ensure it grows to a vibrant hub.**

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

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From: Brent Harvey
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 2:45 PM
To: Records Processing
Subject: FW: Foxton Pool - Growing Our Future Together

Brent Harvey

Community Facilities and Events Manager

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From: cathrynmccartney16@gmail.com <cathrynmccartney16@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 2:44 PM
To: Brent Harvey <BrentH@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Foxton Pool - Growing Our Future Together

Hi, Brent – my submission below in the easy format you set out... thanks Cathy

From: Brent Harvey <BrentH@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 16 April 2021 11:03 AM
To: Brent Harvey <BrentH@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Foxton Pool - Growing Our Future Together

Good morning all,

We are approaching the end of the Long Term Plan consultation period with the official period concluding at 4pm on Monday 19 April. I know that a lot of you have submitted and provided your thoughts on Foxton Pool which is fantastic – thank you.

For those who haven't, I encourage you to take the time to make a submission, there is still time to do so.

The simplest way to reply to me with the following information and I will ensure it is included with the submissions.

Name: Cathy McCartney

Address: 12 Andresen Street, Foxton Beach

Topic One – Foxton Pool

Preferred Option: 1

Comments:

The pool is in serious need of an upgrade and as a regular user it is often cool and the water murky. The pool needs to operate on a year round basis with activities and events that encourage additional use. Having a year

round facility with a splash pad gives the opportunity for locals and visitors to enjoy spending time in the heart of Foxton and enjoying the amenities.

The pool is a critical part of the social infrastructure in Foxton. I note many of the users of the pool during the week may have had surgery; are aging and require the relief of moving freely in the pool when they may experience difficulty moving about on the tarmac. Also a great addition to the educational facilities being able to use the facility year round.

A pool is a must have in a growing community.

Cathy McCartney

Thank you for your time. If you have any last minute questions about the options please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Regards
Brent

Brent Harvey

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From: Brent Harvey <BrentH@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 8 April 2021 4:16 PM
To: Brent Harvey <BrentH@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: Foxton Pool - Growing Our Future Together

Good afternoon,

Thank you to those of you that have submitted to the 2021-41 Long Term Plan, we are just over halfway through the consultation period and have received a number of submissions. For those of you that haven't submitted, there is still time to do so as consultation period closes 4pm Monday 19 April.

As outlined in my prior email there are five options presented for consideration with regards to Foxton Pool, including the option of permanent closure. I strongly encourage you to have your say if you wish to help shape the

future of Foxton Pool. It's critically important that we receive submissions and hear from the community as this helps inform Councillors when it comes to decision making time.

More information on the five options and can be found here - www.horowhenua.govt.nz/GrowingOurFutureTogether

You are able to make a submission via email provided it includes the following information – These can be sent directly to me or to ltp@horowhenua.govt.nz

Name:

Address:

Topic One – Foxton Pool

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Comments:

We have a free swim and sausage sizzle this Friday at Foxton Pool (3.30pm – 6.30pm) and will have staff onsite to answer any questions about the options being considered. If you don't have any questions, you are most welcome to come along and enjoy the facility and an evening at the pool – we will also have the dunk tank operating for those that are extra keen!

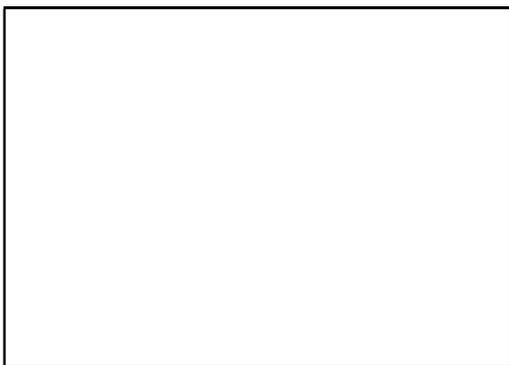
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From: Brent Harvey <BrentH@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 30 March 2021 8:50 AM
To: Brent Harvey <BrentH@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Foxton Pool - Growing Our Future Together

Good Morning,

In November last year, you provided feedback on various concepts as part of a Feasibility Study on Foxton Pool. The feedback received demonstrated the importance that the community places on aquatic provision in Foxton with 676 responses to the proposed concepts.

On Wednesday 16th March, Councillors adopted the draft Long Term Plan Consultation Document. The purpose of the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Consultation Document is to get your feedback to help Council set out what we are going to do over the next 20 years.

One of the key topics in the 2021-41 Long Term Plan is the future of Foxton Pool. Your feedback provided in November last year has directly help shape the options for consideration. The Consultation Document asks the community to consider five options. All of the options have been quantity surveyed and operational modelling completed to help inform future decision making. The options are:

- Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 2: Basic All-year pool
- Option 3: Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 4: Seasonal Outdoor Basic Pool
- Option 5: Permanently Close Facility

The purpose of the email today is to let you know that the submission period is now open and to encourage you to have your say – the submissions received through this period will assist Council when it comes to making a decision on the future of the facility. It's important that the community is heard when considering the pools future and I encourage as many people as possible to take the time to complete a submission.

The full LTP Consultation Document, including supporting information and how to make a submission can be found here: [Long Term Plan 2021 - 2041, Growing Our Future Together](#). **Submissions close at 4pm on Monday 19 April 2021.**

Please join us on Friday 09 April for a free swim and sausage at Foxton Pool from 3.30pm – 6.30pm. We'll have staff on hand to answer any questions you may have in relation to Foxton Pool. Alternatively, if you have any questions feel free to contact me by replying to this email.

Kind regards

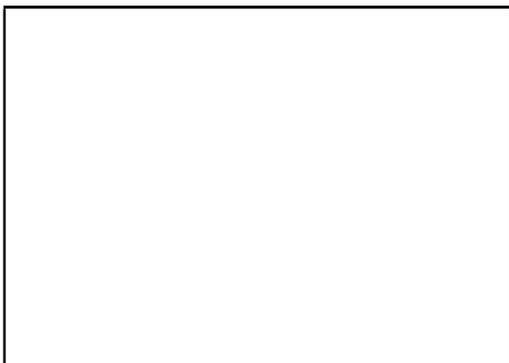
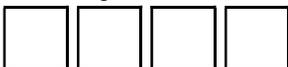
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

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Do you require a translator?

No

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Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Basic All-year pool

Comments:

Rather than close the pool and require Foxton people to travel to Levin Aquatic center, I would prefer a basic year round pool in Foxton

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

New residential and commercial developments should help to fund new infra structure, rather than it fall on existing rate payers. My experience of paying this contribution some years ago for Levin & Horowhenua Vet Centre's new clinic, was ok.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

I see all of the above as infrastructure requirements of new developments.

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Without stifling future development, it seems fair to assign 3 waters contributions to related growth areas

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

I can see that cash flow problems could arise when it takes months or years to complete the sale of a development

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes

Comments on Reductions:

I can see the significant public benefit argument, but less so for affordability.

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

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Comments:

I think removing the differential would be fairer on a user pays basis, as the residential population grows and hence an increase in residential capital values, residential rate payers will be paying more.

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Comments:

I feel that it would be fairer to farmers, when their numbers are decreasing relative to residential.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **Yes**

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I gathetr that Shamubeel has promoted the idea of using the Special purpose vehicle to fund development and that sounds a good idea, to avoid excessive debt for rate payers.

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy? **None**

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

I worry about the affordability of a 4.4% rates increase each year over the following 10 years, I would hope that an increased population over the coming years, would actually help to keep rates in check, as costs are spread over a larger number of rate payers

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **Yes I think being business friendly and hence help job creation,**

and assisting growth in the townships, so that consents for new residential and business properties are facilitated.

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

I foresee a bright future for the district, where growth is facilitated and efficiencies of a larger base of rate payers, help to reduce rates per rate payer.

Attach any other comments:

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Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 4: Seasonal Outdoor Basic Pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

- Fee should be based on the zoning (density) rather than a flat rate.
- The fee implemented, should be set at a level to encourage growth plan
- one standard fee, irrespective of location within Horowhenua
- Clear ruling on when development contribution is payable

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- Roading**
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- Wastewater treatment**
- Stormwater**

Comments:

Community infrastructure should come from rates as it is for general use and is an ongoing commitment. There are other areas that need to be considered that are not listed above.

Which approach do you think should be used?

Other: Fees & use

Comments on Catchments:

**Greater clarity is required on the "district-wide" roading and three waters. The development fee should be spent within the area this is being developed.
The development fee should not be utilised for community infrastructure.**

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

The development contribution should be payable at the time that the building consent is issued.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

We support the concept of general rate change but farming support land should be zoned as farming and not re-zoned to residential.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Greater certainty should be provided to land owners on whether they will be provided rates remission. Currently application must be made after a zoning change (for example) but how can the land owner have certainty that the zoning change will not adversely affect them if they then have to wait for confirmation of rates remission.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Yes

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **19 April 2021, 3:24PM**
Receipt number: **152**
Related form version: **2**

Contact Details

Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private

Title: **Mr**

Full Name: **John And Jeny Brown**

Name of Organisation:

Postal Address:

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Postcode:

[Redacted]

Telephone:

[Redacted]

Mobile:

Email:

[Redacted]

Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **Yes** the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **Yes** Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

In person

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Basic All-year pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

Yes BUT,

***One standard fee no matter where the location within the Horowhenua**

***Fee implemented/ set at a level to encourage growth plan**

***Clear ruling on when this payment is due eg payment when building permit is issued.**

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **Yes**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Comments:	<p>Community infrastructure - No this should be out of rates as this is a general use/ongoing commitment that our rates currently cover.</p> <p>Roading, water supply, wastewater treatment, storm water - Yes But there are areas that need to be considered.</p>
Which approach do you think should be used?	Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.
Comments on Catchments:	<p>More clarity is need on the "district-wide" roading and the three waters.</p> <p>The development fee should be spend within the area that is being developed.</p> <p>We do not agree with development fee being charged for community infrastructure</p>
Do you agree with this approach?	No
Comments on Time of payment:	We believe that payment of this cost should be payable at the time of the building consent being issued.
Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?	No
Comments on Reductions:	<p>The Levy needs to be charged at the time that a</p> <p>Building Consent is applied for</p>

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:	Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.
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Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Support the concept of general rate change but opposed the .5 option. Farming support land should be zoned as farming and not as residential.

