

Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako



Kaupapataka Wātea | Open Agenda



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako will be held on:

Ko te rā | Date: Tuesday 6 June 2023
Wā | Time: 10.00am
Wāhi | Venue: Council Chambers
35 Kenrick Street
TE AROHA

Ngā Mema | Membership

te kaunihera ā-rohe o |
Matamata-Piako District
Council

Manuhuia | Mayor
Adrienne Wilcock, JP

Koromatua Tautoko | Deputy Mayor
James Thomas

Ngāti Hauā

Mema Tūturu | Principal Member
Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka (Chair)

Mema Tautoko | Alternate Member
Ms Rangitionga Kaukau

Ngāti Hinerangi

Mr Philip Smith

Ms Hinerangi Vaimoso

Ngāti Maru

Mrs Kathy Ngamane

Mr Wati Ngamane

Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu

Mrs Jill Taylor

Mrs June McCaskill

Ngāti Pāoa

Mr Tahauariki Thompson

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1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Chairperson to welcome members and open the meeting.

2 Karakia

The opening karakia is to be performed.

3 Ngā whakapāha/Tono whakawātea | Apologies/Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

4 Pānui i Ngā Take Ohore Anō | Notification of Urgent/Additional Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

5 Whākī pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

6 Whakaaetanga mēneti | Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes, as circulated, of the Ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako, held on 18 April 2023

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.1 Heads of Agreement

CM No.: 2724871

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako Forum is a Standing Committee of Council, and was first established in 2004. The relationship between Council and iwi/hapū continues to evolve as we move towards a post-settlement era.

The Forum operates under a Heads of Agreement first signed in 2004, with the latest review completed in 2023. The current Heads of Agreement is attached for members' information.

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from the Forum as to whether they wish to confirm the current agreement or seek a further review of the Agreement if required.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information is received.
2. The Forum endorses the Te Manawhenua Forum 2023 Heads of Agreement (Attachment A) and recommends to Council for approval.

Horopaki | Background

During the early 2000's Council and Iwi entered into discussions around the establishment of protocols to maintain appropriate links with mana whenua and to foster effective relationships between Council and Iwi. This led to Council establishing Te Mana Whenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako (Forum) in 2004 as a mechanism for Council to meet its obligations. The Forum was established as a standing committee of Council to facilitate mana whenua contribution to Council's decision-making and to provide a framework for Council and Iwi to forge an ongoing effective and meaningful relationship. The original Heads of Agreement (HOA) signed 8 July 2004 stated as follows;

The forum will consider any matter to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the Māori communities for today and for the future taking a sustainable approach.

The original HOA gave provisions for Iwi to have input into policy development and special projects as required.

Since its formation, the Forum has been a Standing Committee of Council, reconfirmed following the 2022 elections, which operates under a Heads of Agreement between Council and the Forum members. The Forum has traditionally had delegation to *recommend to Council* on matters relating to Māori such as providing feedback on policy and bylaw development from a Māori perspective.

The HOA was last reviewed in 2023 (attached).

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Council's relationship with iwi and hapū continues to evolve. The Forum is asked to consider if it wishes to review the current Heads of Agreement.

The Forum had two workshops to discuss a review of the Heads of Agreement. These workshops were well attended and provided opportunities for informal discussion about the issues related to the Heads of Agreement and Council's relationship with iwi/hapū in the district.

Mōrearea | Risk

There is a risk that the Heads of Agreement may become irrelevant if not reviewed on a regular basis.

Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government Wellbeing Amendment Act 2019

The Local Government Act 2002 and its amendments (LGA) provide the principles and requirements for facilitating Māori participation in local authority decision-making;

4 Treaty of Waitangi

In order to recognise and respect the Crown's responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and to maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes, Parts 2 and 6 provide principles and requirements for local authorities that are intended to facilitate participation by Māori in local authority decision-making processes.

The LGA further requires that a local authority should provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes (s14(1)(d)). Local authorities are required to consider all reasonable practicable options and assess the advantages and disadvantages of each option. If any of the options considered involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, the local authority must take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, flora and fauna and other taonga (s77).

Section 81 of the LGA sets out the requirements for Contributions to decision-making process by Māori;

81 Contributions to decision-making processes by Māori

- 1) A local authority must—
 - a) establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
 - b) consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
 - c) provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).
- 2) A local authority, in exercising its responsibility to make judgments about the manner in which subsection (1) is to be complied with, must have regard to—
 - a) the role of the local authority, as set out in section 11; and
 - b) such other matters as the local authority considers on reasonable grounds to be relevant to those judgments.

The Local Government Wellbeing Amendment Act 2019 reinstated the four well-beings (social, cultural, economic and environmental) into legislation. This further reiterates the responsibility of local authorities to be good stewards and consider its communities' wellbeing in their decision-making.

Ngā Pāpāhonga me ngā Wātaka | Communications and timeframes

Council is currently working on the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. As part of this, Council will be reviewing the section on Maori participation in decision-making processes. It is considered appropriate to review to coincide with this timeline so any changes to the Agreement or work programme can be considered as part of the LTP.

Pānga ki te pūtea, me te puna pūtea | Financial Cost and Funding Source

The Forum and its work programme is funded through the General Rates.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

[A↓](#). Te Manawhenua Forum Heads of Agreement 2023



Ngā waitohu | Signatories

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Kawenata

Heads of Agreement

**Ngā Mana Whenua o
Matamata-Piako**

**Te Mana Whenua Forum
Mo Matamata-Piako**

rāua ko

and

**Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o
Matamata-Piako**

**Matamata-Piako District
Council**

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Kupu Whakataki | Introduction

He whakatū tēnei Kawenata i tētehi rōpū e kiia nei ko Ngā Mana Whenua Mō Matamata-Piako e taea ai e Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Matamata-Piako te mahi ngātahi me ngā mana whenua, i tēnei wā ahu ake, ki ngā rohenga ā-ture o Matamata-Piako.

He hiahia nō Te Kaunihera rātou ko ngā māngai o ngā Mana Whenua ki te whakahaere i tēnei Kawenata hei whakaatu i ngā take pū o tā rātou mahi ngātahi i ngā kaupapa te here nei i a rātou.

Ko Ngā Mana Whenua he komiti tūturu o Te Kaunihera.

This Heads of Agreement provides for a forum called the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako ("Forum") where the Matamata-Piako District Council ("Council") and Māori who have mana whenua in respect of the jurisdictional boundaries within Matamata-Piako district can forge an ongoing effective and meaningful partnership.

The Council and Mana Whenua representatives of the district wish to enter into this Heads of Agreement which is intended to reflect the basis upon which they will conduct their affairs of common interest.

The Forum is formalised as a standing committee of the Council.

Hītori | History

The following section sets out the history of the development of the Te Mana Whenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako.

Following the introduction of the Local Government Act 2002 Council was committed to establish and maintain appropriate links with mana whenua to foster effective relationships with them as representatives of the district's iwi authorities. Discussions with Iwi led to Council establishing Te Mana Whenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako ("Forum") in 2004 as a mechanism for Council to meet its obligations.

The Forum was originally formalised as a standing committee of Council at its meeting on 8 July 2004 where Forum members were invited to the official signing. At that meeting Council resolved that:

- *The following be the constitution of Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako as a standing committee of Council.*
- *The Council hereby constitutes a standing committee of the Council to be known as Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako.*
- *The initial composition of Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako shall be as follows:*



Names of Members:

○ Mayor A Wilcock	Council
○ D. Mayor James Thomas	Council
○ Cr Gary Thompson	Council
○ Te Ao Marama Maaka	Ngāti Hauā
○ Rangitonga Kaukau	Ngāti Hauā
○ Kathy Ngamane	Ngāti Maru
○ Waati Ngamane	Ngāti Maru
○ Tahauariki Thomson	Ngāti Pāoa
○ Glenys Puke	Ngāti Pāoa
○ Leo Whaiapu	Raukawa
○ Andrea Julian	Raukawa
○ Jill Taylor	Ngāti Rahiri-Tumutumu
○ June McCaskill	Ngāti Rahiri-Tumutumu
○ Hinerangi Vaimoso	Ngāti Hinerangi
○ Phil Smith	Ngāti Hinerangi
○ Michael Baker	Ngāti Whānaunga
○ Gavin Anderson	Ngāti Whānaunga

- *Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako may at any time appoint a new Chairman by resolution.*
- *The quorum required for any meeting of Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako shall be six members, and must include at least one member of the Council.*
- *Notwithstanding clause 30(7) of the 7th Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002, Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako shall not be discharged before the 13th day of October 2007.*
- *All proceedings and actions of Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako shall be in accordance with the Heads of Agreement between Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako and the Council.*

The Forum held its first formal meeting on 24 September 2004.

The Heads of Agreement provides for a review of the protocols and performance of the parties based on the purpose and principles of the agreement. During 2011 and 2012 Forum members worked on a review of the original Heads of Agreement. Council approved a revised Heads of Agreement on 26 September 2012. The revised agreement was subsequently approved by the Forum at its meeting on 4 December 2012.

During 2017/18 Forum members again worked on a review of the Heads of Agreement. Council and the Forum agreed to a revised Heads of Agreement on 5 December 2017.



Ngā Tautuhinga, Whakamārama hoki | Definitions and Interpretation

To aid in the interpretation of this Heads of Agreement the following terms apply unless the context requires otherwise:

- “Council” means the Matamata-Piako District Council;
- “Forum” means the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako which is a standing committee of Council;
- “Heads of Agreement” means this signed copy of the Heads of Agreement between Council and the Forum members
- “mana whenua” means the territorial rights, power and authority from the land – associated with the current and historical possession/occupation of tribal lands within the Matamata-Piako district.
- “Taurahere” means binding strands into one as threads - individuals or groups who join together to fulfil a common purpose or goal, that share kinship ties, similar aspirations and who either, live outside their tribal territories or are urban based. Taurahere is about acknowledging other Iwi.

Ngā Mema | Membership

Membership of the collective Forum shall comprise of:

- Matamata-Piako District Council (the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are appointed members)
- Ngāti Hauā
- Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu
- Raukawa
- Ngāti Maru
- Ngāti Tamaterā – who have decided not to appoint a member but may so at any time
- Ngāti Whānaunga
- Ngāti Pāoa;
- Ngāti Hinerangi and
- Any other members that the Forum may agree to in the future, upon formal application.

Te rehita ā-hapu; ā-iwi | Iwi/hapu registration

There is a due process for any group to request participation in the Forum. Upon application the Forum shall consider the request, and may consider issues such as what membership the Forum should hold, what constitutes an iwi/hapu, and what membership size is suitable to ensure the Forum is effective and efficient. The Forum will provide a recommendation to Council who in turn will make a decision on Forum member Iwi/hapu representation.



Whaiwāhi ki ngā Mana Whenua | Appointment to the Forum

Under Clause 31 Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 Council may delegate to any Committee the appointment of any non-elected members to any committee. Council has delegated to Te Manawhenua Forum mo Matamata-Piako the appointment of non-elected members to Te Manawhenua Forum mo Matamata-Piako.

It is considered that Forum members must be representative of mana whenua within the Matamata-Piako District and individual Iwi representation is a matter for respective Iwi to determine. Each of the identified member groups of the Forum shall nominate two representatives, one of which is the principal spokesperson. Both representatives may attend the meetings. The second representative will act at meetings in the absence of the principal representative. The Mayor is the principal for the Council, the Deputy Mayor is the alternate.

Following each Council election, the Forum, its membership and delegations shall be re-constituted by Council.

Ngā Mātapono o ngā Mana Whenua | Principles of the Forum

The Forum recognises the following principles for maintaining a strong and meaningful relationship between Council and mana whenua:

- Mutual respect and adherence to atuātanga (spirituality)
- Respect of taha Māori (wellbeing) and tikanga Māori (customs, protocols)
- Respect for the raNgātiratanga (self-determination, autonomy) of Iwi – the right to organise as Iwi
- Protection of mana whenua
- Protection of wahi tapu (sacred places), natural resources, cultural materials and taonga (treasures) Māori
- Meaningful and mutually beneficial participation of Māori in the Council
- Regard for the principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) as contemplated by the empowering legislation

Kaupapa o ngā Mana Whenua | Purpose of the Forum

The purpose of the Forum is to facilitate mana whenua contribution to Council's decision making and strengthen partnership and engagement between Council and iwi/hapu.

The purpose of the Forum does not substitute individual consultation and engagement of Iwi by the Council.



Ngā kawenga a ngā Mana Whenua | General functions of the Forum

The Forum will consider any matter to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the Māori communities for today and for the future, taking a sustainable development approach. This may include but is not limited to contributing to policy development, input into special projects, reserve management processes and receiving presentations from external organisations or individuals (e.g. regional council, government departments, and community groups). The Forum will agree on an annual work programme to prioritise efforts and resources. This work programme will be considered by Council as part of its budgeting process.

Ngā kawenga motuhake a ngā Mana Whenua | Specific functions of the Forum

In order to give effect to the principals and purpose set out above Council delegates the following to the Forum:

- Appoint any non-elected members to the Forum in accordance with this agreement.
- Appoint up to two representatives to sit as members on any Council working party as requested by Council. Council establishes working parties on an issue-by-issue basis and will invite the nominated Forum representatives to join as a member of any relevant working parties. These working parties usually report back to Council or its committees with recommendations.
- Consider any request by the Council to accept a delegation of a function of Council. The Forum must act in accordance with a delegation it has accepted.
- Appoint a minimum of two representatives to form the Waitangi Day Celebration organising committee each year, to work with staff on the district wide celebrations.
- Develop an annual work programme each year.
- Develop and adopt goals, strategies and policies and programmes for consideration by Council, if outlined in the Annual work programme (see below).
- Council will pay for a maximum of one representative nominated by the Forum in each three yearly election period to undertake training as a Resource Management Act 1991 hearing commissioner to establish a suitable pool of qualified commissioners. Council may ask the Forum to nominate further representatives if the need arises.
- Monitor the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan implementation for matters relating to mana whenua interests.
- Recommend to Council actions to enhance mana whenua capacity to contribute to decision-making including providing advice and recommendations
- Assist in the collation and monitoring of performance data for the Māori specific community outcomes/indicators
- Receive Iwi/hapu management plans on behalf of Council.
- In December each year, the Forum will recommend to Council a budget for the following financial year to be included within the Annual Plan or Long



Term Plan to undertake a suggested work programme. If Council agrees to the proposed work programme, the Forum shall oversee the implementation of that work programme

- Support a joint Council and Forum meeting each year (refer to review section below).
- Support the Mayor through the Tuia Rangitahi programme (note: this is funded separately from the Forum)
- Represent the District iwi in engagements with Waikato Regional Council and government agencies.
- Engage with external agencies (such as government departments) on work they wish to undertake within the district.

**Ngā kawenga me ngā whakaritenga a te Tiamana, a tōna tuarua rānei |
Functions and duties of the Chair person or his/her delegate**

- Act as the Forum representative at events hosted by Council e.g. ANZAC Day;
- Provide regular updates to Council following each Forum meeting.

**Ngā kawenga a Te Kaunihera hāngai pū ki ngā Mana Whenua | Council's
duties to Forum**

The Council must provide the Forum with the information that it needs to identify business of the Council that relates to the Forums purpose. Council has an obligation to consult the Forum on matters affecting mana whenua and give consideration to the Forum's advice.

It is to be acknowledged the limitations on resources Council can and are willing to provide may result in the purpose of the Forum not being fully realised within the Forum's timeframes.

Council is committed to fulfil its obligations to consult with individual iwi/hapu as required by legislation – for example under the Resource Management Act 1991 and Treaty of Waitangi settlement legislation relating to individual Iwi.

Consultation with the Forum does not substitute for such engagement, and shall be in addition to individual Iwi engagement.

Ngā hui | Meetings

Following each Council election, the Forum shall appoint a Chairperson.

The Forum shall meet regularly for either formal meetings or workshops as required, provided that meeting costs do not exceed the budget allocated to the performance



of the Forum's functions each financial year. The Forum meeting schedule will be confirmed at the December meeting of the Forum each year.

