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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

## UNCONFIRMED

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 31 May 2023 at 10.00am.

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### PRESENT

**Mayor**  
**Deputy Mayor**  
**Councillors**

His Worship The Mayor Bernie Wanden  
Councillor David Allan  
Councillor Mike Barker  
Councillor Rogan Boyle  
Councillor Ross Brannigan  
Councillor Clint Grimstone  
Councillor Nina Hori Te Pa  
Councillor Sam Jennings  
Councillor Paul Olsen  
Councillor Jonathan Procter  
Councillor Justin Tamihana  
Councillor Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Councillor Alan Young

From 10.53am

From 10.11am

### Reporting Officer

Monique Davidson	Chief Executive
Daniel Haigh	Group Manager - Community Infrastructure
Jacinta Straker	Group Manager - Organisation Performance
Brent Harvey	Group Manager - Community Experience and Services
David McCorkindale	Group Manager – Community Vision and Delivery
Blair Spencer	Group Manager – Housing & Business Development
Ashley Huria	Business Performance Manager
Grayson Rowse	Principal Advisor – Democracy
Jody Lygo	Democracy Support Officer
Lisa Campbell	Strategic Communications Manager
Carolyn Dick	Strategic Planning Manager
Janna Isles	Strategic Planner
Vai Miller	Compliance Manager
Arthur Nelson	Parks & Property Manager

### Meeting Secretary

## 1 Apologies

### Apology

Resolution number **CO/2023/97**

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

That the apology for lateness from Councillor Hori Te pa and Councillor Tamihana be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

Brett Russell	Item 6.5 –Deliberations Report 4 - Foxton Beach Freeholding Account
Christina Paton	Item 6.5 –Deliberations Report 4 - Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

## 3 Late Items

There were no late items.

## 4 Declaration of Interest

The Mayor asked councillors that hadn't been present through the entirety of the hearings of submissions to confirm publically that they had made themselves familiar with those submissions. Crs Procter, Olsen, Young, and Grimstone so confirmed

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

### Resolution Number **CO/2023/98**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Boyle:

That the meeting minutes of Council, 26 April 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

That the meeting minutes of In Committee Council, 26 April 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

That the meeting minutes of Council, 10 May 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

That the meeting minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Council, 10 May 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

That the meeting minutes of In Committee Extraordinary Meeting of Council, 10 May 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 6 Reports

### 6.1 Deliberations: Summary Report

To present to Council for deliberation, a summary of the process followed to develop the draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment (LTPA) and Annual Plan 2023/24 (AP) and a summary of the consultation and engagement process, events held and an overview of formal submissions, and feedback.

*Cr Tamihana joined the meeting at 10.25am.*

Cr Tamihana declared that he had filed a submission on behalf of the Huia Marae Committee, but that he maintained an open mind through the proceedings, and that Marae Committee's submission would not influence his deliberations.

#### Resolution Number CO/2023/99

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

- 2.1 That Report 23/364 Deliberations: Summary Report be received.
- 2.2 That Council note the information and summary provided, acknowledging the comprehensive information provided to assist Elected Members with their decision making.

**CARRIED**

### 6.2 Deliberations Report 1 - Rates Review

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment in relation to the consultation issue: Rates Review for a fairer distribution of rates and provide analysis and additional information requested as part of workshop discussions held on 17 May 2023.

#### Resolution Number CO/2023/100

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

- 2.1 That Report 23/348 Deliberations Report 1 - Rates Review be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act
- 2.3 That Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Rates Review consultation item

**CARRIED**

Councillors debated the options

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Allan:

That Council adopt Option 2 Calculate general rate based on capital value.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Rogan Boyle

**Against:**

Councillors: Mike Barker  
Ross Brannigan

Nina Hori Te Pa  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Mayor Bernie Wanden

Clint Grimstone  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Alan Young

The division was declared **LOST** by 6 votes to 7

**Resolution Number CO/2023/101**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Council adopt Option 1 Leave the rating system as it currently is.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Mike Barker  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Rogan Boyle  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 7 votes to 6.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/102**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Allan:

That Council requests that officers commit to a further review of the rates remission policy and Rates Postponement Policy during the first quarter of 2023/24, that considers options to address affordability.

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 Deliberations Report 2 - Future of the Levin Landfill

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment in relation to the consultation issue: Future of the Levin Landfill.