We agree in principal but the issue of Vacant Lifestyle rating units which are part of farming as either part of the main farm block or used as support blocks being moved to District Wide group needs to be addressed first, therefore the differential factor may need to be amended in light of the outcome of the above

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

As the district continues to grow and goes through ongoing re-zoning lands to accommodate the growth then it is important that this policy is maintained and extended to cover the situations where the land use has not changed but the zoning has and that change of zoning has impacted on the rating charge.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases **No**
and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes
reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we
shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

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what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term
Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

From: Long Term Plan 2021-41 Project Team
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 3:26 PM
To: Records Processing
Subject: FW: Ltp submission for Foxton War Memorial Hall
Attachments: HDC submission by FWMH Intermin Committee FINAL 19042021.docx

Categories: Natasha Working On

From: Nola Fox <foxnolal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 3:08 PM
To: Long Term Plan 2021-41 Project Team <ltp@horowhenua.govt.nz>; David Roache <RoachesConcrete@xtra.co.nz>
Subject: Ltp submission for Foxton War Memorial Hall

Hi

Please find attached our submission regarding the Foxton War Memorial Hall.

We will drop a hard copy off to council this afternoon with all original signatures and letters of support.
regards

Nola Fox and David Roache

Submission to Horowhenua District Council (HDC)

Long Term Plan Consultation April 2021

From: Foxton War Memorial Hall Interim Committee

C/- David Roache, Roaches Concrete Products, 46 Johnston Street, Foxton 4814.

Context:

In February this year The Foxton War Memorial Hall Interim Committee provided a submission to HDC CEO, Councilors' and Foxton Community Board for returning ownership of the Foxton War Memorial Hall back to the Foxton Community, with a vision for its restoration and preservation into a community hub. We attach it again for reference of where the committee was at, at that time trying to meet cut-off times for inclusion into public consultation documents, being draft 'conversation starting' documents.

We appreciate the efforts by all parties in hearing us.

Our submission – for incorporation into the current draft Long Term Plan 2021 – 2041 at no additional cost increase to ratepayers is:

- 1. Sale or gifting of the FWMH to a Foxton based incorporated society for nominal fee if needed of \$1.00 (inclusive of GST and free of any other financial encumbrances);**
- 2. That an annual grant of \$10,000.00 (excl GST) towards the operating costs for a period of 6 years be included, paid in July of each year.**

We now wish to expand on the actions in this formal submission and how the proposed actions benefit HDC Goals for the community and engages a community in need of a community hub – a win/win situation.

HDC Challenges

We acknowledge the effort of all HDC staff and councilor's in having put together a huge plan to be proactive in coping with the anticipated growth of 2.6%¹ or higher that could hit the region.

Because of these challenges, the community outcomes – vision and goals in the consultation document² being a focus of community wellbeing, engagement and support strongly align. The return of the hall to community ownership and support to ensure viability sits totally within the stated goals and levels of service whilst also not asking for an increase in rate to pay for this proposal. An increasing population requires more services, requires more venues for leisure and learning activities at an ever-increasing cost to HDC and the ratepayer. Our proposal decreases costs immediately upon implementation with HDC no longer having ownership costs for maintenance. The annual grant funding is 50% of what

¹ Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051 page 8

² Community Consultation document – pages 10 & 11; Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051 page6

HDC figures showed in 2019³ along with the HDC Long Term Plan Activity Statements - page 140 shows a rising costs for Hall's maintenance.

Detailed in the 20/21 general rates district wide income (for HDC services where there is benefit to the district as a whole or public benefit for the wider community) the amount is just over \$8.9million⁴. We are asking for \$10,000 from that rate income = just over 0.112%. Or a total of figures of revenue sources being \$64million = 0.00016%⁵. We believe this amount is small enough that if funding cannot be found under current proposed Hall activity budget line then there should be somewhere else the budget pencil can be sharpened to accommodate this cost.

This submission promotes HDC's focus on community well-being, engagement and support with the following points:

- Levin retains having it's Memorial Hall at a strengthening cost in 24/25 of \$222,068.00 – why must Foxton lose theirs?⁶
- Levin and Foxton Beach have their own community centres, supported by the council – but Foxton has never had a community centre and severely lacks facilities for counselors of health services; budgeting, citizens advice at low cost
- Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom – Bicultural Centre is not a community centre that provides for all groups nor all community needs – dance classes; community markets; family celebrations. The adoption of this submission gives the opportunity for the two centres to compliment and collaborate to meet as many community needs as possible
- The land was gifted by NZ Woolpack Textiles Ltd for the sole purpose of building a War memorial Hall, and the people of Foxton fundraised to be build the Hall supported by a government grant. HDC has only been a custodian for the community.

Benefits of proposal

We list here some of the benefits of supporting our proposal:

- Community control of loved hall supports delivery of the Horowhenua Community Wellbeing Framework
- Supports the implementation of the Community Wellbeing Action Plan
- Is a community led and is responding to community needs
- Supports the ability of the community to advocate for better health, safety, housing
- Supports and enhances social belonging which is a key outcome for the Community Wellbeing Committee

³ Figures obtained from the Foxton Community Board Chair from HDC accounts breakdown

⁴ Community Consultation document – Changes to the general rate – page 50

⁵ Community Consultation Document Page 33 – note figure had to be added manually as total annual income not given

⁶ Long Term Plan Activity Statements page 142

- Enhances community facilities so greater range of needs for indoor spaces is met
- Does not drain council resources or staffing
- Empowers local community to ensure community engagement
- Provides a much needed community hub
- Allows additional services to be pulled into area
- Can help with economic growth for local businesses
- Will initially provide part-time employment and with time grow employment opportunities.

Along with the signatures on our original submission on the following pages, we have canvassed residents and ratepayers in our community providing:

- 6 letters of support along with
- an additional 377 names of support gathered from HDC community members and
- 11 public who use Foxton as a service centre.

We also hope that many other individual submissions will be made in support.

We also wish to register two (2) speakers to this submission on behalf of the interim committee: Mr. David Roache and Mrs. Nola Fox

We hope councilors can see the wisdom and benefit of our submission and adopt the actions into the HDC Long Term Plan

David Roach

Email:

Telephone:

On behalf of Foxton War Memorial Hall Interim Committee

Nola Fox

Foxton War Memorial Hall



Submission to Horowhenua District Council 2021 to 2027 Long Term Plans

For Community Ownership, Restoration and Preservation

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Submission to Horowhenua District Council Long Term Plans

Re: Returning Foxton War Memorial Hall to Foxton Community Ownership, Restoration and Preservation

We, the undersigned wish to submit to the long term plan of Horowhenua District Council for the following actions be included:

1. Sale or gifting of the FWMH to a Foxton based incorporated society for nominal fee (if needed of \$1.00 (inclusive of GST and free of any other financial encumbrances);
2. That an annual grant of \$10,000.00 (excl GST) towards the operating costs for a period of 6 years be included, paid in July of each year.

This submission is supported by a number of appendices:

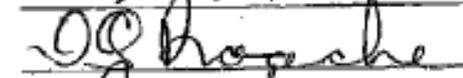
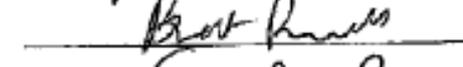
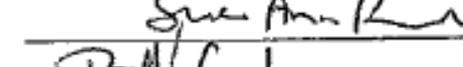
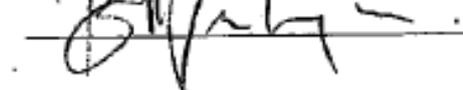
- Appendix A: Draft Operating Budget for 7 years;
- Appendix B: Explanatory Notes for budget;
- Appendix C: Draft Constitution for Community Ownership in an Incorporated Society;
- Appendix D: A Timeline explaining the scope of works to fund and carry out earthquake strengthening of the Hall;
- Appendix E: Profiles of the committee and advisors behind this submission.

We can provide a large number of local letters of support for this initiative if required.

Our aim is to ensure that the Foxton War Memorial Hall's ownership is retained by the Foxton & Foxton Beach community; and is operated in a safe and commercial manner to service and benefit that community.

We look forward to working closely with Horowhenua District Council support as we progress towards the major funding applications required for earthquake strengthening to public use standards.

Should you require any further details, please contact us via David Roache.

	Karen Adams
	Trevor Chambers
	Nola Fox
	David Roache
	Ngatre Newland
	Tony Robinson
	Brett Russell
	Sue-Ann Russell
	Basil Vertongen

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Draft Operational Budget Foxton War Memorial Hall For Period 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2028

Foxton War Memorial Hall proposed Incorporated Society Submission to HDC

Appendix A

Description								Notes
Income:	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
Balance carried forward		\$ 4,280.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 2,830.00	
HDC Grant	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		1
Hall Hire - Casual	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,400.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	2
Room Hire - Lease	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	3
In Kind Volunteer work	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	4
Other seed grants	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		5
Total Income	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 24,200.00	
Expenditure								
Cleaning	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	6
Booking Commission	\$ 400.00	\$ 700.00		\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	7
Hall Maintenance	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	8
Vandalism Repairs	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	9
Exterior Clean	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	10
Hall Management	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	11
WOF/IQP Inspections	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	12
Gardening + Lawns	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	13
Rates	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,800.00	14
Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	15
Pest Control	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	16
Electricity & Gas	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	17
Phone	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	18
Internet	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	19
Asset Replacement	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		20
Total Expenditure	\$ 20,920.00	\$ 21,865.00	\$ 11,120.00	\$ 24,070.00	\$ 24,220.00	\$ 24,370.00	\$ 20,920.00	
Net Profit/Loss	\$ 4,280.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 2,830.00	\$ 3,280.00	

Foxton War Memorial Hall Society Incorporated DRAFT Operational Budget notes

Note	Explanation
1	HDC Grant 6 years, showing year 7 objective to be self-sufficient
2	Hall hire income has been split into 2 types. Casual hire is seen as party and events
3	This line represents ability to develop some permanent tenants in rooms alongside the hall plus regular group hires such as a dance group
4	Being part of community, this budget line is to represent contributions of members of community in supporting maintenance of Hall – e.g. possible gardening and lawn.
5	1 st year COGS & apply ECCT grass roots operational funding; COGS 2 nd year onwards
6	Calculated at \$100 a month being once a week cleaning of toilets
7	Possible expense if we have to pay a booking commission on casual hirers
8	Planning for normal maintenance – light bulbs, small plumbing issues etc
9	Based on HDC previous expenditure this needs to be allowed for
10	Allowance for minimum yearly external wash & windows
11	Wages for an administrator @ 5 hours week, living wage plus associated employment costs. Possibility could also do some secretary work of committee
12	Annual building WOF and IQP plus Health & Safety costs
13	Anticipated net cost \$300 after in-kind community support for lawns/gardens
14	Rates @ 21/22 year +3% annual increase
15	Building, public liability and Committee insurance
16	Based on HDC costs
17	Electricity and gas have been based on HDC costs
18	A \$50 a month cell phone as contact for bookings to ensure contact availability
19	Building should have internet for users
20	Fixture and Fittings replacement plus emergency maintenance fund – reassess year 7

Explanation of 23/24 year given in Draft Timeline Scope of Works document.