Ngā Whakaritenga me Ngā Mēneti | Agendas and Minutes

Council is responsible for the production and distribution of agendas and minutes.

Council will advise respective members of the Forum of proposed agenda items by email, at least 15 working days prior to the meeting (five days prior to the meeting agenda closing). Forum members are invited to respond with any additional items to be included on the agenda within the set timeframe (one day prior to the meeting agenda closing) to allow Council staff time to add the item to the meeting agenda.

It is recognised that there may be times when a meeting of the Forum is not required, if so, all members must agree that a meeting is not required. All parties are to convey and be advised of this in writing.

Forum meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, Te Aroha unless otherwise agreed by all Forum members.

Te Ture me Ngā Ōta Pū | Legislation and Standing Orders

Formal meetings of the Forum will be called in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Following each Council election, the Forum shall adopt standing orders for the duration of the triennium.

Quorum - The quorum required for any meeting of the Forum shall be four Iwi members who are entitled to vote plus a member of Council.

Voting Rights - Where the principal and alternate representatives attend meetings only the principal representative shall be entitled to vote. Where both the principal and alternate representative attend any meeting both will have full speaking rights but only one single Iwi member vote.

Te Pūtea | Expenses

In fulfilling its statutory duties, Council may require assistance and advice from the Forum. In such cases, the Forum will be adequately resourced by Council both financially and non-financially. The Council will make provision for such resourcing through its budgetary processes. This would include meeting fees and expenses for the two representatives and resourcing to undertake the work programme (refer to specific functions of the Forum).



Te Utu | Remuneration

It is agreed that remuneration will be paid in the form of a meeting allowance and mileage reimbursement for attendance by appointed members at formal meetings of the Forum called in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The meeting allowance and mileage shall be that set by Council from time to time.

Remuneration for workshop attendance will be determined on a case by case basis for each workshop, and will be dependent on funding available. If Council invites Forum member/s on any working party then the meeting allowance and mileage will be payable.

Te Aha Noa | General

The Forum is recognised as a standing committee of Council; however, this does not affect or undermine the Tino Rangātiratanga (self-determination) of the members of the Forum.

The Forum acknowledges that the interpretation, application and operation of these protocols are subject to the relevant empowering legislation, accountability frameworks and financial constraints.

The operation of the Forum does not restrict the ability of the Council to form specific relationships or agreements with individual Iwi or Iwi groups.

The operation of Forum will be supported by Council staff in the preparation of agendas, minutes as required by legislation and technical advice as resources allow.

Te Tirohanga Anō | Review

The protocols and performance of the parties shall be reviewed each year by way of a joint Forum and Council meeting to discuss issues relating to the Forum based on the purpose and principles of this Heads of agreement.

All parties acknowledge that the relationship and partnership between Iwi and Council is an evolving process. As such, Iwi may seek to progress discussions regarding the independence of the Forum and its functions as part of future reviews.

Ngā Whakarerekētanga Iti Noa | Minor Amendments

The Heads of Agreement can be amended at any time, without being re-signed by Forum members, to allow for changes in membership and re-appointments. Council staff are authorised to update this Heads of Agreement for minor and necessary amendments such as the ability to add alternates without further member agreement. Signed at Te Aroha thisday of 2019.



Mayor A Wilcock
Matamata-Piako District Council

Deputy Mayor J Thomas
Matamata-Piako District Council

Te Ao Marama Maaka (Principal)
Ngāti Hauā

Rangitonga Kaukau (Alternate)
Ngāti Hauā

Jill Taylor (Principal)
Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu

June McCaskill (Alternate)
Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu

Leo Whaiapu (Principal)
Raukawa

Andrea Julian (Alternate)
Raukawa

Glenice Puke (Principal)
Ngāti Pāoa

Tahauariki Thompson (Alternate)
Ngāti Pāoa



Kathy Ngamane (Principal)
Ngāti Maru

Waati Ngamane (Alternate)
Ngāti Maru

Michael Baker (Principal)
Ngāti Whānaunga

Gavin Anderson (Alternate)
Ngāti Whānaunga

Dianna Vaimoso (Principal)
Ngāti Hinerangi

Phil Smith (Alternate)
Ngāti Hinerangi



8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.1 District Plan Update

CM No.: 2722883

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Te Manawhenua Forum with a summary on the rolling review of the District Plan and changes around Resource Management matters. Kumesh Burr will be present to deliver the update and answer any questions.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information be received.

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Plan Change 54 – “Papakāinga”

Matamata-Piako District Council is preparing a plan change to the District Plan, which seeks to update the District Plan provisions for papakāinga development (PC54). The aim is to ensure that the District Plan provides an enabling framework for quality papakāinga development that supports the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of tangata whenua. This plan change was originally raised by Te Manawhenua Forum and recommended to Council as a priority. Council took on this recommendation and initiated a plan change. The Māori Purpose Zone (Precinct 1 – Papakāinga Tahi) will provide the most enabling provisions for papakāinga by increasing housing density in comparison to the Rural Zone and enabling the establishment of home businesses and small-scale community facilities, education facilities and healthcare facilities. Sites that are proposed to be rezoned as Māori Purpose Zone (Precinct 2 - Papakāinga Rua) have existing papakāinga. In addition to the Māori Purpose Zone, the plan change proposes general provisions in the rural and rural-residential zones enabling papakāinga development on Māori Freehold Land, General Land owned by Māori (if it can be demonstrated there is an ancestral connection and a legal mechanism in place to ensure the land is maintained in whanau ownership in perpetuity), and Treaty Settlement Land. We re-notified for public submissions on 21 December 2022, and closed for submissions on 13 February 2023. Our further submission phase closed on 26th April. In total there were 52 submissions received and 3 further submissions. A summary of submissions and further submissions are available on our website. We are currently engaging with hearing commissioners, after which time we can identify a hearing date.

Plan Change 49 – “Waharoa”

This plan change seeks to review the zoning and development controls of Waharoa. To date, a preliminary community Hui was held in partnership with Ngāti Hauā to understand the invited stakeholder's aspirations for the town. Following this, a Working Group was established that consists of Matamata-Piako elected members and Ngāti Hauā representatives as governance members along with a number of support staff. On the 30th of November 2022, Matamata-Piako

and Ngāti Hauā held a community consultation event at Te Kura O Waharoa in order to understand if the initial spatial plan that was developed, meets the communities' aspirations and needs for Waharoa. As part of this consultation, an online survey where you could share your thoughts on the initial spatial plan was also available following the consultation event for those that could not attend. In total a 150 participants completed the online survey and there were around 30 participants at the community event. A report that summarises the outcomes of the consultation is available to view on the Council's website. In addition, Warren Gumbly consultants have been engaged from an archaeology perspective and this work is currently underway. The Council is also in the process of reviewing the community's aspirations and considering how these may be enabled by the District Plan's provisions.

Plan Change 57 Calcutta

On the 3rd of July 2022, Matamata-Piako District Council received an application for Private Plan Change 57 – Calcutta. This plan change seeks to rezone approximately 41ha of rural land to General Industrial Zoned land along the southern side of Tauranga Road, Matamata. This plan change proposes to introduce a new General Industrial Zone into the District Plan in accordance with the National Planning Standards. On the 11th of October 2022, submissions opened for the Calcutta private plan change and closed at 4:30pm on Wednesday 9th October 2022. Matamata-Piako District Council received 28 submissions in total. The Council has summarised the submissions received and opened for further submissions on the 7 March 2022 with a closing date of 21 March 2022. During this submission phase, a further 20 submissions were received. Council and the applicant are currently finalising a hearing date for later this year.

Private Plan Change 58 - Avenue Industrial Park

A private plan application was lodged on the 22 of December to rezone 14ha of rurally-zoned land to industrially-zoned land in Morrinsville along Avenue Road North and neighbouring State Highway 26. The proposed private plan change is expected to adopt the same General Industrial Zone provisions as the proposed Calcutta private plan change under the National Planning Standards. Council is working through the application and outcomes of the stormwater, wastewater and water, and transport peer reviews. Following the staff review and the application meeting the RMA requirements, the next step for the proposed private plan change is for it to go to Council to decide whether to: accept, reject, adopt, or process the private plan change as a resource consent. This is on the Council Agenda for the 24 May 2023.

Private Plan Change 55 - "Fonterra –Waitoa"

On the 13th of November 2020, Council received a private plan change application regarding the Waitoa manufacturing site Development Concept Plan. The proposal is to amend the current noise emission control boundary in the Operative District Plan and replace it with a new Noise Emission Control Boundary and amend associated rules. Council made a request, on the 22nd of January 2022, for further information under Clause 23, RMA Schedule 1. Council received this further information at the end of November and have been working with the applicant to finalise this information.

Hauraki Gulf Forum

The Hauraki Gulf Forum (HGF) is a statutory body, which promotes and facilitates integrated approach to the management and protection of the Hauraki Gulf, under the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000. The forum's current focus is on three priorities which are to improve integrated management through collaborative planning, restoring water quality values by addressing land use activities that degrade those values and lastly recognising those critical marine values and ecosystems through advocating for protection, restoration and enhancement. As part of its advocacy, the forum used last year's surplus funds to carry out Natural Capital Valuations on the marine park. I can confirm this work is being carried out by the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER). The next HGF meeting is due to take place on 12 June 2023, in Auckland. Following this meeting, I will provide an update on the latest issues discussed and any updates from the draft 2023 HGF Report.

National Planning Standards (NPS)

We have commenced work on reformatting our District Plan to comply with the National Planning Standards (NPS). The purpose of national planning standards is to make council plans and policy statements easier to prepare, understand and comply with. They do this by improving the consistency of the format and content across all resource management documents throughout New Zealand. Any proposed changes that are simply reformatting the District Plan into the new format do not require a plan change however there will be some changes that will be required to be notified. We are working to have this completed and notified by April 2024 in accordance with the relevant NPS legislation.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.2 Annual Plan 2023/24 and Policy/Bylaw Consultation Update

CM No.: 2723114

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Matamata-Piako District Council (Council) is required to regularly review its policies and bylaws. The review times for statutory policies are set out in the relevant legislation.

Council's work programme for 2022/23 includes the review of the following:

- Local Alcohol Policy (LAP);
- Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw;
- Speed Management Plan (SMP);
- Fees & Charges 2023/24;
- Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates.

Consultation was undertaken with the community from 14 March to 14 April 2023. Due to the timing of the Business after 5 events in Morrinsville and Matamata, Council extended the deadline to 21 April 2023 for these groups. A total of 158 submissions were received (one submission was received after the due date for submissions). 14 individuals/organisations chose to present their submissions to Elected Members at the Hearing held on 3 May 2023. Council deliberated on the feedback received and decisions were made on the above documents at the Council meeting on 24 May 2023.

In addition to the regular review of its policies/bylaws, Council is also required to prepare an Annual Plan every year when a Long Term Plan (LTP) is not prepared. At its meeting on 14 December 2022, Council resolved that there are no significant or material differences between the draft Annual Plan 2023/24 and what was proposed for 2023/24 (year 3) in the LTP. Therefore, Council confirmed no formal consultation on the Annual Plan 2023/24 was required at that time.

Subsequent to this meeting however, it became clear that Council is facing increasing cost pressures and changes to government policy timeframes meant that Council was required to consider updated financial information that provides the basis for the Annual Plan. Having reviewed this information, Council considered that a proposed rates increase of 16.9% required consultation, having initially predicted an 11.8% increase for 2023/24 in the LTP. The draft Annual Plan Consultation Document is attached to this report.

At the time of writing this report, approximately 150 submissions were received on the draft Annual Plan 2023/24. Public meetings were held in Morrinsville, Matamata and Te Aroha whereby members of the public could discuss the draft rates increase with Elected Members. Consultation closed on 26 May 2023 and a hearing is scheduled for 7 June 2023.

The purpose of this report is to provide Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako members with an update on the policy/bylaw consultation and Council decisions made following this.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information be received.
2. Te Manawhenua mō Matamata-Piako members provide feedback to staff on the consultation process to consider for future policy/bylaw reviews and draft Annual Plan consultation.

Horopaki | Background

Council is required to regularly review its policies and bylaws. The review times for statutory policies are set out in the relevant legislation.

Council's work programme for 2022/23 includes the review of the following:

- Local Alcohol Policy (LAP)
- Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw
- Speed Management Plan (SMP)
- Fees & Charges 2023/24
- Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates.

Consultation on the various policies/documents was undertaken with the community from 14 March to 14 April 2023. Due to the timing of the Business after 5 events in Morrinsville and Matamata, Council extended the deadline to 21 April 2023 for these groups. A total of 158 submissions were received (one submission was received after the due date for submissions). 14 individuals/organisations chose to present their submissions to Elected Members at the Hearing held on 3 May 2023.

Deliberations on the above documents were held, and decisions made at the Council meeting on 24 May 2023.

Council is also required to prepare an Annual Plan every year when a Long Term Plan (LTP) is not prepared. At the time of writing this report, consultation on the Annual Plan was still open with a Hearing scheduled for 7 June 2023.

1. Local Alcohol Policy (LAP)

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 enables territorial authorities to have a local policy relating to the sale, supply or consumption of alcohol within its district. Council's current LAP was adopted in 2017 and is therefore due for review.

A LAP is a set of policies made by council in consultation with its community concerning the licensing of premises for the sale and supply of alcohol. A LAP is only able to contain matters relating to alcohol licensing and cannot contain broader provisions about the sale and consumption of alcohol, e.g. minimum pricing or age restrictions.

Section 77(1) of the Act is specific about what can be included in a draft LAP as below:

- a) Location of licensed premises by reference to broad areas;
- b) Location of licensed premises by reference to proximity to premises of a particular kind or kinds;
- c) Location of licensed premises by reference to proximity to facilities of a particular kind or

kinds;

- d) Whether further licences (or licences of a particular kind or kinds) should be issued for premises in the district concerned, or any part of the district;
- e) Maximum trading hours;
- f) The issue of licences, or licences of a particular kind or kinds, subject to discretionary conditions;
- g) One-way door restrictions.

Paragraphs (a) to (d) do not apply to special licences, or premises for which a special licence is held or has been applied for.

Whilst it is not mandatory to have such a policy, having a LAP in place allows our community to have a say about how alcohol is sold and supplied in their area. When a LAP is in place, Council's District Licensing Committee (DLC) are required to have regard to the policy when making decisions about alcohol licensing applications. The LAP is intended to be used as a reference document to consult and take into consideration. It is not a document that binds licensing decisions.

Following the consultation process on the draft LAP, and any amendments as a result of the feedback received, the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires Council to publically advertise the provisional policy.

Following this, anyone who made a submission on the draft LAP can appeal any element of a provisional policy. Appeals must be filed with the Alcohol Regulatory & Licensing Authority (ARLA) within 30 days of the public notification of the provisional policy. The only ground for appealing an element of a provisional LAP is that it is unreasonable in light of the object of the Act (as below):

- a) *the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and*
- b) *the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.*
- c) For the purposes of the above, the Act defines 'harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol' widely, and this includes:
- d) *any crime, damage, death, disease, disorderly behaviour, illness, or injury, directly or indirectly caused, or directly or indirectly contributed to, by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol, and*
- e) *any harm to society generally or the community, directly or indirectly caused, or directly or indirectly contributed to, by any crime, damage, death, disorderly behaviour, illness, or injury of a kind described in paragraph (a)."*

If ARLA finds that an element is unreasonable then it may send that element back to the territorial authority for reconsideration. The provisional LAP cannot come into effect until all appeals are resolved.