#### Resolution Number CO/2023/103

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- 2.1 That Report 23/336 Deliberations Report 2 - Future of the Levin Landfill be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act
- 2.3 That Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Future of the Levin Landfill.

**CARRIED**

#### Resolution Number CO/2023/104

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

That Council adopt Option 2 Keep Levin Landfill closed with revenue generated from alternative site use determined through the WMMP development.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 13 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

#### 6.4 Deliberations Report 3 - Our Key Water Infrastructure

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment in relation to the consultation issue: Our key water infrastructure

##### **Resolution Number CO/2023/105**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tukapua:

- 2.1 That Report 23/335 Deliberations Report 3 - Our Key Water Infrastructure be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act
- 2.3 That Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Community Facilities activity

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Allan exited the meeting at 12:27 pm.*

*Councillor Allan returned to the meeting at 12:30 pm.*

##### **Resolution Number CO/2023/106**

MOVED by Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That Council adopt Option 1 Increase budget to deliver the projects we need which includes universal water metering for leak detection.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 13 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for a break at 12.44pm.  
Councillor Jennings exited the meeting at 12:44 pm.  
The meeting resumed at 1.16pm.

## 6.5 Deliberations Report 4 - Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the Annual Plan 2023/24 in relation to the consultation issue: Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

### Resolution Number CO/2023/107

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Report 23/334 Deliberations Report 4 - Foxton Beach Freeholding Account be received.

That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act

That Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account consultation issue.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution Number CO/2023/108

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Council approve \$500,000 from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account for the Foxton Pool Redevelopment Project, noting that this is inconsistent with Council's Policy. In making this decision, Council notes the extensive consultation that has been undertaken in relation to this matter, and the predominant views, not only of the wider community, but more specifically the residents of the Foxton Beach community. This deviation from the Policy will be included in the background which informs the current Policy review.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: Rogan Boyle  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Justin Tamihana

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 9 votes to 3.

**CARRIED**

## 6.6 Deliberations Report 5 - Activities Report

To present to Council for officer reports and recommendation on the issues raised in comments on submissions received on the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment and Annual Plan 2023/24 on matters not included for consultation.

### Resolution Number CO/2023/109

MOVED by Cr Olsen, seconded Cr Grimstone:

- 2.1 That Report 23/359 Deliberations Report 5 - Activities Report be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act
- 2.5 That Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution Number CO/2023/110

MOVED by Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Tukapua:

That Council requests that Officers include the Ohau Shared Path proposal in Council's Cycling Facilities funding application to the 2024/2027 National Land Transport Programme.

That Council requests that Officers investigate options to improve pedestrian and cyclist connectivity under the Ohau rail over bridge.

That Council requests that officers continue to work with Ms Kilsby-Halliday to undertake engagement with the Ohau community. This engagement should focus on understanding their perspective, gauging the level of support for the proposed shared pathway, and exploring opportunities for community input in the pathway's development

That Council requests, pending a better understanding of the project's feasibility, and level of community support, that the development of the shared pathway is included within the programme of Cycling Facilities Budget for consideration as part of the 2024 Long Term Plan (LTP).

**CARRIED**

### Resolution Number CO/2023/111

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Allan:

That Council requests that Officers investigate options for providing a safe cycling connection between Ōhau and Levin and present a report to Council for consideration.

That Council writes to submitter #204 Jason White thanking him for his submission, acknowledging that we support the idea in principle but suggest he take it to the controlling authority "Waka Kotahi" with the understanding it would be better suited for the Revocation process.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:



**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Ross Brannigan  
Paul Olsen  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: Rogan Boyle  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Bernie Wanden

Cr Clint Grimstone abstained  
Cr Sam Jennings was absent.

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 5.

**.CARRIED**

*Councillor Jennings returned to the meeting at 02:03 pm.*

**Resolution Number CO/2023/112**

MOVED by Cr Olsen, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That Council requests that officers in consultation with community develop a comprehensive and inclusive development plan for Target Reserve within the next financial year given the diverse range of recreational demands on this site. This plan should consider various recreational activities, including walking, mountain biking, horse riding, and other existing recreational groups such as Horowhenua Paintballing and the Levin Pistol Club, notwithstanding discussions will continue with the Manawatū Mountain biking club to progress a Memorandum of Understanding

**.CARRIED**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

The division was declared CARRIED by 13 votes to 0.