Foxton War Memorial Hall Society Incorporated
Constitution
DRAFT

1. TITLE

The Title of the Society shall be “Foxton War Memorial Hall Society Incorporated”.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 “Society” means the Foxton War Memorial Hall Society incorporated.
- 2.2 “Committee” means the Management Committee of the Society elected at annual general meetings for three (3) year rotations.
- 2.3 “Financial member” means any person who has paid the Society’s annual subscription for that year.
- 2.4 “Term of office” means a three (3) year tenure dating from the election of the management committee at an annual general meeting.
- 2.5 “The Foxton area” means the area defined by local government boundaries for the Foxton and Foxton Beach Area only.
- 2.6 “The “Act” means the Incorporated Societies Act 2008.
- 2.7 “Honorary Member” means any person who has been accorded free membership following a resolution to that affect by the Committee.
- 2.8 “The Hall” means the Foxton War Memorial Hall and it’s surrounding gardens of it’s legal boundaries.

3. REGISTERED OFFICE

The Registered Office shall be situated at the address of the Secretary or any such place as determined by the Management Committee.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society are:

- 4.1 To retain community ownership of the Foxton War Memorial Hall and operate it in an efficient, safe and commercial manner to service the community while maintaining the character of a community War Memorial.
- 4.2 To bring the Hall up to the required earthquake strength at the earliest opportunity as funds allow.
- 4.3 To promote community-based activities in the Hall for the benefit of residents in the Foxton Area.
- 4.4 To enable the pursuit of a variety of revenue raising activities to fund long term self-sufficiency.
- 4.5 Advocate on behalf of members on local government matters pertaining to historical or buildings and sites of historical significance.
- 4.6 Liaise with like-minded organisations throughout the Horowhenua and New Zealand.

4 POWERS

In order to achieve its objectives, the Society has the authority to

- 4.1 Operate a bank account.
- 4.2 Raise funds.
- 4.3 Undertake any lawful activity to achieve the Society's aims.

5 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Membership is available to any person who resides or who is an owner of a property within the Foxton and Foxton Beach Area.
- 5.2 Any other person may become a member whose membership is approved by the Committee.

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 6.1 Members over the age of 18 shall become financial members upon payment of the subscription fee which shall be set at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- 6.2 Only financial members shall have the right to vote at meetings.
- 6.3 Subscription fees fall due on 1 July each year.

7 RESIGNATIONS

- 7.1 A member may resign from membership at any time by written notice to the Secretary.
- 7.2 The financial membership of any member shall lapse upon default of the appropriate subscription more than three months after the due date or the member becomes ineligible to remain a member.

8 MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be responsible for the management of the Society during their term of office.

9 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The Management Committee shall be financial members elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for the term of office for three (3) years.
- 9.2 The Management Committee shall comprise the following: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and no more than three other committee members.
- 9.3 The Management Committee shall at the first meeting following an Annual General meeting elect from the newly elected committee members a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer to hold office for the Committee's term of office.
- 9.4 The Management Committee shall have the right to elect a replacement if any Officer vacates office during their term of office.
- 9.5 The Chairperson shall chair all meetings, or in the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson will chair the meeting. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, the members present shall vote a person to chair this meeting.
- 9.6 The Management Committee shall have the right to determine the date, time and venue for Management Committee meetings.

- 9.7 Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to cast one vote on motions put to the meeting.
- 9.8 Proxy votes in writing to the Chairperson will be accepted.
- 9.9 In the event of equality of votes, the Chairperson should have a casting vote.
- 9.10 Unless or until set aside by financial members attending a general meeting, any resolution passed by the Management Committee shall be final.
- 9.11 The Management Committee has the authority to delegate any party authority to act on any matter, and to set any terms of reference.
- 9.12 The Management Committee has the authority to set sub-committees subject to terms of reference set in advance.
- 9.13 The Management Committee has the authority to expend funds in order to advance the objectives of the Society, and to reimburse any member or Committee member for reasonable expenses.
- 9.14 Any member of the Management Committee who fails to attend more than three (3) consecutive committee meetings without reasonable explanation may be removed from the committee upon resolution of the Management Committee.
- 9.15 The Management Committee shall have the authority to co-opt financial members onto the Committee to fill any vacancy or for a specific purpose during the Committee's term of office.
- 9.16 Where a member is co-opted for a specific purpose, the Management Committee's complement is permitted to exceed seven (7).
- 9.17 Co-opted members shall be granted speaking rights. Co-opted members to fill a vacancy shall have voting rights. Provision of voting rights for other co-opted members shall be determined by the Committee before that member is co-opted onto the Committee.
- 9.18 The Management Committee reserves the right to exclude members and observers from the meeting in order to discuss matters considered to be of a sensitive nature.
- 9.19 The Management Committee shall set a policy on the attendance of financial members and other observers at Committee meetings.

10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 10.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held not later than the thirty-first day of October each year, at a time, date and place set by the Management Committee.
- 10.2 Fourteen clear days' notice shall be given by the Secretary of such time, date and place of the Annual General Meeting. Such notification shall be to the community by means deemed suitable by the committee.
- 10.3 The outgoing Chairperson shall chair the Annual General Meeting, but if seeking re-election shall vacate the Chair for the Election of the Management Committee.
- 10.4 Proxy votes from fully paid members shall be accepted only if in writing and handed to the Chairperson before the start of the meeting.
- 10.5 The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:
 - a) Adoption of Minutes for previous Annual General Meeting
 - b) The presentation of the Chairperson's Annual Report
 - c) The presentation of the Treasurer's Report

- d) The presentation of reviewed or audited Financial Statements in line with regulatory requirements of Charitable entity reporting
- e) Election of the Management Committee members on rotation
- f) Appointment of an Independent Financial Reviewer or Auditor
- g) Setting subscription fees for the forthcoming year
- h) Any general business raised by members.

11 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 11.1 A Special General Meeting may be called for a specified purpose by:
- a) No less than four (4) members of the Management Committee.
 - b) No less than five (5) financial members of the Society.
- 11.2 The written request for a Special Meeting can be sent to any Committee member. Committee members are bound to pass requests onto all other Committee members as soon as practicable.
- 11.3 The Management Committee shall set the date, time and place for the Special General Meeting, although it shall take place no later than one month after receiving a request for a special general meeting.
- 11.4 Notification of the Special General Meeting, the date, time and venue shall be conveyed to financial members by e-mail or delivery no less than seven days before the Special General Meeting takes place.
- 11.5 The Chairperson or a person delegated by the Chairperson shall chair the Special General Meeting.
- 11.6 Any other business shall be conducted at the Special General Meeting with the majority vote of financial members attending.
- 11.7 Voting on any notice of motion shall be by show of hands unless a majority of members attending vote in favour of a secret poll.
- 11.8 Proxy votes shall be in writing and handed to the Chairperson before the start of the meeting.

12 QUORUM

- 12.1 The Quorum for an Annual General or Special General Meeting shall be ten (10) financial members.
- 12.2 The Quorum for meetings of the Management Committee shall be four (4) members of the Management Committee.
- 12.3 No business shall be conducted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Such a meeting shall be adjourned to another date.
- 12.4 Where two (2) attempts of an Annual or Special Meeting have been undertaken without success meeting quorum, then a third (3rd) attempt is to be undertaken with a quorum set at seven (7) financial members.

13 ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Management Committee of no more than seven (7) members shall be elected at the first Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 At the second Annual General Meeting and subsequent Annual General Meetings onwards, two (2) committee member positions must be offered for election, allowing a minimum of six (6) committee positions available for re-election *over* three (3) years.

- 13.3 All financial members are eligible for nomination.
- 13.4 All nominations must be proposed and seconded by financial members.
- 13.5 Nominations can be advised in advance of meeting to member or taken from the floor at time of elections during the meeting. Nominees are required to give a short verbal presentation of skills and attributes they would bring to the Committee to allow members to ensure Committee has a balance of skilled members.
- 13.6 Nominations are called for and closed by the chair during the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.7 If seeking re-election, the Chairperson shall vacate the chair for the election of the Management Committee and prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Management Committee shall appoint an independent person to chair the meeting during the election of the Management Committee.
- 13.8 The rulings of the independent chairperson shall be final.

14 MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF PROPERTY

The management and control of all real and person property owned by the Society shall be vested in the Management Committee, who may exercise all such powers and do all such things as may be exercised by the Society and are not thereby or by statute expressly directed or required to be exercise or done by the Society in a General meeting.

15 INDEMNITY

The Management Committee and any person acting under the delegated authority of the Management Committee shall be indemnified against all disbursements, expenses, liabilities and losses incurred by them in or about the discharge of their duties except such as happens from their wilful act, neglect, or default in breach of the provisions of Charitable or Incorporated Society legislation.

16 COMMON SEAL

The Society will not use a Common Seal. All legal documents will be signed by three (3) committee members with evidence provided by meeting minutes that the document has been approved for signing.