Council proposed the following to the community in its draft LAP:

- Inclusion of a location clause for on-licences to make it clear that **Council's preference is for on-licences to be restricted to 'Business Zones'**. The current LAP has no policy in this area, meaning there is no guidance for the DLC when making decisions about the location for on-licences.
- Inclusion of a special consideration within the discretionary conditions for on-licences to provide **strong direction to the DLC to have particular consideration to a one-way door restriction if deemed appropriate.**
- A proposal to **update the maximum trading hours for off-licences** as below:

Current LAP	Proposed changes to draft LAP
7am to 9pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supermarkets and Grocery Stores 7:00am to 11:00pm - All other off-licensed premises: 9:00am to 9:00pm

- **Updating the distance that off-licences can be located within proximity of a sensitive site** (such as schools, parks and reserves, places of worship, marae and playgrounds) from 50 metres to 100 metres to help protect vulnerable people in our community. It was proposed that this would exclude supermarkets and grocery stores.

2. Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw

Bylaws are local rules that affect the way we live, work and play. Council's bylaws are in place to help make our district a safe and healthy place.

Council's Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw is intended to support:

- The promotion and delivery of effective and efficient waste management and minimisation in Matamata-Piako District as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008;
- The implementation of the council's waste management and minimisation plans;
- The purpose of the Waste Minimisation Act and the goals in the New Zealand Waste Strategy;
- The regulation of the collection, transport, and processing of waste;
- The protection of the health and safety of waste collectors, waste operators and the public; and
- The management of litter and nuisance in public places.

Council's current bylaw came into force in 2017 (having revoked the previous solid waste bylaw (2008)). In accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), Council is required to review this bylaw within five years of adoption.

Eunomia Consulting were engaged to review the bylaw to ensure it is continuing to meet the needs of both the community and Council, and to bring it into alignment with the new kerbside collection contract.

Council proposed to introduce a standalone bylaw and to revoke the current bylaw that forms part of the Consolidated Bylaw 2008. A number of changes were proposed including:

- Requirements around the removal of uncollected waste;
- The ability for Council to introduce a licensing system for waste collection;
- Requirement for waste operators to secure any waste that is being transported to prevent any waste falling or otherwise escaping.

Council also proposed to add new clauses to facilitate a reduction in waste including:

- The ability for Council to require an event waste management and minimisation plan for major events;
- A requirement for construction site waste management and minimisation plans when applying for a building consent for non-residential building work with an estimated value of \$500,000 or higher;
- Rules around the delivery of unaddressed mail or advertising material.

3. Speed Management Plan

Council as Road Controlling Authority (RCA) for local roads is mandated under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (The Rule), to prepare a Speed Management Plan (SMP). The 2022 Rule replaced the earlier 2017 Rule, removing the requirement for speed limits to be set through bylaws, and enabling a network approach rather than the earlier road-by-road approach. All speed limits (other than temporary speed limits) are now to be entered into the National Speed Limit Register (NSLR) – managed by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency as regulator.

Speed Management is one of five focus areas in Road to Zero (New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030). Road to Zero includes a national vision, targets, principles and focus areas to help achieve safer roads. The interim target is a 40% reduction in deaths and serious injuries (from 2018 levels) by 2030.

Staff received direction from Council and prepared the draft SMP with a clear focus on schools/kura, maraes and town centres. A few of the existing local roads with posted speeds of 70km/h were also added in, so that their speeds could be lowered to the more consistent and safer 60km/h limit. Pre-consultation took place throughout the district (June to December 2022) with discussions held across schools/kura and marae.

The draft SMP for the community to provide feedback on contained the following:

- *Speed management* – The draft SMP included changes to speed limits on various roads to safeguard vulnerable road users – particularly reducing speeds around schools/kura, and marae and lowering speeds in our town centres.
- *Infrastructure improvements* – The draft SMP identified a significant number of infrastructure improvements to support the reduction of speeds e.g. raised platforms, road markings and signage.

In its draft SMP, Council proposed to reduce speeds and implement associated improvements (as work streams) over the next ten years, focussing first on schools/kura.

4. Fees & Charges 2023/24

Council's Fees and Charges cover everything from swimming pool entry fees to resource and building consents and everything in between.

Under Section 150 of the LGA, Council may prescribe fees or charges in the form of a bylaw made under the LGA or separately using the principles of consultation. In addition, other legislation such as the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and Building Act 2004 delegates Council with the ability to fix fees or charges relevant to certain administration purposes (such as processing resource consents).

Each year, Council reviews its fees and charges and consults on any proposed changes with the community alongside the LTP, Annual Plan and/or other relevant Council documents. This ensures that Council's fees and charges are kept up to date and reflect actual and reasonable costs and to make sure additional processes and new costs are fully covered.

The majority of the proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/24 were proposed to remain the same or increase by inflation. Some of the other changes that were proposed to the community included:

- Proposal to remove all overdue fines at our libraries
- Charging for rubbish collection through rates instead of rubbish bag sales, with rubbish bags only sold through to 31 August 2023.
- Changing how we charge for meeting/function spaces at Council venues, lifting the daily limits on these spaces help recover some of the actual cost of operating these venues.
- Increasing the costs for LIM reports to help recover actual costs.
- Adding some new Building Consent and Resource Consent fees.

5. Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates

Council's Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates (Policies) sets out how and when Council can remit or postpone payment on rates. A new kerbside collection service is to be introduced from September 2023, which will have implications for properties charged the targeted rate for the service for the 2023/24 financial year. Therefore, Council proposed to add two new remissions to the Policies as follows:

- For CBD/commercial/industrial properties that will no longer receive a kerbside collection service from September 2023, the Policies were amended to allow Council to charge the relevant properties the standard targeted rate at 1 July 2023, and remit the portion from September 2023 to 30 June 2024.
- For the private roads, lanes and right-of-ways that do not currently receive the kerbside collection service but will from September 2023, the Policies were amended to allow Council to charge the relevant properties the standard targeted rate at 1 July 2023, and remit the portion from 1 July 2023 to September 2023.

Annual Plan 2023/24

The Annual Plan highlights any changes or variances from the LTP for the coming year. At its meeting on 14 December 2022, Council resolved that there are no significant or material differences between the draft Annual Plan 2023/24 and what was proposed for 2023/24 in the LTP. The LGA does not require councils to formally consult on annual plans where the changes from the LTP for that year are not material or significant, therefore Council formally resolved not to consult on the draft Annual Plan 2023/24.

Subsequent to this meeting however, it became clear that Council is facing increasing cost pressures and changes to government policy timeframes meant that Council was required to consider updated financial information that provides the basis for the Annual Plan. Having reviewed this information, Council considered that a proposed rates increase of 16.9% required consultation, having proposed an 11.8% increase in the LTP for the 2023/24 year.

The draft Annual Plan Consultation Document is attached to this report.

At the time of writing this report, approximately 150 submissions were received on the draft Annual Plan 2023/24. Consultation closed on 26 May 2023 and a hearing will be held on 7 June 2023. A further update will be provided to the Forum following the conclusion of the Annual Plan consultation process.

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

The following themes have been identified in relation to each topic that Council consulted on. Please note these have been summarised by Council staff and copies of the full submissions were provided to Council on 3 May 2023 at the Hearing on 3 May 2023 and are available to view on Council's website.

1. Local Alcohol Policy (LAP)

45 submissions were received in regards to the draft LAP. The themes identified are summarised below.

Question 1: Do you agree with the policies for on-licensed premises (e.g. cafes, restaurants, pubs)?

Yes – 15 (33.3%)	No – 17 (37.8%)	I'm not sure – 6 (13.3%)	No answer selected – 7 (15.6%)
<p>On-Licensed premises easier to monitor/control in the business zone/should state more directly that they will be restricted to the business zone – 2</p> <p>Supportive of one-way door on weekends/mandatory one-way door policy – 2</p> <p>Hours of operation should be from 8am – 1</p> <p>Cafes/restaurants outside of the business zone should have the option to serve alcohol - 1</p>	<p>No more on-licences should be issued - 7</p> <p>Venues should be allowed outside of the business zone, as long as there is local community support/reduce drink driving – 3</p> <p>The distance from sensitive sites should be increased – 2</p> <p>Seeking re-assurance that the provisions will not affect future applications – 1</p> <p>Proposed changes will make licensees operations harder – 1</p> <p>Should be different provisions for club licences – 1</p> <p>Hours should not be restricted on public holidays (e.g. Good Friday, Christmas Day) – 1</p> <p>Some current venues are not in the business zone – 1</p> <p>Supermarkets should not be able to sell alcohol as late as 11pm due to road safety, family safety, safety of staff and of other people walking home – 1</p> <p>LAP should treat all on-licences equally and placing a discretionary condition of a one-way door creates an uneven playing field – 1</p> <p>Need stronger controls for alcohol supply in the District - 1</p>	<p>Venues should not be restricted to the business zone – reduce drink driving – 1</p> <p>Location provisions aren't relevant/required. Focus should be in ensuring safe transport to/from the venue - 1</p>	<p>Need stronger controls for alcohol supply in the District/reduce availability/prevent drink driving (deaths and injuries) – 2</p> <p>Do not support the proposed increase to the trading hours for supermarkets/grocery stores – 1</p> <p>Do not support the increase to the maximum number of events that can be applied for under special licence – 1</p> <p>Supportive of the provision to restrict on-licences to the business zones – 1</p> <p>Recommend to include a specified distance/radius from other premises should a licence be granted for a licensed venue outside of the Business Zone – 1</p> <p>Sensitive site distance provision should apply to new licences of any type – 1</p> <p>Consider a cap for on-licences where there is a high crime rate or impact on the amenity and good order of the area – 1</p> <p>Align the opening time with that of the Act (8am) – 1</p> <p>Support the one-way door provision to be applied as a discretionary condition - 1</p>

Question 2: Do you agree with the policies for off-licensed premises (e.g. supermarkets, bottle stores, grocery stores)?			
Yes – 9 (20.0%)	No – 28 (62.2%)	I'm not sure – 2 (4.4%)	No answer selected – 6 (13.3%)
<p>There is enough venues already and we do not need any more - 1</p> <p>Support the discretionary condition to restrict single sales – 1</p> <p>Support increasing hours for supermarkets but only at Christmas - 1</p>	<p>Trading hours for all off-licences should be the same – 14</p> <p>Supermarkets and grocery stores shouldn't be able to open late would put staff in jeopardy, increase availability/harm, drink driving, domestic violence, child harm, crime, noise and intoxication - 10</p> <p>No more off-licences should be issued – 7</p> <p>Radius to sensitive sites should include supermarkets and grocery stores - 3</p> <p>There is no need for any change, current system works well – 1</p> <p>Support increased radius to sensitive sites– 1</p> <p>Support the presumption clause of no further off-licences - 1</p> <p>Support discretionary conditions such as limitations of branded signage and single sales – 1</p> <p>Need stronger controls for alcohol supply in the District - 1</p>		<p>No more off-licences should be issued – 3</p> <p>Do not support the proposed increase in trading hours for supermarkets and grocery stores - 2</p> <p>Need stronger controls for alcohol supply in the District - 1</p> <p>Support the proposed later opening time for off-licences - 1</p> <p>Suggestion to reduce the proposed maximum trading hours from 11pm to 10pm – 1</p> <p>Do not support the proposed discretionary condition to limit single sales – 1</p> <p>Support the exclusion of supermarkets from the sensitive site restriction – 1</p> <p>Not supportive of the exclusion of supermarkets from the sensitive site restriction – 1</p> <p>Supportive of the presumption clause against the issuing of new off-licences – 1</p> <p>Support the increase in distance from other licensed premises and sensitive sites from 50m to 100m - 1</p> <p>Support the discretionary condition to restrict single sales – 1</p> <p>Recommend to increase the display for alcohol branded signage from 50% of the main façade to 25%/add discretionary condition to prohibit the use of 'buy now pay later' schemes - 1</p>

Question 3: Do you agree with the policies for club licensed premises (e.g. RSAs)?			
Yes – 26 (57.8%)	No – 2 (4.4%)	I'm not sure – 11 (24.4%)	No answer selected – 6 (13.3%)
<p>Clubs already operate efficiently/have fewer problems due to specific requirements of holding club licences - 2</p> <p>Special events should have to apply for longer hours – 1</p> <p>One-way door policy should be mandatory – 1</p> <p>Hours of operation should be from 8am – 1</p>		<p>Location restrictions are not required (e.g. sensitive sites, district plan areas) - 1</p>	<p>Need stronger controls for alcohol supply in the District – 1</p> <p>Support the retention of location and proximity provisions – 1</p> <p>Recommend to further consider the trading hours of clubs given the level of harm associated - 1</p>

Question 4: Do you agree with the policies for special licences (e.g. events)?			
Yes – 25 (55.6%)	No – 2 (4.4%)	I'm not sure – 10 (22.2%)	No answer selected – 8 (17.8%)
<p>Clubs should be automatically granted a special licence in some circumstances – 1</p> <p>Maximum trading hours should be included – 1</p> <p>Applicants should be required to include an Alcohol Management Plan – 1</p> <p>There is confusion over sale and supply, e.g. what events require a licence? - 1</p> <p>Need to re-consider the distance from sensitive sites - 1</p>		<p>Do not think there should be a restriction to the number of events due to time/costs involved – 1</p>	<p>Need stronger controls for alcohol supply in the District – 1</p> <p>Special events should have to apply for longer hours – 1</p> <p>Do not support the increase in the number of events – 1</p> <p>Do not support the removal of trading hours guideline - 1</p> <p>Support the discretionary conditions for special licences (one-way door, CPTED criteria and alcohol risk management plan) - 1</p>

Decision: At the Council meeting held on 24 May 2023, Council resolved to adopt the provisional LAP. In response to the feedback received, Council decided to update the hours for off-licences to 7:00am to 9:00pm for all off-licences (the same as the current LAP).

Council will give public notice of the adoption of the provisional policy and a following this, a person or an agency that made submissions as part of the special consultative procedure on the draft LAP may, appeal to the licensing authority against any element of that provisional LAP.

2. Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw

Council received 13 written submissions on the proposed Bylaw. The themes identified are summarised below.

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposed bylaw?		
Yes – 6 (46.2%)	No – 7 (53.8%)	I'm not sure - 0
Suggest to require multi-unit developments of five or more (rather than the 10 as proposed in the bylaw) are required to develop a waste management and minimisation plan - 1	<p>Need to ensure that waste minimisation measures are simple, and avoid red tape to achieve the best outcome for the community and environment – 4</p> <p>Concerns about new rubbish collection – there will be more trucks collecting rubbish in CBDs – 1</p> <p>There are already laws in place to protect environmental and public health. Bylaw will result in increased costs - 1</p>	

Question 2: Do you agree with the new clauses around events, construction site waste management, inorganic material and unaddressed mail?		
Yes – 5 (38.5%)	No – 7 (53.8%)	I'm not sure – 1 (7.7%)
Unaddressed mail and advertising material should not include free newspapers - 1	<p>This provision is another burden/barrier for event organisers/increase costs – 6</p> <p>Council should provide options and resources to event organisers – 5</p>	Management of the event waste planning should be practical/tailored for the event - 1

Question 3: Do you think the proposed construction site value (\$500,000) for requiring a construction site waste management plan is about right?

Yes – 4 (30.8%)	No – 8 (61.5%)	I'm not sure – 1 (7.7%)
<p>Welcome this provision with suggestion to also apply to residential builds – 1</p> <p>This should depend on the size of the build, e.g. an increasing cost structure - 1</p>	<p>Council should provide advice and expertise on waste management - 5</p> <p>Council should consider the cost of compliance – 4</p> <p>Considering the cost of a commercial build, \$500,000 seems to be a low threshold/is inappropriate – 4</p> <p>All construction sites should have a waste management plan – 1</p>	

Question 4: Do you agree that waste collectors/operators must have a waste licence if they handle/collect/transport more than 30 tonnes of waste in a year?		
Yes – 5 (38.5%)	No – 7 (53.8%)	I'm not sure – 1 (7.7%)
<p>Support the licencing system - 1</p>	<p>The definition for waste collectors is too broad. Businesses such as lawn mowing, gardeners should not require a waste licence – 5</p> <p>Council should provide the application forms and information required for people to be able to comment on the suitability of the bylaw – 4</p> <p>Further compliance is not needed for good operators – 1</p> <p>Concerned about cost increases – 1</p> <p>Do not think it should be within the remit of Council to licence private operators - 1</p>	

Question 5: Do you have any other comments you'd like us to consider about the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw?
<p>The impact of the proposed changes on the community needs to be fully considered – 3</p> <p>The bylaw is of discouragement and burden rather than to encourage and empower the community when it comes to waste minimisation/adds further red tape – 3</p> <p>Waste pick up areas should be revised to incorporate growing areas – 1</p> <p>Concerned about the cost of the new waste collection bins – 1</p> <p>Concerned about the hygiene of the food waste bins – 1</p> <p>There needs to also be a strong revamp within our local schools around Waste Minimisation</p>

Programs, including Maara Kai – 1

Need to adopt a Te Ao Māori approach to Papatuanuku and Council should work closely with local iwi around waste minimisation – 1

Council should find a way for the recycling and rubbish bins to be clamped shut so in the event of high winds, there is no spillage – 1

Decision: At the Council meeting held on 24 May 2023, Council proposed to amend the following clause:

7.36 Any person applying for a building consent for ~~non-residential~~ building work with an estimated value of \$500,000 or higher must also submit a construction site waste management and minimisation plan to Council for approval.