**Resolution Number CO/2023/113**

MOVED by Cr Procter, seconded Cr Boyle:

That Council approves funding up to \$15,000 for the cost-effective fibreglass Single pan Long Drop Wilderness Toilet Unit in the event funding cannot be secured within the next 6 months.

That Council requests that officers collaborate with representatives from the Te Araroa Manawatu Trust regarding the installation of the fibre glass Single pan Long Drop Wilderness Toilet Unit. This approach ensures that the facilities meet the necessary Trail standards and contribute to the overall quality of the Te Araroa trail and contribute to the overall visitor experience.

That Council requests that Officers work with the Te Araroa Manawatu Trust to pursue further funding opportunities via the Tourism Infrastructure Fund to advance projects across Horowhenua.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Procter exited the meeting at 02:54 pm.*

*Councillor Young exited the meeting at 02:54 pm.*

*Councillor Procter returned to the meeting at 02:56 pm.*

*Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 02:56 pm.*

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/114**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Council request that Officers continue the ongoing consultation process between the involved parties, including Manakau United Football Club, the Manakau District Community Association, Ngāti Wehi Wehi and Council, regarding the capital funding obtained from the 'Better Off' fund. This funding should be utilised as the initial phase of works to improve the site.

That Council explores the possibility of bringing Manakau Domain back under Council control. This would entail the transfer of operational maintenance and renewal responsibilities to the Council. It is important to consider the associated costs and budget implications, including an estimated annual expenditure of approximately 20-30k for maintenance, which would need to be funded through rates. Any decision to bring the site under Council control should also ensure that it remains available for public use.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Brannigan exited the meeting at 03:05 pm.*

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/115**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Procter:

That Council provides support to the submitter and other interested community groups to help them identify requirements and possible suitable sites for a privately funded skid pad or other motorsport facility.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana

**Against:**

Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

Cr Ross Brannigan was absent.  
The division was declared CARRIED by 12 votes to 0

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Brannigan returned to the meeting at 03:12 pm.  
Councillor Brannigan exited the meeting at 03:13 pm.*

**Resolution Number CO/2023/116**

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Boyle:

That implementing a living wage for Council employees be considered during the Long Term Plan 2024.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

Cr Ross Brannigan left the room.  
Cr Paul Olsen abstained.

The division was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Brannigan returned to the meeting at 03:24 pm.*

**The meeting adjourned at 3.35pm.  
The meeting reconvened at 3.50pm**

## 6.7 Deliberations Report 6 - Financial Matters

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment in relation to the consultation issue: Annual Plan 2023/24

### Resolution Number CO/2023/117

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- 2.1 That Report 23/347 Deliberations Report 6 - Financial Matters be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act
- 2.5 That Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Community Facilities activity

**CARRIED**

### Resolution Number CO/2023/118

MOVED by Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That Council approve the increased Development Contributions and endorse the proposed changes to the Development Contributions Policy.

**CARRIED**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 13 votes to 0.

### Resolution Number CO/2023/119

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Allan:

That Council approve the attached Fees and Charges Schedule for the year 2023/2024, noting the fees and charges adequately meet Council's Revenue and Financing Targets consulted on.

That Council add a Registration Class for multi-dog owner (stock dogs) attracting a discount of \$10.00 per stock dog, for dog owners who have four or more dogs.

**CARRIED**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 13 votes to 0.

Prior to final of resolution 2.9, Councillors voted on the various options for reducing services to reduce the final rates increase. The outcome of the votes are as follows:

MOVED by Cr Procter, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

c. Events – having no contestable fund/support for major events in 2023/24 - \$80000 (0.2%)

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Mayor Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

The division was declared **LOST** by 6 votes to 7.

MOVED by Cr Grimstone, seconded Cr Procter:

d. Stop urban berm mowing \$140,000 (0.3%)

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Jonathan Procter  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Ross Brannigan  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Mayor Bernie Wanden

The division was declared **LOST** by 6 votes to 7

The motion to stop berm mowing having been lost, Councillors proposed an alternative motion.

**Resolution Number CO/2023/120**

MOVED by Cr Barker, seconded Cr Young:

That Council reduce urban berm mowing by 50% saving \$70,000 per annum.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Jonathan Procter  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Ross Brannigan  
Paul Olsen  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden

Cr Justin Tamihana abstained.

The division was declared CARRIED by 7 votes to 5.

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Cr Tamihana

- e. Reduce Maintenance: Waitārere Rise Boulevard - \$19,000 (0.0%)

Failed for want of a seconder.