17 FINANCE

- 17.1 The financial year shall end on the thirtieth day of June.
- 17.2 All funds received by the Society shall be paid into the Society's bank account. An official receipt shall be issued for any cash funds received. Official receipts will be provided upon request for direct bank payments received.
- 17.3 At the first meeting of the Management Committee following the Annual General Meeting, the Management Committee will appoint no less than three bank signatories. No signatory shall be the spouse or partner of another signatory.
- 17.4 All accounts shall be processed by two of the appointed signatories.
- 17.5 Subscriptions are valid for the period from 1st July until 30th June each year.
- 17.6 Financial statements shall be prepared by the Treasurer and reviewed by the Independent Reviewer or Auditor for presentation and approval by members at the Annual General Meeting.

- 17.7 The financial statement shall provide a record of the Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure, a Balance Sheet and any other statement required under the Act.
- 17.8 Once adopted by members attending the Annual General Meeting, a copy of the financial statements shall be forwarded to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, accompanied by a certificate signed by the Chairperson stating:
- I certify that the foregoing statement had been submitted to and approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on the (day) of (year) at (place)
- 17.9 The Independent Reviewer shall at all reasonable times have access to the books and accounts of the Society and shall be entitled to any information deemed desirable for audit purposes.
- 17.10 The Independent Reviewer shall not be a member of the Management Committee and preferably will not be a financial member of the Society.

18 TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

- 18.1 Collect and account for all Members' subscriptions and Society funds, issuing a receipt for all cash transactions and when requested for bank payments.
- 18.2 Each month update the Secretary on new members and details.
- 18.3 Bank promptly all monies of the Society and pay all accounts once passed for payment.
- 18.4 Keep a record of all revenue and expenditure, as well as any potential liabilities or assets.
- 18.5 At the conclusion of the financial year, prepare the Annual Account and Balance Sheet within sufficient time for the Independent Reviewer to complete the review and print off copies for circulation at the Annual General Meeting.
- 18.6 Recommend at the ultimate Committee meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting subscription fees for the forthcoming year.

19 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- 19.1 Record the minutes of each meeting, including the time, date, venue, Chairperson, persons present, and resolutions passed.
- 19.2 Receive all inwards correspondence and liaise with the Treasurer over financial matters of an urgent nature.
- 19.3 Compose and sign all outwards correspondence.
- 19.4 Keep a record of all inwards and outwards correspondence.
- 19.5 Maintain a register of financial members and contact details.
- 19.6 Notify members of meetings, including the annual general meeting.

20 CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall:

- 20.1 Chair all meetings of the Management Committee and general meetings, with the exception of an election if seeking re-election.
- 20.2 Prepare the Agenda of all meetings in consultation with the Secretary and/or the Treasurer.

20.3 Prepare an annual report for the Annual General Meeting.

21 PRIVACY ACT 2020

In accordance with the Society's obligations under the Privacy Act 2020:

- 21.1 No information obtained from members to meet the Society's obligations as an Incorporated Society shall be used for any other purpose other than for which it is obtained, unless prior written authorisation has been obtained from each member affected.
- 21.2 All information obtained from members shall be stored with sufficient safeguards to protect against loss or unauthorised access.
- 21.3 Any person holding information about a member shall not be entitled to disclose that information to anybody else without authorisation from the member concerned or in certain limited situations to meet the requirements of the Act.
- 21.4 If a serious breach of privacy occurs that impacts upon the member/s then the Office of the Privacy Commissioner will be advised as soon as practicable.

22 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

22.1 If any member of the Management Committee has a conflict of interest on any matter considered by the Management Committee, that member shall declare that conflict of interest and withdraw from discussing or voting on that matter.

23 COMPLAINTS

- 23.1 Any complaint about the conduct of any member shall in the first instance be referred to the Chairperson, or a Committee member.
- 23.2 If the complaint cannot be resolved in this first instance, the complaint shall then be placed in writing, signed by the complainant and forwarded to the Secretary.
- 23.3 The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee at the earliest possible convenience, and until this meeting has been held, no committee member is permitted to discuss this complaint with any member other than another committee member.
- 23.4 At all times, the Management Committee shall observe the principles of natural justice, namely the right of both parties to be heard and the right to a fair hearing.
- 23.5 After hearing both parties, the Management Committee shall have the discretion to:
 - a) Censure that member in writing.
 - b) If that member is a member of the Management Committee, either suspend that member for a finite period or remove that member from the Management Committee.
- 23.6 Any decision of the Management Committee shall be final.

24 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

A vacancy exists on the Management Committee if:

- 24.1 A member dies; or
- 24.2 A member resigns in writing to the Secretary; or
- 24.3 A member is removed from the Management Committee; or
- 24.4 A member is absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation; or

24.5 A member is sentenced to a period of imprisonment of a year or more, although the disqualification does not take effect until the expiration of time for appealing against conviction or if there is an appeal until the appeal is determined.

24.6 A member becomes a mentally disordered person within the meaning of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992.

25 ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES

25.1 This Constitution shall be amended, added to or rescinded only by a resolution to that effect passed by not less than a two-thirds majority of the financial members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or alternatively a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.

25.2 Written notice of the general meeting and proposal to amend, add to or replace this Constitution shall be provided by the Secretary no less than twenty-one days before this meeting to all financial members.

25.3 No addition or alteration or rescission of this Constitution shall be adopted if it in any way affects liquidation (Clause 26) unless it shall be approved by the Inland Revenue Department.

25.4 No amendment or replacement of this Constitution and Rules shall take effect until the Registrar of Incorporated Society has acknowledged receipt of the amendment or replacement.

26 IN RECESS

Where the Management Committee is of the opinion that for any reason whatsoever, the Society can no longer for the time being, function they shall:

26.1 Report the matter in an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting so convened for that purpose setting out the reason they consider that for the time being the Society can no longer function.

26.2 Where two-thirds of financial members attending such Annual General or Special General Meeting are satisfied that the Society can no longer for the time being function, they may:

- i) Move that the Society liquidate in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution or
- ii) Move that the Society go into recess for an undetermined or specified period.

26.3 Where two-thirds of members attending such Annual General or Special General resolve that the Society go into recess, they shall appoint three Trustees to manage the affairs of the Society for such time as is necessary for the Society to function.

26.4 The members present at such Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall direct the Management Committee to:

- i) Notify the Registrar of Incorporated Societies of such recess and
- ii) Deliver forthwith to such Trustees all record and assets of the Society for safekeeping.

27 LIQUIDATION

- 27.1 In the event of the liquidation of the Society or its dissolution by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, the funds and assets of the Society remaining after payment in satisfaction of its debts, liabilities, costs and expenses of liquidation, shall be distributed by the Society in a General Meeting to any non-profit organisation operating within the Foxton Area.
- 27.2 The Procedure and requirements of liquidation of the Society shall be in accordance with Section 24 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

28 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 28.1 If any matter shall arise which is not or which in the opinion of the Management Committee is not provided for by or under this Constitution, the same shall be determined by the Management Committee in such manner as it shall deem fit.
- 28.2 Every determination shall be binding upon the Society unless and until set aside by a resolution of an Annual General or Special Meeting.

This Constitution is dated:

Chairperson

Secretary

Deputy Chairperson

Timeline Scope of Works

To provide more detail in planning that has begun around the proposed submission and subsequent work, below is our starting list of actions creating the initial scope in 3 years leading up to completion of earthquake strengthening before a full programme of activities can happen in the Hall:

2021/2022 Financial Year

- Submission accepted into HDC Long Term Plan
- Creation of an incorporated society to manage hall (including public meetings)
- Transfer of ownership into the society
- HDC Annual Grant paid to society
- Additional seed grants applied for by society
- Part-time employment position created
- Promotion of Hall for event hire started
- Call for quotes on earthquake strengthening
- Friends of Society created to support in-kind contributions to Hall maintenance

2022/2023 Financial Year

- Annual grant received
- Large funding applications completed based on quotes received
- Quotes and/or tendering finalised and agreements signed
- Continue promotion of Hall for events

2023/2024

- Earthquake strengthening work commences if funding successful
- Otherwise continue with funding applications
- Expenditure reduced as work happening on hall – allowed for whole year but might be able to only be closed to hirers for ½ of year.
- Create marketing and events planning for when strengthening completed.

Interim instigation Committee for Foxton War Memorial Hall Incorporated Society members and advisor profiles

– in alphabetical order

Karen Adams – NZIM Certificate Management

I am an experienced project support co-ordinator with a demonstrated history working in a variety of roles within the Military. Skilled in logistics, planning and analysis, communication, networking, emergency response co-ordination and personnel management, team building and facilitation. I have strong networking and management professional skills. Currently I am on executive Team of NZ Remembrance Army and am the local co-ordinator. I am giving my time to this project as I want to see the Hall be retained for community use and become the thriving hub it once was when I was a child.

Trevor Chambers Kia ora whānau of Foxton and Foxton Beach.

I am standing for the support of the Foxton Memorial Hall. I am on the Foxton Community Board and a Rugby Club member.

The Memorial Hall has great potential for our future generations. It has served us all over many years and stands proud to still serve us. It has created lots of memories for many of our local families. Ka taea tenei Lets do this!

Nola Fox - PGrad ALT (Massey), NZ Cert Commerce -Accounting, Dip Māori Visual Arts – Raranga (TWoA – level 5)

After training in Accountancy I have had a career in business analyst and training work with IBM and then as independent consultant before moving into the not-for-profit sector holding significant governorship, financial and education roles in Central District Playcentre Association at local, regional and national levels.

I bring an in-depth working knowledge of governance vs management to help support the new organisation to successfully fulfil its vision and strategic plans. I have extensive experience in H&R processes and procedures, as well as Health & Safety systems to support the organisation in compliance.

I have stepped up to supporting the work involved to help ensure local assets of historical and cultural significance are retained in the community for the community.

David Roache – Acting Chair

I am a born and bred resident of Foxton, and Managing Director of Roaches Concrete Products Ltd since 1971.

My service to the community began in 1985 with the Foxton Borough Council, Horowhenua District Council, through to the present day on the Foxton Community Board

I believe I have a wealth of experience, knowledge and dedication to give to the Community in their endeavour to retain the Foxton War Memorial Hall as a community asset, with the driving force being the purpose of the building of the Memorial Hall as a memorial to our citizens of Foxton & Foxton Beach who served our country and ultimately to those who lost their lives.