The proposed amendment means that all builds with an estimated value of \$500,000 or higher will require a construction site waste management plan to apply for building consent. Council resolved that the proposed amendment of the clause would require further targeted consultation with the sector which will be undertaken.

3. Draft Speed Management Plan

69 submissions (including one late submission) were received. The themes identified are summarised below.

Question 1: Do you agree with our approach to managing speed outside and around schools within the district?			
Yes – 47 (69.1%) Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as speed humps, electronic signage around schools, and cameras – 4 Improving safety for students, including walking and cycling – 3 The rules for schools should apply during peak drop off and pick up times/during school terms – 2 The implementation plan is too slow and the SMP should be implemented faster - 2 The speeds around schools should be	No – 15 (22.1%) The current provisions are ok, e.g. reduced speeds when passing a school bus and most schools have reduced speeds alongside awareness of the dangers – 7 Schools need a safe place for children and other pedestrians to cross the road, often there are no pedestrian crossings – 4 Speeds around school zones should only apply during school times – 3 No aware of any reported accidents outside of schools – 3 Proposal to lower some	I'm not sure – 3 (4.4%) There is already a 20km speed limit when passing a school bus that is stopped to drop off/pick up students – 1 Random patrols near schools should be carried out to deter unsafe driver behaviour – 1 Council should work directly with other agencies when there is a safety issue raised – 1 Speed management around stationary school buses is a concern - 1	No answer selected – 3 (4.4%)

<p>consistent – 1</p> <p>Excessive speed observed is a concern – 1</p> <p>The speed limits within the plan need to be enforced for them to be effective – 1</p>	<p>speeds to 40km is too slow. Driving too slow can also be dangerous/reducing speed causes congestion – 2</p> <p>Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as speed cameras, increased police patrols and electronic signage – 2</p> <p>Council should work with Waka Kotahi and address the State Highway system also -1</p>		
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Question 2: Do you agree with our approach to managing speeds outside marae within the district?

<p>Yes – 31 (45.6%)</p> <p>Suggestion to lower speeds outside particular marae – 7</p> <p>Safety hazard around current access to marae – 5</p> <p>Suggested safety improvements around marae located on main roads, e.g. speed reductions, turning bays – 4</p> <p>The implementation plan is too slow and the SMP should be implemented faster - 2</p> <p>Will help protect visitors to marae, particularly small children and elderly – 1</p>	<p>No – 15 (22.1%)</p> <p>Could temporary speed limits be used when there are gatherings/events rather than a blanket speed limit? – 3</p> <p>Speed limit reductions will cause frustration and division – 2</p> <p>The speed limits are ok as they are and do not need to change – 2</p> <p>Suggestion to lower speeds outside particular marae – 1</p>	<p>I'm not sure – 16 (23.5%)</p> <p>Not sure what the concerns are – 1</p> <p>If kura are on the same site, they should be the same as the speed limits for schools – 1</p> <p>Could temporary speed limits be used when there are gatherings/events rather than a blanket speed limit? – 1</p> <p>A proliferation of signage may affect driver awareness and safety - 1</p>	<p>No answer selected – 6 (8.8%)</p> <p>Suggestion to lower speeds outside particular marae – 1</p>
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There are a high number of deaths/accidents – 1			
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Question 3: Do you agree with our approach to managing speeds in town centres within the district?			
<p>Yes – 38 (55.9%)</p> <p>Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as crossings, further speed signs, footpaths, one-way systems, flower boxes, seating areas and speed humps – 5</p> <p>Suggestion to reduce speeds in particular areas – 2</p> <p>Reduce speeds to consistent speed (30km; 40km) for whole CBD to improve safety for all pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters and avoid any confusion – 2</p> <p>The implementation plan is too slow and the SMP should be implemented faster – 2</p> <p>Dangerous to use the pedestrian crossings with the current speeds – 1</p> <p>Remove trucks from the main</p>	<p>No – 18 (26.5%)</p> <p>Traffic does not speed around town currently due to speed humps/traffic/pedestrians. There is no need to change the speed limits – 7</p> <p>Suggestion to reduce speeds in particular areas – 3</p> <p>Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as one-way systems, and seating areas - 1</p> <p>Lowering speeds will increase driver frustration/road rage - 1</p> <p>The current speed limits should be enforced – 1</p> <p>Council should work with Waka Kotahi and address the State Highway system also - 1</p> <p>Heavy vehicles and agricultural traffic using roads in town centres is a concern - 1</p>	<p>I'm not sure – 8 (11.8%)</p> <p>Suggestion to reduce speeds in particular areas – 2</p> <p>Haven't seen where speed has been a factor in the CBDs – 1</p> <p>Concerned about ability to enforce the draft SMP – 1</p> <p>A proliferation of signage may affect driver awareness and safety – 1</p> <p>Reduce speeds to consistent speed (30km) to avoid confusion and reduce costs – 1</p> <p>Need for formal pedestrian crossings rather than 'courtesy crossings' - 1</p>	<p>No answer selected – 4 (5.9%)</p> <p>Suggestion to reduce speeds in particular areas – 1</p>

streets of our CBDs – 1			
Changes should be supported with data from accidents – 1			
Excessive speed observed is a concern – 1			

Question 4: Do you support our draft Speed Management Plan in general?

Yes – 23 (33.8%) Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as speed humps, cameras, barriers to entry to certain streets to prevent speeding/racing – 4 Suggestion to reduce speeds in particular areas – 3 Council needs to establish an implementation plan/timeframes when the changes will be made - 1	No – 13 (19.1%) Improvements do not need to be made/leave roads as they are/there is no evidence to support the changes – 5 Police should monitor for traffic flow and there should be better provision for traffic to pass slower vehicles – 2 Concern regarding the cost of the proposal, e.g. signage – 2 If safety improvements are to be made, consider the noise for residents, e.g. heavy vehicles going over speed humps – 1 Driver education and empowerment	Changes are required for me to support it – 24 (35.3%) Suggestion to reduce speeds in particular areas – 14 Driver education and empowerment is more important for safety on our roads – 1 Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as marking of roads, improving the condition of roads, footpaths, and adding signage – 1 Reduce speeds to consistent speed (30km) for whole CBD to improve safety for all pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters and avoid any confusion - 1 Council should work with Waka Kotahi and address the State Highway system also – 1 Different speeds around the marae/town centres causes confusion and money spend on signage – 1 The implementation plan is too slow and the SMP should be implemented	I'm not sure – 5 (7.4%) The current speed limits should be enforced – 1	No answer selected – 3 (4.4%) Suggestion to reduce speeds in particular areas – 1 Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as making areas pedestrian/cycle only – 1
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	<p>is more important for safety on our roads – 1</p> <p>Suggestion to add safety improvements where practical such as lights and traffic islands – 1</p>	<p>faster – 1</p> <p>Known accident ‘hot spots’ should be included, not just marae, schools and town centres – 1</p> <p>The plan will only be effective if it is enforced – 1</p> <p>Reduce speed on roads entering and exiting a marae to 50km – 1</p> <p>Reduce speeds to consistent speed (40km) for whole CBD - 1</p>		
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Decision: At the Council meeting held on 24 May 2023, Council resolved to adopt the SMP as consulted on with the community. Council determined that moving forward with the SMP will enable safety improvements to be advanced. The inclusion of new roads as suggested by some submitters can be included as part of the next review for investigation and consultation with the community.

4. Fees & Charges 2023/24

20 submissions were received on the draft fees and charges. The themes identified are summarised below.

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposed changes?			
Yes – 6 (30%)	No – 12 (60%)	I’m not sure – 2 (10%)	No answer selected - 0
<p>Do not agree to remove overdue fines for libraries – suggestion to have a 50% discount if returned within 30 days – 1</p> <p>Agree with the proposal to remove overdue fines for libraries – 1</p>	<p>Agree with the proposal to remove overdue fines for libraries – 1</p> <p>Do not agree with rubbish bin fee waiver – 1</p> <p>Do not agree to charge for rubbish through rates – where is the incentive to reduce waste?/education through schools is required – 2</p> <p>What about residents who already pay for their rubbish collection have to pay for removal of rubbish in their rates? - 1</p> <p>Do not agree to remove</p>	<p>Do not agree to having to pay for rubbish removal whilst also paying for rubbish bags – 1</p> <p>Council needs to provide future reasoning behind the decision-making process for the fees and charges so that people understand the rationale e.g. what is the rationale for the removal of overdue library fines? How do the prices compare to other councils? What has been done to mitigate any cost increases? – 1</p> <p>Some fees should be</p>	

	<p>overdue fines for libraries – concerned that items will not be returned/there will be delays for other library users – 5</p> <p>Do not agree to an increase in pool admission costs – 1</p> <p>Do not agree with the proposed 'additional cleaning fee' for the Waharoa (Matamata) Aerodrome – 1</p> <p>The fees for 'hot picks' for library books are too high and have stopped using the library as a result - 1</p> <p>Do not agree with the change from rubbish bags to bins as one size does not fit all - 1</p>	<p>lifted in certain areas, eg. campground fees and hireage of meeting rooms - 1</p>	
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Decision: At the Council meeting held on 24 May 2023, Council resolved to adopt the Fees and Charges with minor amendments as below:

- Correction of a clerical error – the consultation document incorrectly proposed an increase to the camping fees (per person/per day) for the Waharoa (Matamata) Aerodrome. The document proposed an increase to the camping fees (un-powered site and powered sites), however the current fees (\$14 and \$16 respectively), are not proposed to change.
- Building Control
 - Staff propose an increase to the dwellings fee for dwelling single storey/additions and alterations in excess of 250m² from \$3,250 to \$3,475 to align with the staggered cost structure for additions and alterations of varying sizes to single storey dwellings.

At a workshop held on 10 May 2023, the placement of 'cowshed extensions' within the Fees and Charges schedule was queried. This has been moved to sit under the heading 'Dairy sheds'.

In response to feedback received, the proposed cleaning fee for the Matamata (Waharoa) Aerodrome has been removed.

5. Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates

11 submissions were received on the proposed Policies. The themes identified are summarised below.

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposed changes?		
Yes – 4 (36.4%)	No – 5 (45.5%)	I'm not sure – 2 (18.2%)
There is no need to increase costs as savings will be made from not servicing commercial	The kerbside collection service for commercial properties should be retained, this is a	There should be an option for those who already employ a private rubbish collection and

<p>areas – 1</p> <p>Need some alternative options for kerbside collection in commercial areas, e.g. location in towns for disposal - 1</p> <p>Should there be a remission of rates for buildings used by voluntary organisations? – 1</p> <p>Policy on small rates balances should be higher – lift the threshold to \$25 – 1</p>	<p>basic service provided by Council, there will be a build-up of rubbish and more trucks on the roads - 2</p> <p>For those who live on private roads and lanes, if bins are brought to the roadside, would they still be collected as they are still being charged rates – 1</p> <p>Rates for Morrinsville pools should be removed as they are closed from March to November – 1</p> <p>What about those who currently pay for their own private rubbish collection? – 1</p> <p>Need to support businesses post COVID, not increase costs - 1</p>	<p>are also charged rates – 1</p> <p>Query if their area is within the new schedule for kerbside collection - 1</p>
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Decision: At the Council meeting held on 24 May 2023, Council resolved to adopt the Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates as consulted on with the community.

Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

Local Alcohol Policy

Section 75 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 allows territorial authorities to have a local policy relating to the sale, supply or consumption of alcohol within its district.

Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw

The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 provides for Council to make a bylaw for regulating waste. The Act provides for a bylaw to license persons who carry out the collection and transportation of waste, and the set conditions for licensees. A bylaw must not be inconsistent with the Council's waste management and minimisation plan.

Speed Management Plan

Due to a change in the way speed limits are set, Council must adopt a Speed Management Plan in consultation with its community. This is in accordance with the 'Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022'.

Fees & Charges

Council has the ability to set Fees & Charges through various legislation. Under Section 150 of the LGA Council may prescribe fees or charges in the form of a bylaw made under the LGA or separately using the principles of consultation. In addition, other legislation such as the RMA and Building Act 2004 delegates Council with the ability to fix fees or charges relevant to certain administration purposes (such as processing resource consents). In reviewing or setting its Fees & Charges, Council is required to use the Special Consultative Procedure.

Council has opted not to use bylaws to set fees and charges at this time. Therefore, consultation was undertaken.

Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates

The Policies are formed in accordance with sections 102, 108, 109 and 110 of the Local Government Act 2002 and section 85 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Section 102 provides for Council to consult on a draft policy or amend an existing policy in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002. Consultation has been conducted in a manner that gives effect to the requirements of section 82.

Annual Plan

The LGA sets out the requirements for Councils to adopt an Annual Plan each year when a LTP is not adopted. The LGA further sets the requirements for whether consultation is required, and what information must be included in an Annual Plan.

Based on the Draft Annual Plan Budgets dated 2 December 2022, an assessment of materiality and significance was completed and concluded that there are no material OR significant variances between the Draft Annual Plan 2023/24 and the LTP forecast for 2023/24. Therefore, Council was not legally required to consult on its Annual Plan.

However, since this meeting it became clear that Council is facing increasing cost pressures and changes to government policy timeframes meant that Council was required to consider updated financial information that provides the basis for the Annual Plan. Having reviewed this information, Council considered that a proposed rates increase of 16.9% required consultation, having proposed an 11.8% increase for 2023/24 in the LTP.

Ngā Pāpāhonga me ngā Wātaka | Communications and timeframes

Consultation was undertaken as per the below timetable:

Process	Date
Council approval of draft Local Alcohol Policy, Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw, Speed Management Plan, Fees & Charges and Policies on the Remission and Postponement of Rates for public consultation	8 March 2023
Consultation period	14 March – 21 April 2023
Council Hearing	3 May 2023
Deliberations and adoption of all proposed documents	24 May 2023
New policies/fees & charges/bylaws apply (apart from Local Alcohol Policy which is subject to an appeal process and the Solid Waste Bylaw of which further targeted consultation is required).	1 July 2023

The Statements of Proposal and draft policies/documents were available for viewing on Council's website during the consultation period. Submissions could be made on-line through a submission form and via letter/email.

Council used several communication tools to encourage the community to take part in the consultative process including:

- Use of Facebook
- Direct letter and/or email
- Community meetings (Business After 5)

- Consideration at Te Mana Whenua Forum and Waharoa (Matamata) Aerodrome Committee meetings
- Newspaper advertising, e.g. Council in Focus
- E-newsletters
- Online engagement – community hui.

Te Tākoha ki ngā Hua mō te Hapori me te here ki te whakakitenga o te Kaunihera | Contribution to Community Outcomes and consistency with Council Vision

Theme: Healthy and Safe Communities

Community Outcome: Our community is safe, healthy and connected; and we encourage community engagement and provide sound and visionary decision making.

Pānga ki te pūtea, me te puna pūtea | Financial Cost and Funding Source

The reviews of policies and bylaws are funded from the Strategy and Policy operational budget. The budget for Annual Plan preparations and associated communications is \$10,000.

