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Whangarei District Council,
Private Bag 9023,
Whangarei 0148

4th May 2020

Dear Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors,

Annual Plan Submission 2020/21

I am writing regarding an annual plan submission and budget bid for \$5,000 to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) being held across New Zealand 20-26th September 2020. We acknowledge this may be a late submission and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Background

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust was established in 2015 to enhance New Zealanders' understanding of Chinese language and culture. Since then New Zealand Chinese Language Week has grown in reach and exposure year-on-year and had strong support from current and previous governments, as well as many Councils, schools and businesses.

Building linguistic and cultural skills of New Zealanders not only provides a crucial underpinning of our educational and social strength as a country and community, but will increasingly be a necessary foundation for New Zealand business, government and society to engage with China. Such skills will be needed to rebuild our tourism industry, to support local governments and their sister city initiatives, and to promote trade and investment.

As acknowledged already through Sister City relationships and the China New Zealand Mayoral Forum the relationship with China is an important one. Many local businesses have found the support of their council has helped them to do business in China. Supporting NZCLW is another practical way to get more local businesses and communities exposed to Chinese language and culture leading to more trade and exchanges. The week is growing in popularity and becoming an annual fixture on the calendar, however we require sponsorship and partnerships to deliver the initiative – hence we are asking for your financial support.

NZCLW 2020

This week NZCLW will build on its past successes engaging schools; government and local government; local communities and commercial enterprises. We do this through supporting the delivery of a range of fun and practical activities – exposing Kiwis to Chinese culture and encouraging Kiwis to “give Chinese a go”. Planned activities include:

- Events to promote Chinese learning in schools, including activities with schools in China
- Publishing a trilingual children's book for distribution to schools and libraries across NZ
- Community-based activities including National Dumpling Day
- Challenges to promote basic Chinese skills in business and the community, with supporting printed material
- High level promotion of the importance of building Chinese language capacity – from the Prime Minister, Mayors, Ministers and business leaders
- Media promotion
- Ongoing engagement and activities via social media

In terms of council involvement, previously many Mayors have taken up the #5Days 5 Phrases Challenge; libraries have held a range of activities including book readings in Mandarin, China themed displays and dances, calligraphy demonstrations and other events.

We believe supporting New Zealand Chinese Language Week is an investment in New Zealand's future and its prosperity. It is a means of acknowledging our multi-cultural character and the contribution made by New Zealanders of Chinese ethnicity to our business and society. As we emerge from Covid-19 having a society that has enhanced linguistic and cultural capability to engage with China will become ever more important. All parts of our community – government and business in particular – need to build knowledge and understanding of China and its language and culture.

For more information don't hesitate to visit the NZCLW website: www.nzclw.com

Thank-you for considering our Annual Plan 2020/21 late submission. If you have any further queries or information please do not hesitate to contact Jane Budge, NZCLW Project Manager, on email jane@silvereye.co.nz or phone (021) 393-112.

Warmest regards,

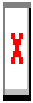
Jo Coughlan

Jo Coughlan
Chair
New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust



From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Russell Rawiri - 2020-ANNPLAN-69

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Russell Rawiri - 2020- ANNPLAN-69

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-69

Your Details:

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Your Feedback:

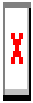
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	Yes
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From: Whangarei District Council
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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Senior Constable Russell Rawiri - 2020-ANNPLAN-74

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-74

Your Details:

Name:	Senior Constable Russell Rawiri
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Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Yes I agree with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it.</p> <p>The fundraisers would be set up and organized by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance & running costs such as toilets and traffic management.</p> <p>The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>With the Covid 19 lock down basically halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers would be a more positive way of fundraising for the</p>
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clubs going forward.

There is a large demand for trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fund raise for the local school or hall. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the hassle of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club can not organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get a shot at fund raising through trail bike rides.

With this model a local group would only need to come up with the volunteers for the mountain biking or trail bike riding and they could have a fundraiser.

This would be a much better use of council land then leaving it for the drug growers and rubbish dumpers.

Each small event would bring extra customers to the Hikurangi town center which would benefit the local businesses

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**SUBMISSION BY NGUNGURU SANDSPIT PROTECTION SOCIETY INCORPORATED IN RESPECT OF
2020 REVIEW OF WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN.**

DETAILS:

NAME: Jim Kilpatrick.

I AM MAKING THIS SUBMISSION AS: Chairperson of an organisation.

ORGANISATION NAME: Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society Incorporated ("NSaPS").