Ngaire Newland

I am from a local family with strong historical links to the area. I work for the community as a Foxton Community Board member and as Secretary of Foxton Tourist and Development Association. I have a strong work ethic and integrity as well as extensive personal assistant, secretarial and administration skills, and a sound understanding of local government processes. My past employment has included senior level personal assistant roles to senior management at both Council and Health Board. I have also run my own business as a real estate agent. I believe the Foxton War Memorial Hall could be an asset to the area as a self-sufficient commercial venture which will enhance the community.

Tony Robinson

Tena koutou. My name is Tony Robinson and I would like to offer my services to be on the committee to save the Foxton War Memorial Hall. My wife and I are both born and raised in Foxton and we have lived here all our lives, so we both share a strong connection with our town and the people who reside here. For the past 29 years I have serviced many local vehicles as the owner and operator of Tony Robinson Motors Foxton. I served 10 years on the BOT for Coley Street School, with 1 term as the Chairperson. I have coached the Manawatu 1st XV and Foxton Rugby Club Senior A's and I continue to be an active member of the Foxton Karate Club, which I have done so for 27 years. The Foxton Memorial Hall holds great significance to those who served in the world wars and those within our community. My family and friends have attended multiple events at the Memorial Hall over the years, making the Hall an asset to Foxton and surrounding areas. I believe I can be a voice for the people to save the memorial hall and help develop our town for future generations.

Nga Mihi**Brett Russell B.H**

Brett Russell is qualified with an MA Hons degree majoring in History from the University of Canterbury and an MBA degree from Massey University. He runs a successful IT company, ZawBre Ltd, which provides ICT services to a range of clients. He is a long standing Foxton resident who is particularly interested in Second World War History and recognises the Foxton War Memorial Hall, with its provenance, is a symbol of selfless duty and ultimate sacrifice. A transformation of our War Memorial Hall is long overdue so that, once again, it can be fully utilised by and for our local community.

Sue-Ann Russell – B.BA Accountancy (Massey).

My accounting career has involved contract work for Government Agencies and a permanent position with Radio New Zealand. I am a longstanding resident with my family having been in Foxton for forty years. As such the Foxton War Memorial Hall's preservation for community use is an important goal for me to achieve.

Basil Vertongen QSM-Patron

I am a born and bred resident of Foxton. I commenced my service to the community on the Foxton Borough Council in 1986, followed by 27 years on the Foxton Community board, with 15 of those years as a Chairman. Also, 50+ years at the Foxton Surf Life Saving Club. The Memorial Hall is a community asset and I support every endeavour made to achieve community ownership.

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Wildlife Foxton Trust

P.O. Box 110, Foxton, NZ, 4814 Ph: 06 363 5300

SUBMISSION OF: Wildlife Foxton Trust

TO: Horowhenua District Council Long Term Plan 2018 – 2038

Date: Monday 26th March 2018, 5:00pm

CONTACT DETAILS

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HEARING OF SUBMISSION

Did you provide feedback as part of Pre-engagement on the Long term Plan? **No**

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

Sign language interpretation is required? **No**

Background:

Wildlife Foxton Trust is a non- profit Charity [CC51211] dedicated to environmental education and the improvement of region. As participatory members of Environment Network Manawatu, Manawatu Source To Sea Bio-diversity Group, Manawatū Estuary Trust, Manawatū Estuary Management Team, Wildlife Foxton Trust is actively involved in the area.

The Consultation Documents illustrate that there is much work for Council to undertake and that priorities must be set within an appropriate budget and rates set at an acceptable and affordable level for all ratepayers and residents.

Acknowledging these restrictions and the anticipated population growth it will be increasingly important for Council to proactively support Community led initiatives where these can assist Council in achieving Community Outcomes, District Plan Objectives, and Council Strategies. We therefore bring to your attention projects that we consider Council should be considering for inclusion in Horowhenua District Council LTP 2021-2041 and beyond.

SUBMISSIONS:

Enviro Schools Programme

Council continues to budget in the LTP for up to 15 primary and secondary schools to become facilitated Enviro-schools. We would also like to see a budget increase over the LTP to accommodate more schools joining. To quote Sir David Attenborough “No one will protect what they do not care about, and no-one will care about what they have not experienced.”

Manawatu River Source to Sea

- 1) Council become active participants in the Community driven project, Manawātū River Source to Sea – a project that will enhance biodiversity and bring economic benefits to the Community;
- 2) Council include funding within the LTP 2021-2041 of \$20,000 per annum, over the next three years, to directly support Manawātū River Source to Sea 2021 – 2023/24 followed by CPI increases from 2024/25 year).

As a way of trying to curb the biodiversity loss of our region, promote recreation and also turn people’s attention to the wider river environment, ENM’s biodiversity focused member groups where Wildlife Foxton Trust is an active member, have been formulating a project over the past six years to enable the linking of existing works, fill in voids and encourage greater participation from the community.

Foxton War Memorial Hall

Wildlife Foxton Trust supports the submission by the Foxton War Memorial Hall Interim committee to return ownership of the Hall at no additional cost increase to ratepayers with the following actions:

1. Sale or gifting of the FWMH to a Foxton based incorporated society for nominal fee if needed of \$1.00 (inclusive of GST and free of any other financial encumbrances);
2. That an annual grant of \$10,000.00 (excl GST) towards the operating costs for a period of 6 years be included, paid in July of each year.

We believe the return of the hall, to become a community hub supports all aspects of the Foxton Futures Report, showing how Foxton will be the main destination in Horowhenua from 2029 when the State Highway improvements are complete. Investment now by the Council is a very low-cost way to help bring employment and economic stimulus to the township.

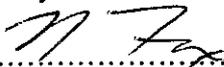
Water Management

Whilst the Council is having to plan far ahead alongside the national Three Waters reform programme decisions coming out, we believe smaller communities like Foxton and Foxton Beach need urgent improvement to water quality, not just a focus on addressing the critical water shortages facing Levin residents. Additional storage attached to every house, current as well as new builds along with education on water use and costs is needed to help alleviate the situation. For that reason, we also oppose the splash pad at Jubilee Park. Whilst it might be a reticulated system planned, water will evaporate in rising temperature, public perception will not appreciate seeing water following when they cannot use their hoses on their gardens as well as pump maintenance costs.

Foxton Township Wastewater System

We applaud the continued distribution to land on Matararapa Island here in Foxton but do wish to raise concerns of flood protection under growing climate change conditions and feel this is becoming urgent to avoid pollution in floods and spring tides.

Thank you for considering and hopefully adopting our suggested actions.


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Nola Fox, Secretary - On Behalf of Foxton Wildlife Trust

19 April 2021

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David Clapperton
Chief Executive
Horowhenua District Council
ltp@horowhenua.govt.nz

Tēnā koe David,

HORIZONS' SUBMISSION TO THE LONG TERM PLAN 2021-41: GROWING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

Thank you for the opportunity to engage with Horowhenua District Council (HDC) through the Long-term Plan consultation process. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) values ongoing opportunities to work with HDC through a wide range of projects and processes, particularly those relating to environmental well-being and land transport.

We note that HDC is concurrently seeking feedback on the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework. Horizons will comment separately on this framework; however, we wish to reiterate our support for HDC's proactive approach in planning to manage the effects of growth.

Three waters

Horizons acknowledges the resourcing allocated by HDC to improving wastewater treatment in the district, and the progress made towards resolving consenting issues for wastewater discharges from Horowhenua's communities. We are writing to all the territorial authorities in the region as part of the long-term plan consultation process, to highlight the issues facing our region in regards to central government's direction on freshwater.

We are conscious that this is a period of reform for three waters, and as a regulator of wastewater and stormwater, we will look to stay closely in touch with you as the reform package rolls out.

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM) elevates the place of Te Mana o te Wai and introduces a hierarchy of obligations which prioritises the health and well-being of freshwater over economic, social and cultural community well-being. We encourage all of the region's territorial authorities to consider this hierarchy as it relates to freshwater when producing their LTPs and infrastructure strategies, to ensure our region is well placed to provide for Te Mana o te Wai. This is particularly important where three waters consents are coming up for renewal or new consents are being applied for; we encourage HDC to ensure it has allocated sufficient resource for three waters infrastructure in the context of the NPS-FM 2020, noting HDC's current set of stormwater consent applications.

We are conscious of the strong population growth that is projected for Horowhenua and note that it will be important that this growth and necessary infrastructure provision meets 3 waters obligations, regulatory requirements and Te Mana o te Wai.

We also wish to highlight the significant central government funding that Horizons has available for work in the Waiopahu / Horowhenua freshwater management unit. We value the collaboration thus far with HDC's elected members and staff, acknowledge the effort that will be required by HDC around stormwater consenting and management, and are keen to ensure that our respective programmes are as coordinated as possible.

Transport

Horizons is pleased to see recognition of the need to provide better active transport facilities to accommodate the needs of both the existing and future population. However, we question whether the direction and funding proposed in the LTP is adequate to enable this to occur. This will be a key step in moving people out of cars and onto active transport modes as an alternative means to travel, which is a theme of the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31 and the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework (WRGF). We submit that any upgrades to existing roads or new roads should automatically provide for safe and accessible active transport (cycling, walking and use of micro-mobility devices). The design of any new or upgraded transport networks in the district should also factor in and provide for possible future public transport services that may feature in urban areas as they expand.

We note that significant investigation and investment is proposed by Horizons and Greater Wellington Regional Councils for Lower North Island passenger rail services within the lifetime of this LTP. Upgrades to this service will directly benefit the Horowhenua District by providing a low emission connection to larger urban centres such as Wellington and Palmerston North. HDC will play an important role in providing multi-modal access to the train service through road and active transport facilities, as recognised in the WRGF. We request that this be factored into any upgrades or development of new infrastructure in the transport network.

Climate change

Horizons is pleased to see the recognition of climate change as a key infrastructure issue in HDC's LTP; climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing New Zealand, our region, and our communities. Transitioning to a resilient, low-emissions society will require leadership at a local level. The recent formation of a joint committee to coordinate climate action across our region positions us well to perform that role. The regional risk assessment we are jointly conducting this year will help to guide our efforts, as will the national emissions budgets / plans due to be adopted by the Minister by the end of the year. In the meantime, we encourage you to consider the provision made through your LTP for activities like iwi and community engagement, plan review, infrastructure upgrades, and active transport that will contribute to mitigation and adaptation in your area.