The review of the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation bylaw was undertaken by Eunomia (an external consultant). The budget for this is \$8,249 and is funded through the solid waste budget.

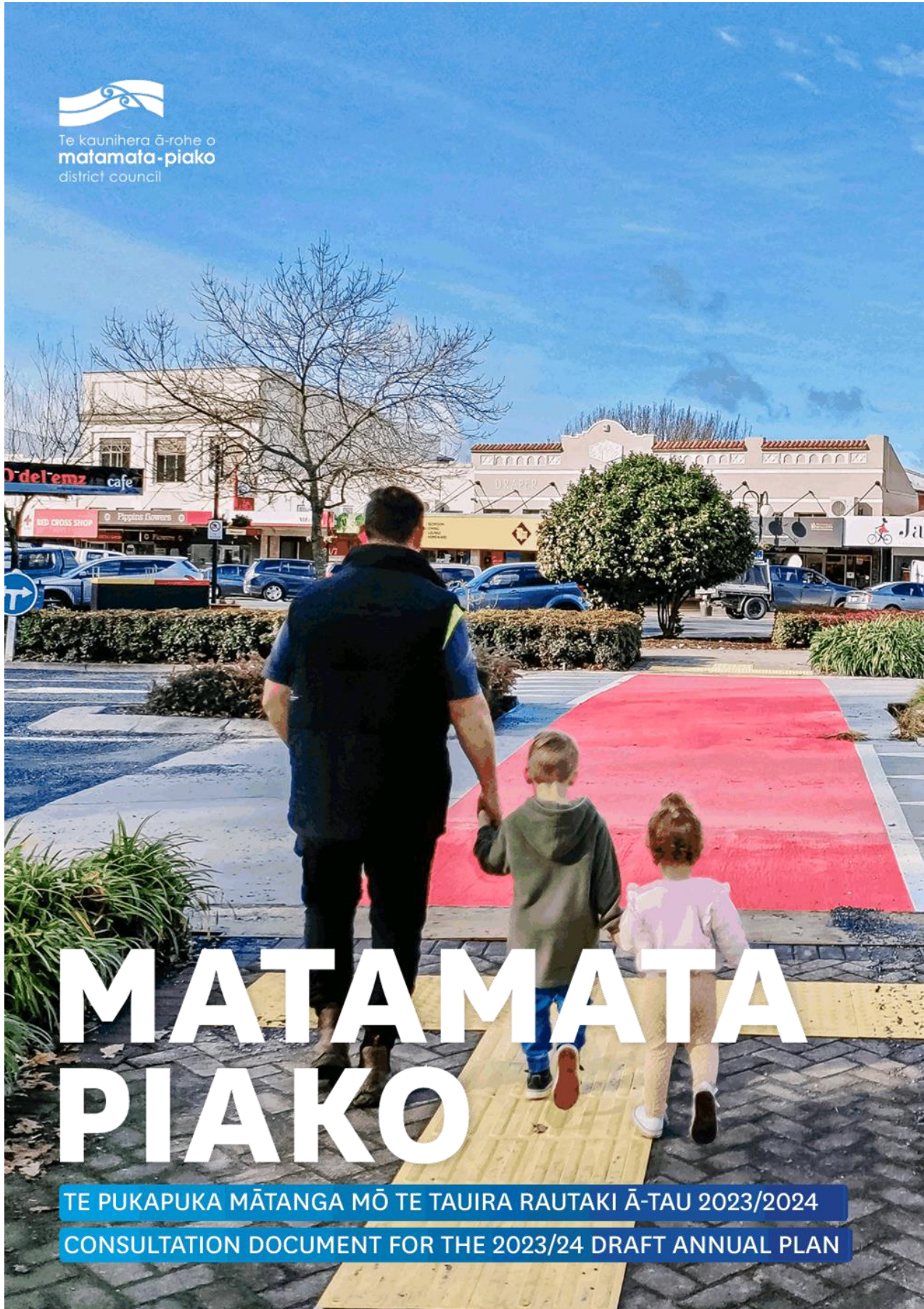
Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

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NAU MAI - WELCOME

MAI TŌ KOUTOU KOROMATUA RĀUA
MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

This new Council has hit the ground running since being elected in October 2022. One of the first things we started working on was the Annual Plan. This is the plan that checks our progress against what Council set out to do in the Long Term Plan, and makes any changes or additions for the year ahead.

Council consulted widely on the Long Term Plan in 2021, including a spike in rates this year of 11.8% - largely due to shifting the cost of rubbish collection to rates, instead of rubbish bag sales. What we didn't predict at the time was the rapid rise in interest rates, high levels of inflation, staff shortages, and supply issues that everyone is facing right now. We're also facing a number of costs from central government - like tougher water regulations, and increasing costs to dispose of water. All these issues mean we are now facing a **draft total rates increase of 16.9%**.

Like the rest of the country, Council is feeling the effects of the current economic climate. These pressures mean there is little room to manoeuvre in setting this year's budget. This is a period of challenge and change, and the central government reforms on the horizon are likely to bring extra costs.

We know that 16.9% is a huge increase that will be a challenge. We have done what we can to offset that increase - going through the budget with a fine tooth comb, reducing operating budgets, delaying projects, and taking some risks in our budgeting processes.

It is a constant challenge to strike a balance between short term benefits (like lower rates increases) and making good decisions for the future. We are conscious that kicking the can down the road is likely to make things worse for our ratepayers in the years to come.

We have weighed these decisions up carefully, and believe that reducing rates any further than the proposed 16.9% would not be prudent and would compromise our ability to continue to deliver our services and make vital investments and improvements for the future.

Please take the time to read through this Consultation Document and understand the challenges we are facing. We want to hear from you - our community - on whether you think we have this right, or if there is anything else you think we should be considering as we set the budget for the year ahead.



Adrienne Wilcock
Mayor

KA TĀTAURAKA THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW

“We had predicted a spike in rates this year of 11.8% - mostly due to the change in kerbside collection contracts. What we hadn’t predicted were the rising interest rates, high levels of inflation, staff shortages, and supply issues that everyone is facing right now.”

11.8%

WHAT WE PROJECTED THIS YEAR’S RATES
INCREASE TO BE (BACK IN 2021)

16.9%

PROPOSED TOTAL RATES INCREASE
FOR 2023/24

16.9% is how much more we need to collect in rates overall - the increase for each property will vary depending on the property value and the services they receive. Go to mpdc.nz/rid and search for your property to see exactly how the proposed increase would effect your rates.



HE AHA TE TAKE MŌ TE PIKINGA UTU? WHAT'S DRIVING THE INCREASE?

Kerbside collections + 3.3%

A significant portion of the projected rate increase for 2023/24 is due to changes in the kerbside collection service. Our existing 10 year contract comes to an end in September this year, and a new contractor has been awarded the tender to take over the service. To meet up-coming central government requirements, our new service will include food scrap collections and a standardised recycling collection. There will be no more rubbish bags, instead moving to an additional wheelie bin for your general waste.

The new contract costs, one-off implementation costs and increased central government costs (the Emissions Trading Scheme and Waste levies) will add an additional \$1 million in costs this year.

For those who receive kerbside collection services, targeted rate will increase from \$123.91 per property, to \$289.28 per property. This is because we are changing how we charge for this service to be fully funded through targeted rates, instead of a mix of rates and rubbish bag sales (i.e. you won't need to buy rubbish bags any more). The total cost per year is only slightly higher for a household that currently buys one rubbish bag per week:

Current system:

\$123.91 (rates) + \$156 (52 bags) = \$279.91 per year

New system:

\$289.28 per year (\$9.37 more)

Transfer Station Operations + 2%

As a result of our 10 year contract ending in September we are facing increased costs to continue to operate our transfer stations. Just like all other areas, the operating costs for diesel, staff etc have increased. We are also planning to increase staff numbers (from two to three) at these sites for Health and Safety reasons. The extension to the contract is a short term solution as we plan to bring the management of these sites in-house in the future. However, we need time to roll out the new kerbside collection service first, so we need to cover these additional operating costs for the year ahead. In addition to these costs there are increased levies from central Government for sending waste to landfill of \$48k, and additional costs to meet our responsibility to monitor and maintain the district's closed landfill sites to required environmental standards \$91k.

There is scope to keep costs slightly lower by not providing additional staff at the transfer stations. But because this is about health and safety, we think it is more responsible to fund these extra costs.

Interest rate increases +1.7%

Everybody will know that interest rates have increased over the last 12 months. This also affects Council as we borrow money to pay for capital projects (i.e. buildings or infrastructure).

Electricity costs + 1.6%

When you run water treatment and wastewater treatment plants 24/7, streetlights across the district, heat swimming pools, provide 24 hour wifi at libraries (and more) you use a LOT of electricity.

Council brokers a three year energy contract to try lock in the best deal for our community. This has shielded us somewhat from increases that households have seen over the last few years, but since that contract was renewed in July 2022, we have seen a huge 69% jump (or \$661k increase) in our power costs and we need to budget to cover this cost for the year ahead. Looking ahead, we are also expecting our electricity use to continue to increase as we are making improvements at our water treatment plant in Matamata, and building an additional water treatment plant in Morrinsville.

The impact of inflation on replacing our assets + 4.4%

Inflation

When we forecast a rates increase in 2021 of 11.8% for this year, it included 2.9% inflation, but what we have actually seen has been MUCH higher.

Household inflation (known as CPI) has gone up by 7.2%. Every household will know about these increases, as you will have seen groceries and other household bills (your basket of goods) increasing.

The “basket of goods” that Council purchases is different to a household – our basket includes replacing pipes, maintaining roads, purchasing chemicals for water treatment etc. Local government inflation (based on the Capital Goods Price Index) has been hit even harder with increases of between 12.9% and 19%. A number of items in this basket rely on products that are in short supply worldwide, or have had significant price spikes such as oil, transportation and labour costs.

3 waters assets

We have over \$220 million worth of water, wastewater and stormwater assets. As part of managing those assets well, we are required to collect money to gradually replace those assets over time. In the current year, we collected \$5.8m from ratepayers for this. Also over the current year, the costs of replacing these assets (their valuation) has skyrocketed. In a normal year, we would increase the amount we collect from ratepayers each year to fund the replacement of assets, so that we are keeping up with inflation. But because of the exceptionally high inflation this year, that would mean collecting \$7.5m (an additional \$1.7m).

To try and keep the rates increase as low as possible, we’re proposing to not collect the full \$1.7m, but collect \$1.2m (70% of that) instead. This is because we don’t believe this is a ‘normal year’, and think it is possible that the factors driving the skyrocketing costs may settle over the coming years, and the costs could reduce.

This is taking a risk – if costs do not settle over time or continue to increase, we’d be left short and we’d either need to borrow more or adjust the rates to make up the shortfall.

We’d monitor this closely over the next couple of years and adjust the rates or look at other options if required.

There is scope that we could collect even less of the increase (e.g. 50%) to get the rates increase lower, but we think this would be risky, and is likely to leave us short in future.

Roading assets

We have roading assets currently worth over \$524 million in our district (not including the State Highways that are managed by Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency). New roads, footpaths, streetlights etc are added each year as subdivisions are completed by developers and connected to our network.

In the current year we collected \$3.4 million from ratepayers towards the gradual replacement of these assets. Waka Kotahi also contributed a further \$3.2 million towards this.

Just like with our 3 waters assets, the costs of replacing these assets has skyrocketed over the last year. In normal circumstances, we would increase the amount we collect from ratepayers to fund the increasing cost of replacing our assets. We'd also usually seek a similar increase in funding from Waka Kotahi, so that we are keeping up with inflation. Based on our most recent valuations, that would mean collecting \$10.7m for 2023/24 (an additional \$2 million from ratepayers).

However, this is not a normal year. Affordability is a huge concern, and there is a possibility that the factors driving the skyrocketing costs could settle over the coming years, meaning the costs could reduce. We also think it is unlikely, given other significant demands that Waka Kotahi will increase their funding to this level.

Based on this, we are proposing to change how we fund our roading asset replacements. Instead of collecting a percentage of the value of the assets to put towards replacement, we are looking at the replacements specifically needed for the year ahead and what we will practically be able to deliver, and collecting this amount instead.

This change in approach means we're proposing to collect an additional \$665,000 from ratepayers, rather than \$2 million.

This strategy does come with longer-term risks – the level of funding from Waka Kotahi could be altered through future changes in central government policy, and if costs do not settle over time or continue to increase, we'd be left short and we'd either need to adjust our level of renewals work (do less road maintenance), or borrow more or adjust the rates to make up the shortfall. We'd monitor this closely over the next couple of years and adjust the rates or look at other options if required.

Water supply operating costs + 2.7%

On top of the asset replacement costs and the increasing power, the cost to deliver clean, safe drinking water to our homes and businesses continues to increase.

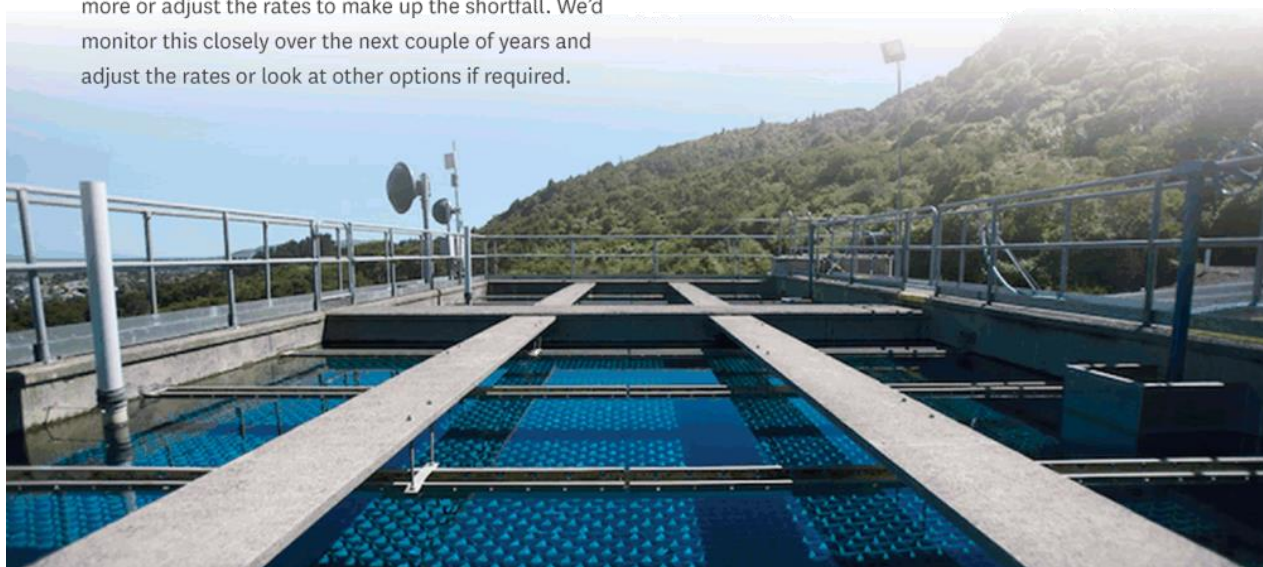
A new water regulator (Taumata Arowai) is in place for New Zealand. Their role is overseeing the environmental performance of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater networks. Part of their mandate is improving the standards around water quality in New Zealand and more rigorous monitoring. At the same time, we are required to comply with conditions set by the Regional Council (e.g. for water take consents), which continue to get tougher. The requirements from both authorities are positive, as they mean improvements for all New Zealanders, but they come at a cost. We need to do more planning, investigations and detailed reporting to comply – and this requires additional resources.

On top of this, we have seen significant price increases in the chemicals that are used to treat water to make it safe to drink – for example, chlorine costs have increased by approximately 40%.

The balance + 1.2%

The remaining 17% of the increase is made up of small increases across a number of budgets. Things like increasing traffic management costs, other compliance costs, interest rate increases, training, insurance increases etc.