Councillors debated options for reducing park maintenance budgets by 50%, and proposed:

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa

That Council

- f. Reduce Maintenance budget by 50%: Waitārere Rise Boulevard
- g. Reduce Maintenance budget by 50%: Victoria Park, Foxton
- h. Reduce Maintenance budget by 50%: Moynihan Park, Shannon
- i. Reduce Maintenance budget by 50%: Vincent Drive Reserve, Levin

Following further debate, the mover and seconder withdrew the motion.

*Councillor Procter exited the meeting at 04:39 pm.*

*Councillor Procter returned to the meeting at 04:40 pm.*

**Resolution Number CO/2023/121**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Council suspend standing order to allow the meeting to continue beyond six hours in order to complete the business on the order paper.

**CARRIED**

Councillors discussed the practicalities and real world implications on service levels of reducing park maintenance budgets by 50%. As a result of those discussions, Council moved to revoke an earlier resolution.

**Resolution Number CO/2023/122**

MOVED by Cr Tamihana, seconded Cr Procter:

That Council revoke **Resolution Number CO/2023/25** to reduce urban berm mowing by 50%.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: Mike Barker

A 75% majority of the vote was achieved as required by Standing Order 24.5 to revoke the resolution number CO/2023/25 earlier made in this meeting.

The division was declared CARRIED by 12 votes to 1.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/123**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Boyle:

That Council request the Chief Executive work with our partners, Recreational Services, to find \$75,000 in savings across the maintenance budgets.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Jonathan Procter  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Ross Brannigan  
Paul Olsen  
Justin Tamihana  
Bernie Wanden

The division was declared CARRIED by 7 votes to 6.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/124**

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That Council reduce targeted capital spend from \$41m to \$35m , saving \$114,000 in interest cost (0.2%)

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

The division was declared CARRIED by 13 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/125**

MOVED by Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That Council reduce budget for professional services across the organisation - \$100,000 (0.2%)

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Ross Brannigan  
Jonathan Procter  
Bernie Wanden

The division was declared CARRIED by 9 votes to 4.

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Tamihana:



That Council request the Chief executive to find further operational savings noting that this is currently up to \$500,000 based on officers not seeking additional rates to fund expected increases in interest rates - \$100,000 (0.2%) .

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Rogan Boyle  
Justin Tamihana

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Mayor Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

The division was declared **LOST** by 2 votes to 11

Cr Tukapua proposed an additional recommendation reducing the budget for Governance/Maori Partnerships by \$152,000.

Cr Procter declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from discussing or voting on the following motion.

**Resolution Number CO/2023/126**

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Council reduce the budget for Governance/Māori Partnerships by \$152,500 (from \$992,000 to \$839,000).

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Ross Brannigan  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 9 votes to 3.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Procter exited the meeting at 05:57 pm.  
Councillor Procter returned to the meeting at 05:59 pm.*

MOVED by Cr Grimstone, seconded Cr Procter:

b. Reduce community grants and community group funding by \$100,000 (0.2%)

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Jonathan Procter  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Paul Olsen  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Mayor Bernie Wanden

The division was declared **LOST** by 5 votes to 8

Having voted on options for reducing the final average rates increase, Council voted as follows:

**Resolution Number CO/2023/127**

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Council approve an average rates increase of 7.0% (after accounting for growth) acknowledging that the rates increase falls differently across the region as a result of valuation changes, and by making further service reductions in the draft Long Term Plan Amendment 2021-41. In doing so, Council approves the following changes to service levels resulting in the listed dollar and percentage savings in rates:

- That Council request the Chief Executive work with our partners, Recreational Services, to find \$75,000 in savings across the maintenance budgets.
- Reduce targeted capital spend from \$41m to \$35m -\$114,000 (0.2%)
- Reduce budget for professional services across the organisation - \$100,000 (0.2%)
- Reduce the budget for Governance/Māori Partnerships by \$152,500 (from \$992,000 to \$839,000)

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Ross Brannigan  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Sam Jennings  
Paul Olsen  
Jonathan Procter  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Mayor Bernie Wanden  
Alan Young

**Against:**

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 13 votes to 0

**CARRIED**

His Worship the Mayor closed the meeting acknowledging the work of elected members in reaching these decision, and thanked officers for the support they had provided throughout this process

7.10 pm

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

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

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRPERSON:**