Environmental Education

Thank you for your ongoing support and funding commitment to Horizons' EnviroSchools Programme. The programme aims to equip young people with the competencies they need to be leaders in sustainability resulting in long term behaviour change. As such there is a strong focus on themes such as living landscapes, water for life, energy use, ecological

building and zero waste. We appreciate the opportunity to engage with your staff and to grow the relationships between HDC, Horizons and participating schools and centres, as well as the community to deliver this mahi.

Horizons would like to speak in support of this submission; please contact Lynne Best (lynne.best@horizons.govt.nz or 06 9522 849) to arrange a time for our officers to appear.

Nāku noa, nā



Michael McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021



19 April 2021

Horowhenua District Council
ltf@horowhenua.govt.nz

Name of submitter: **Federated Farmers of New Zealand – Manawatu/Rangitikei**

Geoff Kane
Manawatu/ Rangitikei Province
Horowhenua Section Chair

Coralee Matena
FFNZ Senior Regional Policy Advisor

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cmatena@fedfarm.org.nz

1. The Manawatu/Rangitikei Province of Federated Farmers (Federated Farmers) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Horowhenua District Council Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021.
2. Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of our submission. We prefer to be heard during the day if possible, ideally on the 13th of May.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Federated Farmers supports Council's proposal to include a farming specific differential for the general rate. We appreciate Council's recognition that higher farming land values often means farmers are paying an unfair level of rates.
4. Federated Farmers is concerned that some property titles may have been inadvertently categorised incorrectly, resulting in rating errors. We therefore propose that Council individually seek feedback from all impacted landowners to remedy any errors prior to issuing rates statements.
5. We are also concerned about the removal of a rural differential for non-farming rural titles. These landowners arguably do not benefit to the same level from the general rate as urban ratepayers would, therefore an additional differential/s to recognise this should be included.
6. Federated Farmers remains concerned about the increasing levels of Council debt. While we appreciate that debt is necessary to fund key projects, we are concerned about using debt to fund those projects that can be considered 'nice to haves'. We therefore seek further information on the proposed \$36m to upgrade Donnelly Park, and \$22m for Foxton Beach reserves, to understand if these projects can be trimmed down or delayed in order to focus on key infrastructure items only.
7. Federated Farmers in principle supports the proposal to introduce Development Contributions, however asks Council to ensure that these charges are fair and only sought when there is a direct link to Council services. Development contributions should not be required for any perceived or possible/potential future benefit of Council services.
8. Federated Farmers also proposes that the Development Contributions Policy exempts farm ancillary buildings from requiring a Development Contribution because of the minimal demand they place on Council infrastructure.
9. With regard to funding work for the Foxton Pool, we ask Council to explore the option of progressing Option 4 - removing the roof and collecting information to feed into the wider aquatic review before progressing with any possible building rebuild (Option 2).
10. Federated Farmers appreciates that infrastructure deficits for waste and storm water along with Government direction for drinking water will increase rating pressure for Council. Federated Farmers concern is that the cost of remedying failing infrastructure and providing infrastructure for future urban growth will steadily work its way into farm rates. We ask Council to ensure that these costs continue to be targeted directly to service users, both current and future (targeted debt repayments).

SUBMISSION

GENERAL COMMENTS

11. Rates are among the top ten operational expenses of a farming business. They are a source of considerable financial pressures for all farmers. Federated Farmers makes submissions on Annual and LTP's to ensure Council's exercise fiscal prudence, and consider affordability, fairness and equity issues when recovering rates (to the extent this is possible in land and capital value taxation systems).
12. Federated Farmers appreciates that for Regional and District Councils alike the 2021 LTP is heavily directed by external factors. Increasing costs to implement Central Government regulatory changes, coupled with the ongoing impact of COVID19 are untimely challenges for Councils. We appreciate that for many Councils, the pressure to invest in new and upgraded infrastructure while also maintaining existing infrastructure, is forcing tough conversations to be had about nice to have services compared to core services. For our members, this conversation is long overdue.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Rates Increases

13. Over the past few years ratepayers have experienced rates increases well above the rate of inflation, whether it is expressed as the consumer price index (which is of primary importance to ratepayers) or the local government cost index. This places considerable burden on ratepayers.
14. Rates are a charge for services, and they are supposed to reflect the access to, and benefit derived by ratepayers from council services. This is a key principle, reinforced in 2019 by the Productivity Commission and a key provision in s.101 of the LGA that sets out funding principles for local authorities. In practice though, Federated Farmers considers that the 'benefit principle' is often eroded by factoring in other considerations like 'affordability' or 'ability to pay', albeit without evidence about the real financial situations of individual ratepayers.
15. Federated Farmers notes that the average rates increase for year 1 in the LTP is 6.7%, however as demonstrated on page 38 of the Consultation Document, the actual rate increase varies across rating groups. We note that the example rural property will have a rates decrease of 2.5%, \$188 less than 2020. We are encouraged by this rural property example and thank Council for reviewing the rating mechanisms with the intention of spreading rates to farmers in a more equitable way.
16. We do however note on page 38, rural commercial/industrial has a forecast increase of 31.7%, whereas Utility will have a decrease in rates of -26.1%. In order to be fully transparent and fair to all ratepayers, we ask Council to provide a breakdown to explain why these rating categories are so far out of step from others. As discussed below, we are concerned that property titles may inadvertently be categorised incorrectly, resulting in incorrect rating appropriations.

General Rate

17. Rates based on capital or land value result in farms paying much more than other types of property for the general services of local government. Federated Farmers therefore supports Council's proposal to include a farming specific differential for the general rate. We appreciate Council's recognition that as farms often have a high land value, farmers have been paying an unfair level of rates.
18. Federated Farmers is however concerned about the workability of the proposal and the lack of ground truthing with the rate payer to ensure that the categorisation/classification applied was/is

correct and/or appropriate. Farms often operate on multiple titles and without further exploration, may be incorrectly classified. We therefore propose that Council seek feedback from all impacted landowners, to survey each directly about any classification their land has been given, to remedy any errors prior to progressing.

19. We are also concerned about the removal of a rural differential for non farming rural titles. These landowners arguably do not benefit to the same level from the general rate as urban ratepayers do, therefore an additional differential to recognise this should be included.

Land Transport Rate

20. Federated Farmers also supports the amendments to the Land Transport Rate and agree that this decision will more fairly spread the rating for Land Transport across ratepayers.

Debt

21. Federated Farmers remains concerned with the increasing levels of Council debt. We note that Council are proposing to through the 20 years of the plan, spend close to \$310M which will require debt limits to be increased to 250% of operating expenditure. While we appreciate that debt is necessary to fund key projects such as the Wastewater Treatment Plant, we are concerned about using debt to fund those projects that can be considered 'nice to have'.
22. We therefore support the Mayors introductory commentary in the Consultation Document to spend the next few years investing in the core infrastructure of our district. For transparency, we therefore seek further information on the proposed \$36m to upgrade Donnelly Park., and \$22m for Foxton Beach reserves, to understand if these projects can be trimmed down or delayed in order to focus on key infrastructure items only.

Development Contributions

23. Federated Farmers notes that Council is proposing to introduce development contributions, to help offset debt for development. In general, alternative revenue sources like development contributions are viewed positively by the farming community. When applied appropriately, Development Contributions can reduce the reliance on rates and more fairly align with a user pays approach.
24. However, development contributions can also be applied inappropriately, for example when the charge is not collected proportionate to the actual use of Council infrastructure (ie. payment for sewerage connection when sewerage will be managed onsite. Federated Farmers therefore asks Council to review and seek feedback on development contributions on an annual basis, to ensure they are fit for purpose and/or amended as required.
25. Federated Farmers also proposes that the Development Contributions Policy align with the approach taken by other Territorial Authorities for rural non inhabitable buildings.
26. Hastings District Council's Development Contributions Policy exempts farm ancillary buildings from requiring a Development Contribution because of the minimal demand they place on the Council's infrastructure "*Non-residential sheds and farm buildings ancillary to land based primary production occurring on the subject site, and which do not place additional demand on infrastructural services, will not incur a development contribution*". Federated Farmers supports this approach and recommends that Council make rural ancillary buildings exempt.

PROGRAMME CHANGES

Foxton Pool

27. Federated Farmers appreciates that the Foxton Pool is failing and requires urgent attention. We note Council have also flagged possible future aquatic projects, specifically the Levin Pool redevelopment and the inclusion of a splash pad at Jubilee Park. Bearing in mind the possible

future package of activities to address the aquatic provisions for the District, Federated Farmers considers that Council needs to consider a slight variation to the options proposed for the Foxton Pool.

28. Federated Farmers recommends that Council explore the option of progressing Option 4 - removing the roof before progressing with any possible rebuild (for example Option 2). A two stage approach would allow Council to consider how the pool sits within the wider Council asset base, with any future work considered as part of the business plan to scope developments to the Districts aquatic assets. This would ensure that any funding directed to this asset is necessary and the best fit for the community and wider District.

Three Waters – Drinking, Waste and Stormwater

29. Federated Farmers appreciates that infrastructure deficits for waste and storm water, along with Government direction for drinking water will increase rating pressure for all Councils. We are however concerned that the cost of remedying local government's failings in this regard is steadily working its way into farm rates.
30. Federated Farmers therefore reminds Council that any increase to rates to fund infrastructure to support the needs of urban ratepayers should be passed back to these ratepayers specifically. Funding for water and wastewater infrastructure should not be via the general rate. We also encourage Council to leverage Central Government funding for these services where possible.

Shared services

31. Federated Farmers supports Council initiatives to streamline procurement models to make most of capital, contractors and cost sharing opportunities with wider Councils. This aligns with our submission to the 2020 Annual Plan.

Manawatu/Rangitikei Federated Farmers thanks the Horowhenua District Council for considering our submission.



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Dear Councillors
Thank you for the opportunity to present a submission for your consideration pertaining to some of the topics.

Topic One Foxton Pool:

Option (2) With a view working towards Option (1) when future funds can be allocated.

Topic Two Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions.

Council has separated this section down to questions, activities, catchments, time of payment and reductions.