The full draft Annual Plan is available at mpdc.nz/annualplan



HE NUI TONU TE UTU - WHAKAHEKE ANŌ THAT'S STILL TOO MUCH - CUT MORE

We know that 16.9% is a big increase - and it isn't a proposal we make lightly. If you've read this far you'll know that most of these cost increases are not options we can choose - we have to cover the increasing costs, and the majority of our funding comes from rates.

Then make cuts elsewhere...

The proposed 16.9% increase already includes significant changes and cuts to our budgets. These include:

- Cuts to operating budgets across the organisation - including changing the way we do things, looking to complete more work in-house where we have the capability, not doing some things, or taking a risk that some costs may not arise.
- Deferring or reprioritising projects. The Long Term Plan included \$41m worth of capital projects this year. We have revised those projects and made changes to keep costs low, and based on our capacity to deliver the projects over the next 12 months. The revised budget included in the draft Annual Plan is \$28m. Projects we're proposing to defer include:
 - Starting construction of the Te Aroha Spa - \$8.4m
 - Matamata Transfer station upgrade - \$4m
 - Matamata Indoor sports facility - \$2m
 - Te Aroha Domain development - \$500k
 - Te Aroha pool improvements - \$500k
 - Pool amenities (splash pads) - \$210k
 - Lower Tui Park development (mountain bike skills park) - \$200k
 - Matamata Civic Centre stage - \$200k

- Reducing our total salary budget on the assumption that we will have some vacancies throughout the year (i.e. when an employee leaves, there is usually several weeks before someone else steps into that position). A number of our roles are also specialist positions that are increasingly difficult to fill, so can be vacant for months.
- Increasing a number of our fees and charges to reflect the increasing costs of providing our services.
- Allowing for more income from our facilities based on the new spas (two additional pools have been added at the existing Te Aroha Mineral Spas in the rooms that were previously used for massage and beauty treatments).
- Reducing the amount of funding we're collecting to replace our assets in future (read the previous section for an explanation of why we're proposing this, and why we believe it is still prudent/responsible).

That's not enough, cut more...

Given the nature of our cost increases, we'd have to make really drastic cuts to our services to see any real reduction in this rate increase. We legally can't make these decisions without having a really robust discussion with the community about what services they would be happy to reduce or drop altogether, and we don't want to do this as a knee-jerk reaction.

We plan to have this robust discussion with the community over the next 12 months as part of our next Long Term Plan.

HE NUI TONU TE UTU - WHAKAHEKE ANŌ HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU

How much each property pays will vary depending on the property value and the services you receive



Go to mpdc.nz/rid and search for your property to see exactly how the proposed increase would effect your rates






The following example properties show how the proposed changes would affect different property types (based on their values and the services they receive).



An urban property worth \$800,000



This example property is in an urban area with all services - e.g. water, wastewater, kerbside collection.

	2022/23 Rates Invoice	Proposed 2023/24 Rates Invoice	How much is the proposed increase for this property?		What's driving the increase?
 General rates	\$962.72	\$1035.81	\$73.09	7.59%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost to replace and maintain roads Cost to operate transfer stations Government waste levies Costs for monitoring closed landfills Interest Power Staff costs Chemicals and fuel Insurance
 Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)	\$689.17	\$798.13	\$108.96	15.81%	
 Kerbside collection	\$123.91	\$289.38	\$165.47	133.54%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New kerbside collection contract - additional services, and residents will no longer need to buy rubbish bags
 Water	\$459.16	\$650.26	\$191.10	41.62%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of complying with new government regulations and consents Asset replacement costs Power Chemical supplies
 Wastewater	\$612.76	\$626.26	\$13.50	2.2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power Asset replacement costs
 Stormwater	\$123.75	\$133.25	\$9.50	7.68%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset replacement costs
Total	\$2,971.47	\$3,533.10	\$561.63	18.9%	



A rural lifestyle property worth \$1.5 million



This example property is a lifestyle block with no services (e.g. water, wastewater)

	2022/23 Rates Invoice	Proposed 2023/24 Rates Invoice	How much is the proposed increase for this property?		What's driving the increase?
 General rates	\$1,805.10	\$1,942.15	\$137.05	7.59%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer station costs Government waste levies Costs for monitoring closed landfills Power Chemicals Insurance Interest Staff costs Inflation in roading costs
 Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)	\$689.17	\$798.13	\$108.96	15.81%	
Total	\$2,494.27	\$2,740.28	\$246.01	9.9%	



A rural property worth \$5 million







This example property is a farm with no services (e.g. water, wastewater)

	2022/23 Rates Invoice	Proposed 2023/24 Rates Invoice	How much is the proposed increase for this property?		What's driving the increase?
 General rates	\$6,017	\$6,471.83	\$456.83	7.59%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer station costs Government waste levies Costs for monitoring closed landfills Power Chemicals Insurance Interest Staff costs Inflation in roading costs
 Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)	\$689.17	\$798.13	\$108.96	15.81%	
Total	\$6,706.17	\$7,271.97	\$565.80	8.4%	



A commercial property worth \$1 million

This example is based on a commercial property with services (e.g. water) with two additional toilets ("pans") for wastewater. The property will only be rated for kerbside collection for July and August 2023 as properties in commercial areas will no longer be eligible for kerbside collection when the new service begins in September. For more information on this visit mpdc.nz/commercial

	2022/23 Rates Invoice	Proposed 2023/24 Rates Invoice	How much is the proposed increase for this property?		What's driving the increase?
 General rates	\$1,203.40	\$1,294.77	\$91.37	7.59%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer station costs Government waste levies Costs for monitoring closed landfills Power Chemicals Insurance Interest Staff costs Inflation in roading costs
 Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)	\$689.17	\$798.13	\$108.96	15.81%	
 Kerbside collection	\$123.91	\$48.23	-\$75.68	-61.08%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial, CBD and Industrial properties will only pay for this service while it is available to them in July and August 2023.
 Water	\$459.16	\$650.26	\$191.10	41.62%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complying with new regulations Power costs inflation
 Wastewater	\$1,838.28	\$1,878.79	\$40.51	2.2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power Inflation
 Stormwater	\$123.75	\$133.25	\$9.50	7.68%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflation
Total	\$4,437.67	\$4,803.43	\$365.76	8.2%	

WHAKAPĀ MAI WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you've read this far, you'll understand the budget challenges we're facing. There are always options for managing a challenge - but our options this year are limited.



What we're proposing

We're proposing to proceed with the 16.9% rates increase for all the reasons outlined in this document. You can also view the draft Annual Plan in full and use our online interactive tool to explore the budget in more detail at mpdc.nz/annualplan.

We believe this draft budget strikes a balance - it includes a number of cut backs, as well as some risks in how we manage our finances to keep rates down, but it also means we can continue to deliver all our existing services and make progress on projects that are already under way.

We know that 16.9% is a massive increase - but we're also wary of deferring any more costs, as prices only go up.



What are the alternatives?

There are a few areas that we could partially fund or take greater risks (we've provided examples of this throughout this document), however, we don't believe these options would be financially responsible. They would only make overall rates increase slightly smaller (lowering it to around 14.6%), and are likely to cause problems or even bigger increases in years to come.

If you think that those risks are worth taking and that we should kick these costs to the future for the sake of saving 2.3% this year, then we want to know about it.

If you can think of anything else we haven't considered to make significant savings that can be implemented as soon as 1 July (noting that we legally can't make drastic service cuts without a lengthy Long Term Plan review) then we'd also love to hear your ideas.

Tell us what you think by 4pm on 26 May



The easiest way to share your thoughts is online at mpdc.nz/haveyoursay



You can also email your submission to info@mpdc.govt.nz



Or collect a hard copy submission form from any Council office or library

Got questions?

For more information on what we're proposing check out mpdc.nz/haveyoursay where you can view all the underlying documents and more. Or **join your local councillors for a coffee and kōrero** about the proposed rates increase and the plans for the year ahead:

ONLINE

- 22 May, 7pm to 8pm
- Zoom - register at mpdc.nz/annualplanchat

MORRINSVILLE

- 18 May, 10am to 12pm
- Senior Citizen's Hall, 45 Canada St

MATAMATA

- 19 May, 10am to 12pm
- Momento Espresso, 67 Arawa St

TE AROHA

- 19 May, 12pm to 2pm
- Domain Cottage Café, Te Aroha Domain

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8.3 Matariki reading challenge/New bilingual StoryWalks

CM No.: 2723572

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

To celebrate Matariki 2023, Matamata-Piako Libraries are planning to host a reading challenge and school holiday activities relating to the whetū of Matariki.

An update on the new bilingual StoryWalk project which is proposing to establish a permanent installation in Matamata and Morrinsville. A StoryWalk is an outdoor reading experience, where pages of a book/story are mounted onto panels and spaced along a pathway.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The Forum approve the content of the Matariki reading challenge for accuracy.
2. The information on the StoryWalk is shared with potential partners.

Horopaki | Background

Public libraries in Aotearoa support lifelong learning and literacy in their communities, and have long provided resources and activities about Matariki. Matamata-Piako Libraries over the last couple of years has showcased our collection of books relating to Matariki, and this year would like to expand this to include activities and resources for the tamariki and whānau in our district to further their journey to understanding Matariki.

Matamata-Piako libraries have received a grant from National Library as part of the government's Covid recovery response for a project to encourage literacy in the wider community. Our chosen project was a permanent StoryWalk in our main towns. To date, we have had 3 trial installations to test out location, spacing and community reactions.

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

The Libraries are planning to run a Winter Reading Challenge and School holiday activity drop-in sessions around the theme of Matariki. The reading challenge is for tamariki to read for 15 days over July, and part of the challenge is to learn about each of the 7 stars of Matariki and complete an activity to further cement their understanding. Librarians from Auckland, Christchurch and Hamilton have shared their resources collated from their own Māori Librarians. It is acknowledged that their stories are from different iwi and may differ in interpretation or understanding to the iwi of our district. Where possible, the goal is to ensure accurate local information is included in the materials being used. Any feedback on the accuracy of the content can be sent to hfurniss@mpdc.govt.nz and would need to be received by 23 June 2023.

The StoryWalk initiative at the Matamata-Piako Libraries has intentionally been bilingual from the start, and the permanent installations are planned to be as well. While all stories selected so far have been published picture books, the vision going forward is for local stories to be included, from local tamaraki and rangatahi. The Morrinsville StoryWalk is a collaborative project with the Morrinsville Museum to tell stories of the awa and town on the reverse side of the panels. Morrinsville Museum have been in conversation with Ngāti Hāua to gather and decide which stories can be shared. In Matamata, Swap Park is the next location to test out after seeing what Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo had installed previously. Going forward, the installation is available to be used to share stories with the people in our community.

Mōrearea | Risk

There is little risk with the Matariki reading challenge. However, there have been some issues with vandalism to the temporary StoryWalks.

Ngā Whiringa | Options

That the Matariki reading challenge be approved and the information on the StoryWalks be received.

Ngā Pāpāhonga me ngā Wātaka | Communications and timeframes

The launch of the Matariki reading challenge will be 1 July 2023 noted on the Libraries' website, Council and Libraries' Facebook pages, in the library newsletter and in school newsletters.

The next Matamata StoryWalk temporary installation will be from 12 June to 23 June 2023. This will be noted on the Libraries' website and newsletter, and circulated to Matamata kohunga and schools.

Forum members are asked to share information about the StoryWalk and potential for future partnerships with their Iwi.

Te Tākoha ki ngā Hua mō te Hapori me te here ki te whakakitenga o te Kaunihera | Contribution to Community Outcomes and consistency with Council Vision

Theme: Vibrant cultural values


Community Outcome: We value and encourage strong relationships with Iwi and other cultures, recognising wāhi tapu and taonga/significant and treasured sites and whakapapa/ancestral heritage.

Pānga ki te pūtea, me te puna pūtea | Financial Cost and Funding Source

The Matariki Reading Challenge will be funded through the Libraries' operational budget.

An external grant from National Library's NZLPP (New Zealand Libraries' Partnership Programme) has been received to fund the StoryWalk.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

A  Matariki stars content for Library reading challenge



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Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau

*Hail the rise of Matariki
Hail the lord of the sky
Hail the New Year*

Matariki

Matariki is the star that signifies reflection, hope, or connection to the environment, our health and wellbeing, and the gathering of people.

The word Matariki is the name of both the star cluster and one of the stars within it: other terms for the cluster as a whole include Te Tautari-nui-o-Matariki (Matariki fixed in the heavens) and Te Huihui o Matariki (the assembly of Matariki).

The well-known ethnologist Elsdon Best translated Matariki as ‘little eyes’ or ‘small eyes’ (mata = eye, riki = small). However, the name comes from the phrase ‘Ngā mata o te ariki Tāwhirimātea’, ‘the eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea’.

If the cluster and the Matariki star is bright and high in the sky, it is a signal of wellbeing, peace, and good luck for observers.

Tupuānuku

Tupuānuku is the star connected to foods grown in the ground, both cultivated and wild.

Tupu” or “Tipu” means ‘to grow’ and “nuku” is the shortened version of “Papatūānuku” and means ‘earth’. Hence, Tupuānuku means to grow in the earth.

When you see it bright and clear, it holds the promise of a warm and successful growing season.

Tupuārangi

Tupuārangi is connected with food that 'comes from the sky', such as the birds, and berries and other fruits of the forest.

"Tupu" or "Tipu" means 'to grow' and "rangi" is the shortened version of "Ranginui" and means 'sky'. Hence, Tupuārangi refers to things that grow up in the trees that stretch toward the sky.

When you see it bright in the sky the coming year will be a good one for harvesting berries and hunting birds.

Waitī

Waitī has a special connection to all those creatures living in fresh water - the rivers, streams and lakes.

Wai means water in te reo Māori, and Waitī is the star that is connected to fresh water and all the creatures that live within awa (rivers), waipuna (streams), pūkaki (streams), kūkūwai (wetlands) and roto (lakes). As the waters flow, Waitī sees how they support us, provide for us, connect us, and sustain us.

Waitī also means to be sweet or melodious. "He reo waitī" is a saying used when admiring a person with a melodious voice.

Waitā

Waitā is the star who is associated with the ocean and the numerous types of food gathered from the sea. It is also significant for its influences over tides and floodwaters.

'Wai' means water. In this instance 'tā' refers to salt, similar to the word 'tōtā' meaning sweat. Thus, Waitā refers to bodies of salt water.

It is said that, when Waitā is strong and bright during the rise of Matariki, fishing will be good during the year ahead. Conversely, if it is weak and obscured, fishing may not be as plentiful.

Waipuna-ā-rangi

Waipuna-ā-rangi is connected with the rain.

Waipuna-ā-Rangi translates as 'water that pools in the sky.' Māori have names for a massive variety of rain and weather characteristics. For example, the pooling of water on the ground caused by heavy and persistent showers of the winter months are often referred to as 'Matariki tāpuapua.'

There are two stars within the Matariki cluster which link Matariki to the weather: Waipuna-ā-Rangi and Ururangi. The appearance of these stars in the morning of Pipiri would forecast the weather for the new year ahead.

Ururangi

Ururangi is the star that will determine the winds for the coming year.

Ururangi means 'the winds of the sky'.

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Sources

Advice on using 7 whetū for Matariki was solicited from Matamata-Piako District Council's Kaitakawaenga Māori Iwi Liason Advisor

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa: Te Iwa a Matariki retrieved from: <https://matariki.twoa.ac.nz/the-stars-of-matariki/>

Christchurch City Libraries: Tirama Mai – Matariki retrieved from: <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki-tirama-mai/>

Auckland University of Technology: The 9 whētu of Matariki retrieved from: <https://www.aut.ac.nz/about/maori/matariki/the-9-whetu-stars-of-matariki>

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8.4 Te Manawhenua Forum Satisfaction Survey for 2022/23

CM No.: 2723859

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Each year a survey is circulated to members of Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako to give members a chance to give their feedback to Council on a range of topics relating to satisfaction with the progress and work plans of Te Manawhenua Forum and Council. These results are collated and reported on in Council's Annual Report.