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EMAIL: jimkilpatricknz@gmail.com.

WISH TO BE HEARD: NSaPS wishes to be heard in support of it's submission.

BACKGROUND:

NSaPS includes, at executive committee level, representatives of three Maori Hapu groups who have knowledge of the mountain, hills and pa sites that still hold their ancestral names passed down from generations, and who claim customary rights over the lands referred to in this submission.

Efforts have been made by the Ngunguru community since 1965 to protect the natural, cultural and historic values of Ngunguru Sandspit and adjacent coastal land (called Whakareora) from inappropriate development, so it can be enjoyed, valued and cherished by future generations.

NSaPS was incorporated in 2007.

In 2011, 83 hectares of Ngunguru Sandspit was acquired by the Crown, leaving an area of 68.833 in private ownership comprising balance Sandspit (35.3830ha) and Whakareora (33.3500ha), together in this submission called "the Property".

Submissions have been made to Whangarei District Council by NSaPS in respect of Long Term and Annual Plans since 2002 seeking financial assistance to purchase Ngunguru Sandspit and Whakareora and seeking zoning protection against residential and other development.

In 2018, after an unsuccessful attempt to broker a further land exchange between the Crown and Todd Property Group ("Todd"), the Minister of Conservation recommended that NSaPS apply to Nature Heritage Fund (NHF) and other funders (including Whangarei District Council and Northland Regional Council) to raise funds to buy the Property.

NSaPS lodged a funding application with NHF, based on a valuation by registered valuer of \$3,000,000.00 (GST inclusive), and NHF (with a co - funder) agreed to provide funds so long as NSaPS could find the balance required to purchase the Property.

Whangarei District Council and Northland Regional Council were unable to provide funds because of other priorities at the time. Both however provided letters of support (see attached).

Letters of support have now also been provided by Department of Conservation and NHF (also attached).

In November 2019, before a purchase price could be negotiated with Todd the Property was sold to Templeton Commercial Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of NZPropCo Investments Limited.

NSaPS has commenced new negotiations with NZPropCo Limited to purchase the Property.

COMMENTS:

NSaPS will re-apply to NHF and other funders to Purchase the Property at valuation, estimated to now be \$3,000,000.00 to \$3,500,000.00(GST inclusive).

In the event of a shortfall of funds NSaPS will again ask Whangarei District Council and Northland Regional Council to contribute funds, expected to be between \$100,000.00 and \$500,000.00(more or less) from each, dependant on valuation and other funds raised.

NSaPS requests that Whangarei District Council allocates funds in the 2020/2021 financial year to add to funds from NHF and other funding agencies to enable the Property to be purchased.

NSaPS urges the Whangarei District Council to allocate funds, so as to show leadership and commitment to help secure the whole of Ngunguru Sandspit and Whakareora, to finally secure this outstanding property for perpetuity.

The Property, once purchased would be used as a nature and landscape reserve, with a possible commercial facility (including a camping ground) to be operated jointly by interested parties (ie Tangata Whenua ,Department of Conservation and Councils).



Jim Kilpatrick (Sgd.)

31 May 2020.

Attachments: Letter of support dated 21 January 2019 from Whangarei District Council.

Letter of support dated 19 October 2018 from Northland Regional Council.

Letter of support dated 6 March 2019 from Department of Conservation.

Letter of support dated 25 February 2019 from Nature Heritage Fund.

21 January 2019

To whom it may concern

In support of the funding application for the Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society Inc

On behalf of the Whangarei District Council I write in support of the funding application by the Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society Inc. and their efforts to protect this valuable natural heritage asset for the future.

Whangarei District Council has admired the work done by this society which has a commendable history of unfailing commitment to the protection of the Ngunguru Sandspit and Whakareora.

This area is a significant cultural and historical property with such natural heritage features that it would be appropriate it to be purchased and used as a nature and landscape reserve.

We trust that the application for funding to purchase and protect the Ngunguru Sandspit as a nationally important natural heritage site, is successful and we are pleased to support their application.

Yours sincerely



Rob Forlong
Chief Executive
Whangarei District Council

19 October 2018

Jim Kilpatrick
Chair of the Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society Inc.
P O Box 403083
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Whangarei 0173

By email: jimkilpatricknz@gmail.com

Dear Jim

I write further to council's consideration of your recent invitation to commit to joining with Nature Heritage Fund and Whangarei District Council in the purchase of the 69 hectares adjacent to Ngunguru sandspit that is still in Todd Property Group's private ownership.