I begin by in brief conveying my experience with Councils past application of a Development Contribution (DC) regime, and trust that Council will understand as to why I oppose what Council has put forward for discussion this time, but I do not oppose a Development Contribution when it is in line with **Case Law**. I make no reference to Council Officers but just the way that the then system dictated how they applied and administered (DC)
The following is a brief example as to how Council can become embroiled unnecessarily when applying a (DC).

In late 2011 I was to begin a building that attracted a then Council perceived (DC), Council assessed the (DC) at \$5487.64.
On the application I marked that I opposed that fee. That was over looked and a bill for \$5487.64 arrived in due course.

Twice, I wrote to Council Officers expecting to enter into meaningful discussions, (NO RESPONSE) I then received a second invoice informing me that a 2% penalty will apply to an invoiced amount of \$6729.57.

I again looked at the Invoice presented from Council. I held that Councils Office had issued to me an invoice that had not ensured that the amount charged complies with the fundamental statutory obligations, to only assess a contribution against a development that generates a demand.

As a result:

Discussions were again entered into between Council Officers, and as a result the fee was reduced to \$801.64. As soon as I was informed of this I knew that I would be paying NO FEE as clearly the then Council regime of (DC) was clearly add-hock! A Council cannot go from a bill of \$6729.57 down to \$801.64 as there was no substance or justification.

Following is in part redacted correspondence. (In black the Act and Case Law) in (Blue my correspondence)

Good morning XXXXXXXX

The follow up, I have provided the case law attachment as detailed pertaining to the matters at hand.

Basis on which development contributions may be required.

(1) Development contributions may be required in relation to developments if the effect of the developments is to require new or additional assets or assets of increased capacity and, as a consequence, the territorial authority incurs capital expenditure to provide appropriately for - Mr Kirkpatrick accepted that a “development” must be identified before the

(a) (b) (c)

As you will have read XXXXX our shed is simply an addition to an existing shed, Council has "NOT" incurred capital expenditure in anticipation of our shed.

The shed does not exceed the threshold so as to become a development, this fact is supported by the fact that for Council, no new or additional assets or assets of capacity have occurred or will be required.

Therefore case law confirms, the shed does "NOT" qualify as a development.

reserves; network infrastructure; community infrastructure.

(2) This section does not prevent a territorial authority from requiring a development contribution that is to be used to pay, in full or in part, for capital expenditure already incurred by the territorial authority in anticipation of the development.

(3) In subsection (1), **effect** includes the cumulative effects that a development may have in combination with another development.

[109] Section 199 imports the definition of “development”. By s 197, to qualify as a “development” a subdivision or other development must generate a demand for infrastructure. Then under s 199, if the effect of the development either by itself or cumulatively with another development (s 199(3)), is to require new or additional assets or assets of increased capacity to provide appropriately for reserves or infrastructure, which involves the territorial authority in capital expenditure, development contributions may be required.

However XXXXXXXX

This now raises other issues.

I feel that the method adopted by Council in presenting an account for a Development Contribution at the time that a consent to build is issued is a negative unwelcome

approach to members of our community. I believe that Council should consider the following approach.

(1) When a consent is applied for, that Council determines if the proposal is or is not a development. (Mr Kirkpatrick accepted that a “development” must be identified)

(2) If it is not then you do not present the applicant with a scale of fees (Development contribution) hoping that it is paid without question.

(3) If Council decides that the proposal is a development then it is a nonsense to present the maximum amount hoping for that to be paid without question, for example in my case it has gone from approximately \$8000.00 down to \$800.00, as soon as that happened to my mind the regime presented by Council has no legal foundation but is just a catch who we can approach. Case law shows that you must substantiate what you are claiming, it is of no relevance to have a meeting between yourselves and come up with a figure unless it can be supported with detailed itemized facts.

I hold that no development contribution is payable as no development (to identify and establish grounds for a contribution) has occurred.

I hold that the amount already paid is more than fair and reasonable for a decision for Council staff to record a mutual agreement between neighbors regarding the positioning of a shed in relation to respective boundaries.

XXXXXXX I am happy to sit down with you at your convenience and discuss the matters further as you will have now had time to refresh with the judgment of justice J Potter, so as we can arrive at an amicable solution.

Kind regards

Allan

The final outcome was that NO (DC) was paid and Council soon after abandoned the (DC) regime District Wide.

My view on the solution of (DC) for Councils Consideration:

Council should stand aside when it comes to a **NEW** Development, (Roading, underground services, sections etc)

Allow the Developer to create the Development in conjunction with Councils terms, conditions and standards. Council could also

simply require a Clerk of works be retained by the Developer to report to Council. No liability will fall upon Rate payers, Council will not

be required to calculate and collect (DC) from the Developer and find that not enough was estimated or that the Developer was over

charged, and then Council had to calculate a scope for (DC) reductions or refunds. That development must be ring fenced from existing

rateable properties until the handover. Where a development requires connection to an existing Council Infrastructure that as a result,

requires upsizing or modification as a result of the New Development then that is where Council charges a Development Contribution.

That (DC) must be calculated and presented as an agreed factual cost upon Council, to the Developer before any development can

proceed and ideally be carried out in conjunction with the new development. By ring fencing all new developments outside of the current

rateable properties, it does not increase the current rates as those properties who already pay for infrastructure (DC) as a percentage

of their annual rates.

As Council will set out the standards required before a large development begins, I include a photo that may well be a consideration

for Council and any large development. The photo shows a street in a subdivision where there is NO curb and channeling, the road itself forms a slight fall to its centre position. The outer edge has a narrow concrete strip outside of which is a grass verge and footpath. The storm water drainage is at spacing in the middle of the road. Services can be conveyed within outer grass strip, there are numerous additional benefits that Councillors would appreciate. It is clean and tidy, safe for children on bikes, and the elderly The width of the grass verge may be best sized for services. Overall off road parking could be an extension of road width. Storm water grills are located at various distances within the road centre.



Raising the net debt limit from 195% to 250%

A proposal of raising the net debt limit to my mind is a proposal that simply transfers new additional debt liability to all rate payers.

As such it is an indication of unbridled management. Net Debt does exist through a period of initial start up to establishment,

but once that is achieved then all debt itself held is a restraint, after all Levin has had over 100 years to establish and reduce net debt.

To date management has not achieved that goal and the proposal to increase is simply a sign of not understanding the smart workings of

money management. Therefore my view is that the target must be REDUCING net debt by a realistic % per rating period through skilful management.

Thank you for providing me with records of Council loans and Interest payments. I note that Council has within its loans some very attractive interest arrangements from less than 1% to 5.1% + or - and an average of + or - of 2.39% on STL.

You have said that you look forward to reading my suggestions to reduce the net debt limit.

Thank you for that opportunity. I suggest one option as follows for your considerations .

Levin is reputed to have a high number of retired ratepayers, when I look at what is available for that class of resident to receive a return upon their savings, the no risk returns are extremely poor and of course any return also has a Tax liability percentage.

If Council were to view their loans that attracts an interest rate, (say 5.1%) you could offer all rate payers the option to pay one years rates

in advance while at the same time the rate payer continues to pay their monthly or quarterly instalments.

Council can then share the interest

figure 50/50 on the rates per property paid in advance. Council would not pay out the interest but simply shows as a % credit (reduction)

on those rates paid in advance.

As Council receives that money one year in advance then ALL of that money is allocated to loan reduction.

The rate payers funds

are secured and no interest is paid by Council or received by the rate payer. Looking at it from a business who may have an annual rate

liability of say \$30,000.00 + or -, If Council puts this proposal in place then that Business pays \$30,000.00 in advance automatically, claims their

33% + or - tax deduction along with gaining a 2.5% rates reduction, in fact any business can pay any amount to Council in good years and

when times are tight simply let the credit be consumed. As Council has used those funds ONLY for loan reduction then there is no negative

effect upon Councils finances. Council cannot use those funds in the current financial year. Council also has the comfort of knowing that a %

of rates for the ensuring year are already received if the current payments are deferred. The rate payer and business has the comfort of

knowing that their funds are 100% secure and the Business has just reduced their Tax liability by 36% + or - (on the amount paid) its simple ,

and as I understand it Council has a system that can accommodate the suggestion for the benefit of all parties.

If you see any merit in my submission I am more than happy to answer any questions as to my submission content.

Your work as Councillors is appreciated.

Thank you

Kind regards

Allan Day

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Topic One - Foxtan Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **No**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases **Yes**
and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes **Yes**
reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we
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Additional Comments

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Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Basic All-year pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

The Development Contribution Levy needs to be uniform charge over the whole district something along the lines of \$10K for new sections with water, sewage and stormwater connections, \$7K for sections with connection to 2 of the 3 services, only one service connection \$5K and \$2K for sections that have to supply all their own services and only use the roading.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **Yes**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

**Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater**

Comments:	Yes but there are a number of areas that need to be considered
Which approach do you think should be used?	Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.
Comments on Catchments:	Levy should be charged at the time of building consent.
Do you agree with this approach?	No
Comments on Time of payment:	
Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?	No
Comments on Reductions:	

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:	Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.
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Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

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Comments:

We agree in principal but the issue of Vacant Lifestyle rating units which are part of farming as either part of the main farm block or used as support blocks being moved to District Wide group needs to be addressed first, therefore the differential factor may need to be amended in light of the outcome of the above

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Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

DO NOT increase the net debt limit from the current 195%.

Do not waste money on the feel good projects that does not benefit the community as a whole.

We are concerned about the huge proposed spending without the additional rate payers to support the additional proposed lending levels.

These projects should not be envisaged until Levin has the critical mass to support financially the projects.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

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Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool**

Comments: **If the pool was running all year round, a lot more of the locals would use this, especially if been able to provide exercise classes during the day, evenings and weekends.**

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure? **Roading
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater**

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used? **District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas do not pay for major expenses related to them, these are spread out over the rest of the scheme.**

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

Rural properties including farms, lifestyles or small properties outside of towns are impacted in a farming differential is brought in. Rural properties don't benefit from any changes, however we still have to pay towards the General Rate, Library and Community Centres, Solid Waste Disposal, water supply and rubbish disposal within our rates currently however we do not use any of this. Rural properties depend on their own septic tanks and pay for these to be emptied, their own water tanks for water supply we don't have the benefit of town supplied water, and if our waters are empty we have to pay for water to fill them up again. We dispose of our own rubbish there is no rubbish/recycling collection. So having to increase rates for rural properties is only benefiting those who are within town boundaries and don't have to worry about where their water comes from or if it will run out, that the toilet is about to overflow due to the septic tank been full. Where are the benefits to those of us who live rural - there are none.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

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No

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If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

I think option 1 is the best choice for the purpose of extra activities and leisure for Foxton community and others who wish to travel to see the attraction.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

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Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

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AJ Paddison wishes to present this submission at a hearing of the Horowhenua District Council.