An electronic version of the survey has been circulated to members. Thank you to those that have already completed this. For those who have not yet completed this, a copy is also included with this report to complete, please complete this based on information from July 2022 to June 2023 for reporting purposes.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. **The Survey be circulated and completed by Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako Members who have not already completed it electronically.**

Horopaki | Background

Questions in this survey were developed in consultation with members of Te Manawhenua Forum at a workshop in November 2017 as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Planning Process. The survey is to be carried out annually and results will be used to monitor progress towards some of Matamata-Piako's Community Outcomes.


Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Council identified its strategic goals and direction at an early stage of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan process. Council developed a vision to make Matamata-Piako 'the place of choice'. This vision provides guidance and inspiration as to what we are focused on achieving in the next ten years, and beyond. In making this vision a reality, Council sees itself as enabling the community in five key areas, and has identified specific outcomes under each of these themes that it wants to achieve. Outcomes that relate more closely to Iwi are:

- We promote and protect our arts, culture, historic, and natural resources.
- Development occurs in a sustainable and respectful manner considering kawa/protocol and tikanga/customs.
- We value and encourage strong relationships with iwi and other cultures, recognising wāhi tapu and taonga/significant and treasured sites and whakapapa/ancestral heritage.

- Tāngata Whenua with Manawhenua status (those with authority over the land under Māori lore) have meaningful involvement in decision making.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

[A](#)  Te Manawhenua Forum Survey - 2022/23 Annual Report



Ngā waitohu | Signatories

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Te Manawhenua Forum Satisfaction Survey



te kaunihera ā-rohe o
matamata-piako
district council

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Matamata-Piako – The Place of Choice Lifestyle. Opportunities. Home.

Council identified its strategic goals or direction at an early stage of the LTP process. Council developed a vision to make Matamata-Piako 'the place of choice'. This vision provides guidance and inspiration as to what we are focused on achieving in the next ten years, and beyond. In making this vision a reality Council sees itself as enabling the community in five key areas, and has identified specific outcomes under each of these themes that it wants to achieve. Outcomes that relate more closely to Iwi are:

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- Development occurs in a sustainable and respectful manner considering kawa/protocol and tikanga/customs.
- We value and encourage strong relationships with iwi and other cultures, recognising waahi tapu and taonga/significant and treasured sites and whakapapa/ ancestral heritage.
- Tangata Whenua with Manawhenua status (those with authority over the land under Māori lore) have meaningful involvement in decision making.

Considering the work plan approved by the Forum, how satisfied are you with progress made towards achieving the work streams that have been identified?

(Using the scale where 0 equals very dissatisfied and 10 equals very satisfied)

0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Please add any thoughts or comments you have regarding this topic:

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Morrinsville & Te Aroha 07 884 0060 - Matamata 07 881 9050 - Fax 07 884 8865

How satisfied are you that tāngata whenua with manawhenua status are recognised and have meaningful involvement in decision making?
(Using the scale where 0 equals very dissatisfied and 10 equals very satisfied)

0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Please add any thoughts or comments you have regarding this topic:

How satisfied are you with Council's current role in promoting and protecting our arts, culture, historic, and natural resources.

(Using the scale where 0 equals very dissatisfied and 10 equals very satisfied)
Note: Organisations is a broad term and does not only relate to Council.

0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Please add any thoughts or comments you have regarding this topic:

How satisfied are you with Council's role in ensuring development occurs in a sustainable and respectful manner considering kawa/protocol and tikanga/customs?

(Using the scale where 0 equals very dissatisfied and 10 equals very satisfied)

0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Please add any thoughts or comments you have regarding this topic:



How confident are you that Council values and encourages strong relationships with iwi, recognising wāhi tapu and taonga/significant and treasured sites and whakapapa/ancestral heritage?
(Using the scale where 0 equals very unconfident and 10 equals very confident)

0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Please add any thoughts or comments you have regarding this topic:

How satisfied are you with Councils recognition of Treaty of Waitangi settlement issues?
(Using the scale where 0 equals very dissatisfied and 10 equals very satisfied)

0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

Please add any thoughts or comments you have regarding this topic:



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8.5 Freedom Camping Bylaw

CM No.: 2722532

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

At its April 2023 meeting, Te Manawhenua Forum received a report on the new Freedom Camping Bylaw development. The Forum requested that staff bring information to guide the Forum's input on the Bylaw's development to its next meeting. Maps and photographs of relevant sites where specific direction was sought were requested. This report is an update of the Bylaw development and provides pre-consultation material for Forum members to engage with and to share within their networks as they see appropriate.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. **Te Manawhenua Forum receive the information.**
2. **Te Manawhenua Forum provide feedback on the information contained within this report and attachments to inform the drafting of a new Freedom Camping Bylaw.**
3. **Te Manawhenua Forum distributes the pre-consultation material to their networks of iwi, hapu and whānau and invite them to provide feedback once finalised.**

Horopaki | Background

As noted in the Forum's April Report on this matter, the development of a Freedom Camping Bylaw in the Matamata-Piako District is in response to the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill (the Bill) currently under development which will change how local authorities can regulate freedom camping. This, coupled with Council's successful application for funds from Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to support the development of a Bylaw, and an increase in complaints regarding Freedom Camping in the district, meant a review of the Council's regulatory approach related to freedom camping was appropriate.

A Bylaw enables the Council to regulate freedom camping in the district by giving staff an appropriate enforcement tool by way of fines and allows the Council to protect places which are inappropriate for freedom camping, through prohibition or restriction.

These sites may only be prohibited or restricted for the following reasons as per section 11(5) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act):

1. to protect the area
2. to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area
3. to protect access to the area

Protection of important historic, cultural or archaeological sites on land can be captured under point i) above – to protect the area.

A key element to providing an accurate assessment of sites against the three criteria which the Council may wish to either encourage freedom camping, restrict freedom camping, or prohibit freedom camping, is ensuring the views, knowledge and aspirations of key stakeholders, especially iwi and mana whenua, are appropriately included in assessments.

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Freedom Camping defined

The Act currently defines freedom camping as **staying for free in a vehicle or tent, within 200 metres of where you can drive, the coast or a Great Walks Track**. However, the definition is proposed to change within the Bill, which is likely to become law before this Bylaw is released for consultation. The [changes proposed within the Bill](#) include a requirement that all freedom camping vehicles to be self-contained, and specifically excludes those who are experiencing homelessness. The bylaw will be developed with these changes in mind, and the Bill's progress is being carefully monitored by Staff.

Operating within the scope of the Act

The Act is permissive by default, which means its starting point is to allow freedom camping on all public land. However, through the three criteria noted above, the Act recognises that some areas may not be suitable for freedom camping.

A freedom camping bylaw:

Can:	Cannot:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Protect:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• areas managed by Council• health and safety of people• access to the area✓ By enabling Council to regulate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• where it can happen• where it cannot happen• for how long✓ And allow for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• temporary closures• enforcement through fines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">x Regulate or restrict activity on private landx Place a blanket ban on freedom camping on all Council landx Be inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1991 (NZBORA)x Address issues other than camping e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animals• Recreational activities• Vehicle access• Homelessness

Pre-consultation - feedback requested

Staff have identified 16 sites across the district where specific feedback is requested, and a brief description of each site including maps, photos and diagrams is included in **Attachment 1**. This document has informed the development of [an online survey](#), which the Forum is invited to review and provide feedback on, specifically,

- if there are any sites missing,
- or sites which should not be included.

It is intended that the survey is the primary tool used to capture feedback from iwi, hapu and whānau. Once feedback from Te Manawhenua Forum has been received on this material, it is intended that the survey and the supporting information will be the key method of collecting data for pre-consultation. [The draft survey can be viewed here](#) and will be finalised once any feedback from Te Manawhenua Forum is received at this meeting. A hard copy of the survey is also attached for information as **Attachment 2**.

The sites within **Attachment 1** are also mapped using Google Maps to demonstrate the locations of the areas. [This interactive map can be viewed here](#).

Matamata

1. Centennial Drive Reserve
2. Hawes Bush
3. Hetana Street
4. Aerodrome
5. Pohlen Park
6. Rapurapu Reserve
7. Wairere Falls Carpark

Morrinsville

8. Davies Park
9. Murray Oaks Scenic Reserve
10. Recreation Ground (Main Carpark)
11. Waterworks Road Reserve

Te Aroha

12. Te Aroha Boat Ramp
13. Council Carpark
14. Robertson Reserve
15. Te Aroha Domain
16. Waihou Recreation Reserve

Mōrearea | Risk

There is risk around legal compliance in the development of this bylaw. There is also risk surrounding external funding as majority funding for this bylaw development was secured from MBIE.

Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

Undertaking pre-consultation on Bylaw development is consistent with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This is also consistent with the requirements of the relevant legislation to the Bylaw – namely the Local Government Act 2002 and the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Ngā Pāpāhonga me ngā Wātaka | Communications and timeframes

This report is part of the pre-consultation phase of the project, which will inform the development of a draft Bylaw and includes key stakeholders. Formal public consultation will occur later in 2023, and it is anticipated that a final Bylaw will be adopted by Council by December 2023.

Ngā take ā-lhinga | Consent issues

There are no consent issues at present.


Pānga ki te pūtea, me te puna pūtea | Financial Cost and Funding Source

Council was granted \$64,950 from MBIE after applying to the Freedom Camping Transition Fund which Fund provides \$10 million of funding (\$5 million each year) to support local authorities to


undertake activities relating to the transition to the new freedom camping rules during 2022/23 and 2023/24. A total of \$5,000 co-funding (in-kind support from staff) is available for this bylaw development.

Furthermore, at the Council meeting on 22 March, Council approved the allocation of \$13,000 from the Community Purposes reserve fund to supplement the contribution from MBIE, and to allow for some contingency if actual costs exceed budgeted costs.

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Matamata-Piako District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw Development

Attachment 1: Information to support pre-consultation

Te Manawhenua Forum: 6 June 2023

Freedom camping bylaw pre-consultation

Matamata-Piako is a special place and welcomes visitors who want to share and explore our majestic maunga, soak in our hot springs, and enjoy our lively towns.

We understand this invitation comes with responsibilities; we need to both look after our beautiful district and take care of our visitors – some of whom, prefer to freedom camp.

In Aotearoa New Zealand there are laws that protect the right to freedom camp, and it is our job to uphold these rights, while also protecting the environmental, social, cultural, and economic values of our place.

Council does not currently have a tool to easily regulate freedom camping in the District, and we are seeking your input into the development of a bylaw made under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act) to give us the ability to make and enforce rules for freedom camping that work for our community and our visitors.

What is freedom camping?

The Act defines freedom camping as staying for free in a vehicle or tent, within 200 metres of where you can drive, the coast or a Great Walks Track. The Act allows Councils to make bylaws to manage freedom camping on land which they manage, which includes parks, reserves, and some roads.

Why do we need a bylaw?

- The Act is permissive by default, which means its starting point is to allow freedom camping on all public land.
- The Act recognises that some areas may not be suitable for freedom camping.
- There are changes proposed to the Act which, among other things, will require all freedom campers to be self-contained.

What can a freedom camping bylaw do?

IT CAN:	IT CANNOT:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Protect:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• areas managed by Council• health and safety of people• access to the area✓ By enabling Council to regulate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• where it can happen• where it cannot happen• for how long✓ And allow for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• temporary closures• enforcement through fines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">x Regulate or restrict activity on private landx Place a blanket ban on freedom camping on all Council landx Be inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1991 (NZBORA)x Address issues other than camping e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animals• Recreational activities• Vehicle access• Homelessness

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2. **Protect health and safety to keep freedom campers and other visitors to an area safe**
3. **Protect access to the area where the presence of freedom campers would block access or could damage infrastructure.**

We must also be able to show that restricting or prohibiting is the most appropriate / proportionate response to any problems being experienced – we need to be sure that any problem could not be fixed by things like better signage, facilities or information.

Sites for targeted pre consultation

The following 16 sites are presented to help start a conversation on freedom camping in the area, and do not represent all sites that Council are considering in the bylaw's development. Through your feedback, please tell us if there are additional sites on which you would like to provide information related to freedom camping, keeping in mind the requirements under the Act for the land which the bylaw can relate to.

These 16 key sites for pre-consultation have been mapped on Google maps for a quick overview of where each site is located. [This interactive map can be viewed here.](#)

Tell us what you think

As we begin to develop this new bylaw, we want to know your thoughts and experiences. Keeping in mind that any restrictions on freedom camping must be justified under the three elements in the Act, we want to know: **what are the issues and locations that need special attention and why are these important?**

Please provide your feedback using our [pre-consultation survey form](#) by **Friday 30 June 2023.**

[Click here to view and complete the online survey.](#)

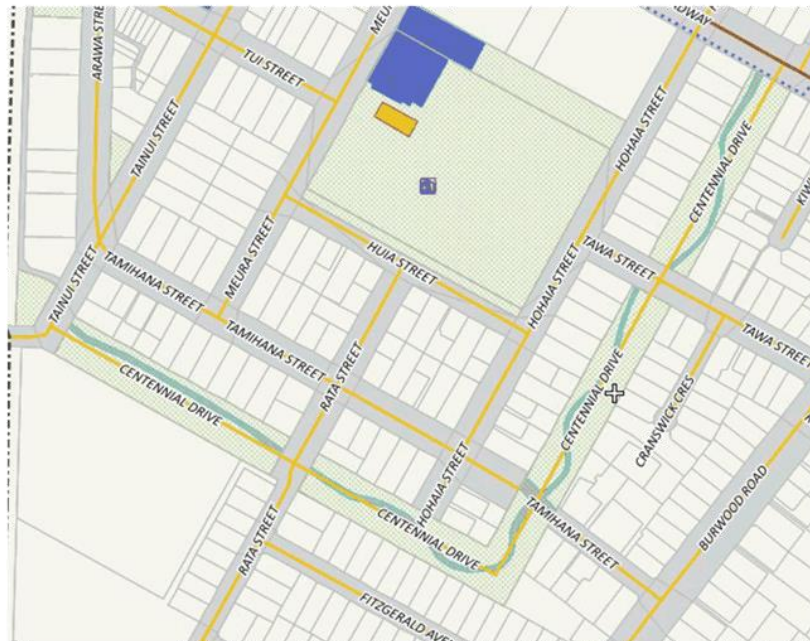
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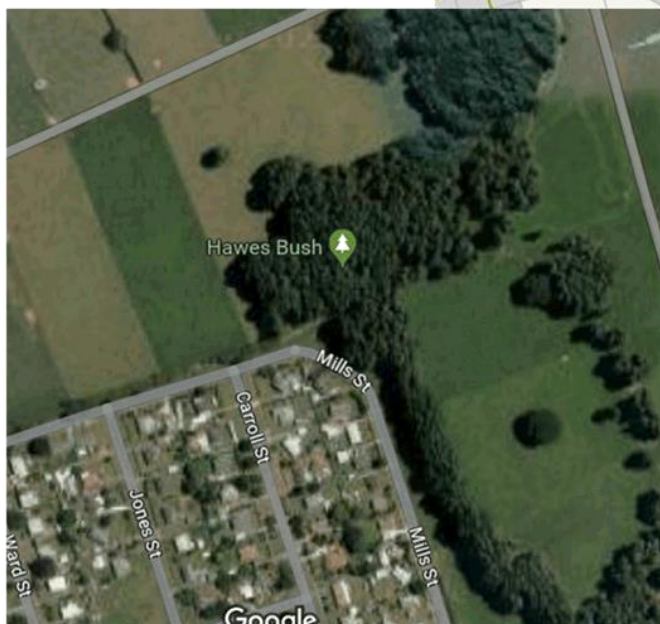
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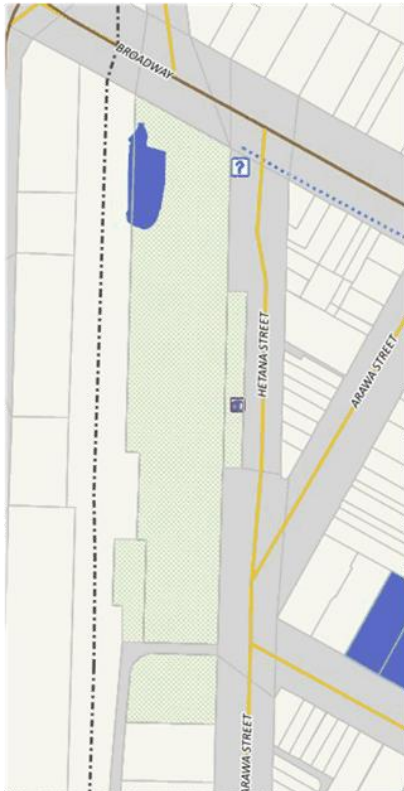
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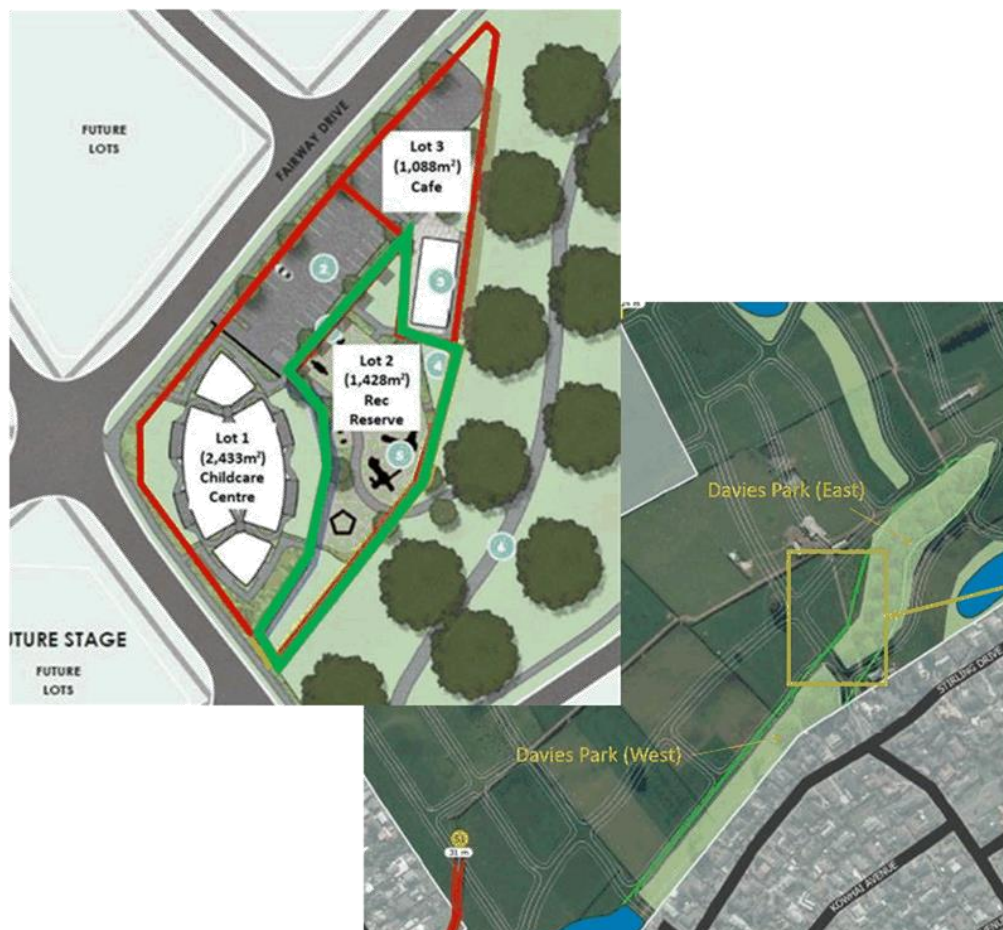
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10. Recreation Ground (Main Carpark)

This site is located in south western Morrinsville and the main car park is accessed off Cureton Street.



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Te Aroha

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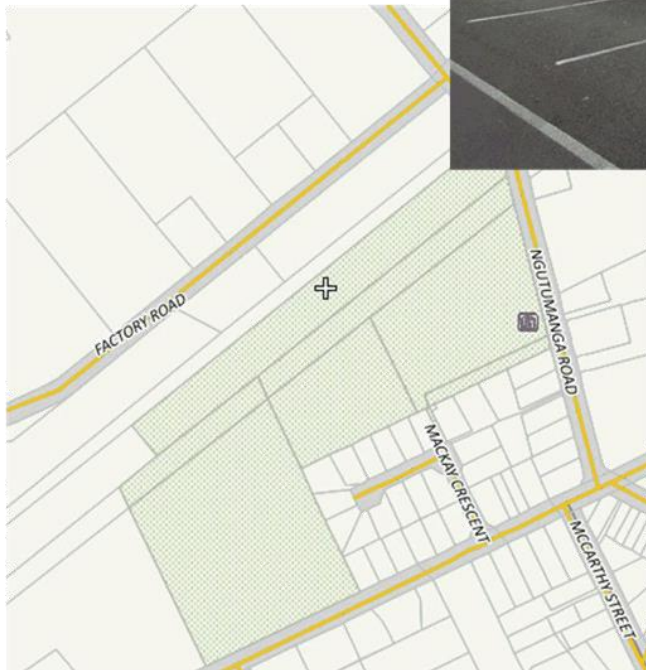
15. Te Aroha Domain

The Te Aroha Domain is in the northeast of the Te Aroha Township at the base of the mountain. Historically the domain has been used for a number of recreational and commercial uses.



16. Waihou Recreation Reserve

This Park is located on Ngutumanga Road, Waihou approximately 5km west of Te Aroha.



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Matamata-Piako District Council

This survey is in draft form and will be confirmed post the Te Manawhenua Meeting on 6 June 2023.

Freedom camping in the Matamata-Piako district

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- There are changes proposed to the Act which, among other things, will require all freedom campers to be self-contained.

What can a freedom camping bylaw do?

It can

- Protect:
 - areas managed by Council
 - health and safety of people
 - access to the area
- By enabling Council to regulate:
 - where it can happen
 - where it cannot happen
 - for how long
- And allow for:
 - temporary closures
 - enforcement through fines

It cannot:

- Regulate or restrict activity on private land
- Place a blanket ban on freedom camping on all Council land
- Be inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1991 (NZBORA)
- Address issues other than camping e.g.
 - Animals
 - Recreational activities
 - Vehicle access
 - Homelessness

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On the whole, what impact do you think freedom campers have on the district?

- ☐ Positive
- ☐ Somewhat positive
- ☐ No impact
- ☐ Somewhat negative
- ☐ Negative
- ☐ It's complicated

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Why is it complicated?

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Do you support greater or lesser restriction on freedom camping in the district?

- ☐ Greater restriction
- ☐ About the same restriction
- ☐ Lesser restriction
- ☐ It's complicated

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Why is it complicated?

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Controls or restrictions

Council is investigating applying controls or restrictions to certain areas to help manage future use of areas identified as high interest or high use.

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2. **Protect health and safety to keep freedom campers and other visitors to an area safe**
3. **Protect access to the area where the presence of freedom campers would block access or could damage infrastructure.**

Do you **support** Council using the following controls or restrictions to protect an area, the health and safety of people using the area, or access to the area?

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a) Limiting the **time and duration** that freedom campers can camp in a particular area

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Somewhat support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Somewhat oppose
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ It's complicated

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Why is it complicated?

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b) Marking out **individual sites** for freedom camping vehicles in an area

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Somewhat support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Somewhat oppose
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ It's complicated

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Why is it complicated?

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c) Limiting the **number** of freedom camping vehicles allowed at one time in any one area

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Somewhat support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Somewhat oppose
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ It's complicated

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d) I support other controls or restrictions (please specify)

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Feedback on specific locations

Would you support freedom camping in any of the following locations, if there were controls or restrictions in place?

The 16 sites in this survey have been mapped on a Google Interactive Map and have been selected to prompt feedback on sites where we would like specific guidance.

Click here to view the map and then respond to these

questions: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?usp=sharing&mid=1TCtSO2OdLZl1eHcj2spQNbhYYs9mtxU>

If there are other locations where you'd like to provide feedback on, there is a question at the end of this section to capture your feedback.

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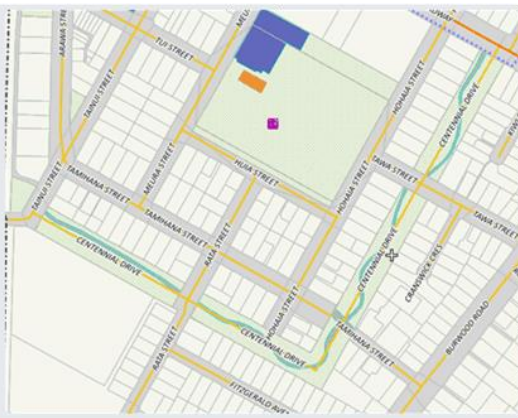
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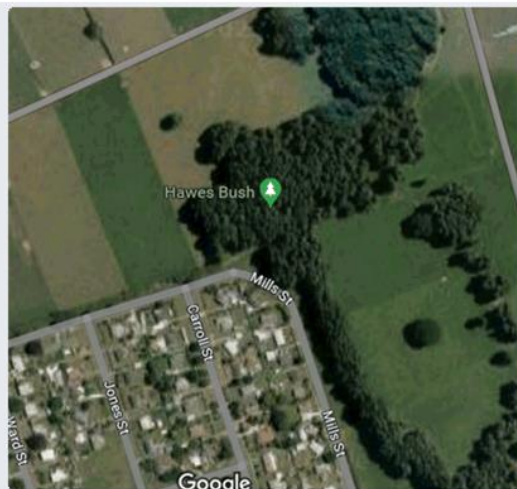
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Comments on Centennial Drive Reserve, Matamata

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2. Hawes Bush, Waharoa

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Comments on Hetana Street, Matamata

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4. Matamata Aerodrome

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Comments on Matamata Aerodrome

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5. Pohlen Park, Matamata

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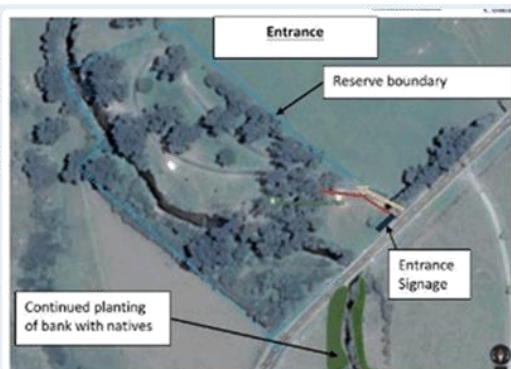
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Comments on Pohlen Park, Matamata

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6. Rapurapu Reserve, Matamata

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Comments on Rapurapu Reserve, Matamata

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Comments on Wairere Falls Carpark

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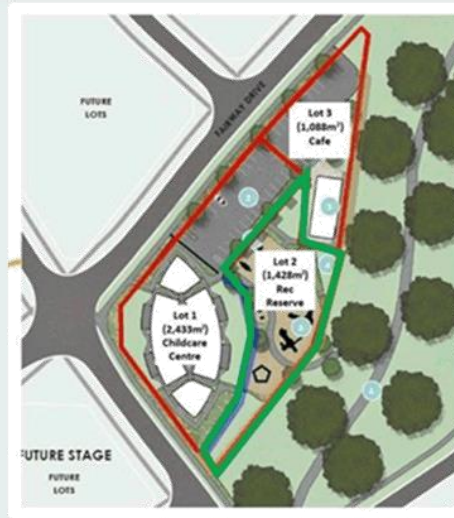
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9. Murray Oaks Scenic Reserve, Morrinsville

This reserve is located between Murray Oaks Road and State Highway 26, approximately 1km away from Morrinsville. It is bisected by the old Frankton to Thames railway.



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Comments on Murray Oaks Scenic Reserve, Morrinsville

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10. Morrinsville Recreation Ground

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Comments on Morrinsville Recreation Ground

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11. Waterworks Road Reserve, Te Miro

This reserve is located to the south west of Morrinsville. The site contains a network of mountain biking tracks maintained by Te Miro Mountain Bike Club.



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Comments on Waterworks Road Reserve, Te Miro

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Te Aroha Ward

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Comments on Te Aroha Boat Ramp

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13. Council Carpark, Te Aroha

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- ☐ Support Freedom Camping here **without** controls or restrictions
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14. Robertson Reserve, Te Aroha

This reserve is located adjacent to Rolleston Street.



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- ☐ Support Freedom Camping here **if there were** controls or restrictions
- ☐ Do **not** support Freedom Camping here
- ☐ It's complicated (please specify)

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Comments on Robertson Reserve, Te Aroha

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An aerial map of the Te Aroha Domain area. The map shows a large green park area (Te Aroha Domain) with a swimming pool (Swim Zone Te Aroha) and a playground. Surrounding the park are several buildings and facilities, including the Te Aroha & Districts Museum, Te Aroha Mineral Spas, Domain Cottage Cafe, and Domain Pavilion. Roads like Wilson St and the Te Aroha Highway are visible. The map includes various icons for points of interest, such as a mountain peak, a swimming pool, a museum, and a cafe. The Google logo is visible at the bottom center.

- ## Comments on Te Aroha Domain

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16. Waihou Recreation Reserve

This Park is located on Ngutumanga Road, Waihou approximately 5km west of Te Aroha.



- ☐ Support Freedom Camping here **without** controls or restrictions
- ☐ Support Freedom Camping here **if there were** controls or restrictions
- ☐ Do **not** support Freedom Camping here
- ☐ It's complicated (please specify)

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Any other locations?

Remember: the Act states councils can only prohibit or restrict freedom camping in an area if this is necessary to:

1. **Protect the area e.g. where it may be environmentally sensitive or culturally significant**
2. **Protect health and safety to keep freedom campers and other visitors to an area safe**
3. **Protect access to the area where the presence of freedom campers would block access or could damage infrastructure.**

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Are there other Council managed areas you'd like to provide feedback on?
Please let us know here.

Please make sure you include the name, and/or a description of the location, of the public place.

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Please select the option which best describes you: *

- ☐ I am visitor to the Matamata-Piako District (either from within NZ or from overseas)
- ☐ I live in the Matamata-Piako District
- ☐ I work in the Matamata-Piako District but live elsewhere
- ☐ I am responding on behalf of an organisation based within the Matamata-Piako District
- ☐ I am responding on behalf of an organisation based outside of the Matamata-Piako District
- ☐ Other - none of these options describe me

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Optional: Please provide your email address if you would like to be updated at key points throughout the bylaw development

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Optional: please provide your name and if relevant the organisation you represent

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Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback to help inform the development of a Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Formal public consultation on a draft bylaw is planned for later in the year.

Please tell us here if you have anything else to add.

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8.6 Te Manawhenua Forum Work Programme 2023 - Update

CM No.: 2722586

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The 2023 work programme and tracking for the Forum is attached. It is intended this is a standing item for each Forum meeting.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The work programme update be received.

Horopaki | Background

Prior to the commencement of each calendar year the Forum sets itself a work programme. While priorities can shift during the year as unexpected issues arise, the work programme is a useful tool to enable Forum members to set their direction and to allow staff to understand the work priorities that need to be achieved.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

[A↓](#). Te Manawhenua Forum Work Programme 2023 - June update



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Te Manawhenua Forum Work Programme 2023 – Update June 2023



Meeting Date	Scheduled Reports	Status – included in agenda	Comment / Expected reporting dates
6 June 2023	Annual Plan update	✓	Refer to agenda report
	Policy/Bylaw update (<i>gambling, Easter trading, fees & charges, speed limits etc.</i>)	✓	Refer to agenda report
	District Plan update (<i>incl. Papakainga plan change update</i>)	✓	Refer to agenda report
	Community Facilities Strategy and Policy update	x	No new information to provide, update to be provided at next meeting
	Te Manawhenua Forum satisfaction survey	✓	Refer to agenda report
	Local Government Reform update	x	Not required as determined by the Forum
	Freedom Camping Bylaw	✓	Refer to agenda report