Our submission.

We strongly object to the proposed changes to the rating regime.

It is deplorable that the Council's consultative summary document(CS) is so superficial and does not mention one of the major impacts of the proposed changes, namely the move to rate smaller blocks of vacant rural land on the same basis as urban land for the General Rate.

This vacant land rating change has a significant impact on the rates payable on our property at 208 Avenue Road Foxton for 2021/2022 if the changes are implemented as proposed. Our property comprises a title with dwelling and three contiguous adjacent titles without any dwellings. In 2020/2021 we paid total rates of \$2982.07. For 2021/2022 the estimate from the council rating information base is that we will be liable for a total rate of \$4179.81. This is an increase of **40.1%**.

The General Rate(GR) comprised \$1762.07 in 2020/2021, **59.1%** of our rates, in 2021/2022 it will be \$2942.68, **70.4%** of our total rate bill. You should be aware that the average contribution to General Rates by all SUIPs in the District Wide category in 2020/2021 was \$574.04 (from the table on page 50 of the CS), so in 2020/2021 we paid 3.07x the average contribution to the GR and now you propose that it should be 5.12x.

This is truly astonishing inequity and hence our strong objection.

We do not get any extra amenity from contributing excessively to the GR and what justification is there for penalizing us because for 37 years we have chosen to live in a rural setting with space around us instead of on 500 sq metre section in a conurbation?

Please do not try to justify your actions as a disincentive to more farmland going into unproductive lifestyle blocks. Firstly a significant proportion of the land caught up in this change is being used for agriculture and secondly the council continues to facilitate the disappearance of land under houses, concrete and asphalt at an alarming rate instead of protecting the agricultural base and intensifying the urban areas.

Moving on to the information contained in pages 50-53 of the Council consultative document, we believe that the figures are either incorrect or a deliberate misrepresentation of the outcome of the changes.

Either way we believe this is a serious breach of the Council's duty to be accurate, honest and transparent in its dealings with its ratepayers.

I cannot understand how they can be claimed to give a true representation of the effect of the changes proposed on the following basis:

- a) In the section labelled "Impact" on page 52, the comparison is now based on 17903 SUIPs as against the 17725 in the tables on page 50 an increase of 178. How can this be in an apples for apples comparison?

- b) Further the figures show that in addition to this increase, 161 SUIPs have transferred from Farming(F) and Rural Commercial(RC) to District Wide(DW), a total increase in DW of 339 from the 15565 on page 50.
- c) It should be possible to determine the total valuation base of the three elements of the council's impact analysis. The Impact figures given for each category divided by the marginal change between option 1 and option 2 should yield this if they are accurate.
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 - ii. For Rural Commercial: $\$59653 / .00150936 (.00304436 - .001535)$ yields $\$39522049$.
 - iii. For District Wide: $\$35288 / .00001207 (.00305643 - .00304436)$ yields $\$2923612262$.

This does not make sense when compared with the data on page 50.

P50 Rural land value	Farming and Rural Commercial land value above	Difference
\$1940266100	\$1940068071	\$198029

For a decrease of 161 SUIPs this is only \$1230/ SUIP, a remarkably small figure.

Looking then at the District Wide figures

P50	Above	Difference
\$2923326300	\$2923612262	\$285962

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Consider now the total land value of the rating base.

This is \$4863592400 according to page 50 and above it totals \$4863680333 a difference of \$87933.

Given this is supposed to be an apples for apples comparison they should be identical, how come they are not given we are supposed to considering the total rating base?

Now consider the situation highlighted by our personal rating information. This should have effected a transfer of \$785000 from Rural to District Wide. This is 3x greater than shown by the analysis of impact statement and we are only one ratepayer.

In our immediate neighbourhood there are by my estimate more than 10 ratepayers who own significant numbers of small vacant rural titles. On the basis of my valuations I would estimate that there could well be \$5,000,000 or more of land value that would be subject to similar re-rating among them. District wide this could well be of the order of \$100 million.

The question is why does all this not show up in the impact analysis?

What is going on here?

It is time that Councillors had a proper look at what the executive are doing and who is trying to fly under the radar. This is simply not good enough and there should be consequences if satisfactory explanations are not forthcoming.

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Any additional comments can be attached and submitted with this form.

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan?

Yes No

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing?

Yes No

If yes, please specify below:

In person zoom

Do you require a sign language interpreter?

Yes No

Do you require a translator?

Yes No

If yes, please specify below:

Topic One

Foxton Pool

The structure of the Foxton Pool needs to be replaced for health and safety reasons. There are five options for the community to consider.

	Option 1 All-Year Leisure	Option 2 All-Year Basic	Option 3 Seasonal Leisure	Option 4 Seasonal Basic	Option 5 Close the Pool
Indoor provision – All-year	✓	✓			
Outdoor provision – Seasonal			✓	✓	
25m Pool	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Leisure Pool	✓		✓		
Teacher/Toddler Pools	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Splashpad	✓		✓		
Upgrade change rooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cover over Teaching/Toddler Pools	✓		✓	✓	
Outdoor landscaping/BBQ area	✓		✓		
Multi-purpose room	✓				
Rates impact	\$44.53	\$26.61	\$22.00	\$16.02	-\$12.49

Tick below to identify your preferred option

- Option 1:** Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 2:** Basic All-year Pool
- Option 3:** Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 4:** Seasonal Outdoor Basic Pool
- Option 5:** Permanently Close Facility

Future proofing - allowing for the expected growth

The existing pool structure is an example of what results when this does not happen, a pool that is not fit for purpose within 12 years of construction; it is unpleasant to work in and unpleasant to use,

as a result is poorly attended.

Build Cost: \$9.4million, rates impact:\$44.53 per year from 2024/25

* This cost on our rates does not take into account the extra rate income from the projected increase in housing,

* or any fund raising nor grants applied for.

• Even without the above two funding sources , I think that option 1 is the best option

Topic Two

Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Council is considering the reintroduction of Development Contributions as a key source of funding our growth infrastructure. Do you think this is a good idea?

Tick below to identify your preferred option.

- Option 1:** Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.
- Option 2:** Not using development contributions for funding growth infrastructure, and increasing rates instead.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

If Council reintroduces development contributions, the Draft Development Contributions Policy outlines what contributions are collected and how.

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing?

- Yes No

Activities

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

- Roding
- Water supply
- Wastewater treatment
- Stormwater
- Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Catchments

The Draft Development Contributions Policy is proposing to use district-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. It is also proposing scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters, which means different contribution amounts would apply to each scheme area. The big growth areas will pay an additional contribution for major expenses related just to them, however there are other approaches Council could use such as everyone paying the same.

Which approach do you think should be used?

- District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.
- District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas do not pay for major expenses related to them, these are spread out over the rest of the scheme.
- Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.
- Other (please specify)

Time of payment

Normally development contributions are charged when granting development consents. That is early in the development process and developers can find it difficult to manage cash flows when there is still a lot to do before selling a lot or a new house.

The draft policy proposes to invoice developers at later times in the case of subdivision and building consents, closer to when lots and homes are to be sold as identified below.

A subdivision consent, at the time of granting a certificate under section 224(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991; and

A building consent, at the time the first building inspection is carried out.

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes No

Reductions

The draft policy proposes a limited scope for reducing development contributions once they are calculated for a development. This scope includes just two principles, that the development:

- a. provides a significant public benefit; or
- b. addresses significant affordability issues.

Before agreeing to any reduction, Council needs to be sure it can fund the income it forgoes from another source.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes No

Topic Three

Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Council is considering whether the differential on the Land Transport Targeted Rate should be removed. Currently there is a differential that means businesses only pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate. This was set up when businesses made up 38% of the capital values in the district. However, due to residential growth, businesses now only make up 30% of the district, but are still paying 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate.

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Remove Differential
All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Option 2: Status Quo
Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Changes to the General Rate

Council is considering changes to the General Rate to enable rural properties to gain the same benefits from growth as urban properties. The existing differential treated non-farming properties the same as farms even though they do not have the same large footprint and land value.

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential

Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide).

Option 2: Status Quo

Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates Rates income.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Topics Three and Four propose changes to the draft Revenue and Financing Policy.

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes No

A huge investment in infrastructure is needed, for both replacement and new plant. This is because, like every other city and town in New Zealand, our infrastructure is getting old and worn out, plus needing to cater for the expected growth

If this expenditure keeps getting pushed to the future, the costs only increase and the level of service deteriorates.

Using a combination of debt and rate increase, with debt been the larger portion, spreads the burden more equitably. That is the future users share the cost rather than only the current rate payers

Financial Strategy

To deliver the projects and services planned over the next 20 years, we are proposing the limit on annual rates increases to range between 4.6% and 7.5% per year for the first 10 years, with an average of 4.4% for the following 10 years. We are also proposing to increase our net debt limit from 195% to 250% of our operating income. Generally operational costs to run the business and renewals are funded by rates, and capital projects such as building new facilities and putting in new infrastructure is funded by debt.

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes No

Community Outcomes

Council has reviewed the community outcomes which are what we aim to achieve for our community. The outcomes are Vibrant Economy, Outstanding Environment, Fit for purpose Infrastructure, Partnership with Tangata Whenua and Strong Communities.

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Yes No

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Thank you for your submission

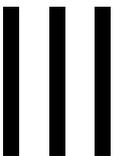
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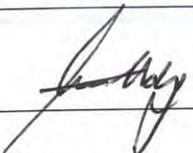
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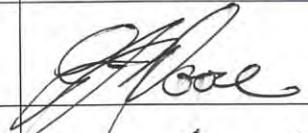
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