As you are aware, the workshop you attended was not a 'decision-making' meeting of council. Nevertheless, having been briefed on the presentation and listened to councillors' subsequent discussions, I have a strong sense that council is unlikely to entertain ratepayers' funds going into the purchase of the land in question.

However, council would like to lend its voice to Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society's call to have the area protected, either through Government acquisition or by convincing the Todd Property Group of the merits of gifting or otherwise protecting the land from development.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions on how we may be able to assist in this way.

Kind regards



Bill Shepherd
Chairman

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6 March 2019

Support for the Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society's application for funding

I write to give the Department of Conservation's support to the Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society's ('the Society') funding application, to purchase the southern portion of the Ngunguru Sandspit, including Whakareora Mountain.

The Department acquired the majority of the low lying sandspit in 2011 through a land exchange. That portion is now classified as a Scenic Reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977.

The acquisition was a culmination of years of lobbying and effort by the Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society, to protect and preserve this taonga. Their efforts in the lead up to the land exchange, and now again to protect the southern sections are to be commended.

The base of the sandspit (Whakareora), is a unique area of coastal forest whose type is unrecorded elsewhere in Northland. It contains the regionally uncommon kawaka, coastal kauri and black maire and represents a rare vegetation assemblage. It has important cultural values for Maori. It is also a key coastal landscape feature for the Tutukaka Coast. The area is vulnerable to development, due to its prominent position, access to the sea and high coastal property values.

The Department agrees that the best way to ensure the perpetual protection of this land is by way of purchase into public ownership and managed contiguously with the Scenic Reserve, with the Society and hapu. We have investigated options to contribute to the purchase of the properties through the Department's Land Acquisition Fund. Although there are limited funds available at this time, we offer our support to the Society, to help facilitate agreements and joint funding options where possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Yours sincerely



Sue Reed-Thomas
Director, Operations (Northern North Island)

Department of Conservation *Te Papa Atawhai*
Whangarei Office
PO Box 842
Whangarei 0110

25 February 2019



Nature
Heritage
Fund

NHF 18/02 Ngunguru

The Nature Heritage Fund (NHF) is a contestable Ministerial fund that was established in 1990. The fund is administered by an independent committee appointed by the Minister of Conservation. It is serviced by the Department of Conservation and receives an annual allocation of funds from the Government.

Since its establishment the NHF has protected over 340,000 ha of indigenous ecosystems through legal and physical protection (i.e. direct purchase or covenanting). The NHF's vision is to protect indigenous ecosystems that represent the full range of natural diversity originally present in the landscape, through the establishment of a sustainable and interacting system of protected areas.

The NHF Committee strongly supports the Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society's (the Society) efforts to purchase and protect, as public land, the remaining freehold area of the Ngunguru Sandspit and an adjoining portion of the Whakereora Maunga. The protection of these areas would create a nationally significant ecological sequence, spanning estuarine systems, coastal dune land to coastal forest.

These areas are identified in the NHF's Northland Protection Strategy as being a priority for protection. They are important as they contain ecosystems types that are under-represented in New Zealand's protected lands. The purchase of these areas would complete the protection of the entire Ngunguru Sandspit.

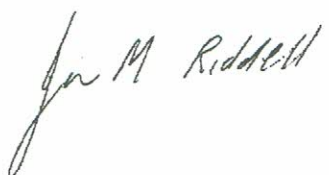
Recently the NHF Committee assessed an application by the Society for funding to purchase the remaining freehold area of the Ngunguru Sandspit and an adjoining portion of Whakereora Maunga. The Minister of Conservation supported the Committee's recommendation that this application be declined, but that a future application for up to one quarter of the funding sought be welcomed, if the balance of funding was secured. Please note that the NHF currently has insufficient funds to entirely fund this purchase.

However, the NHF is working with a potential co-funder, who may be able to fund up to 45% of the amount the Society is seeking. The NHF is committed to keeping the Society informed of its discussions with the co-funder.

The Society continues to demonstrate its commitment and expertise through its active management of pest animals and plants on the Sandspit. The Society also works productively with other parties, including the Department of Conservation and the Whangarei District Council. The Society's dedication to the permanent protection of the Ngunguru Sandspit and adjoining areas is therefore obvious and enduring.

The Nature Heritage Fund Committee looks forward to continuing working with the Society, on the protection of these nationally significant areas.

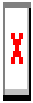
Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jan M. Riddell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Jan Riddell
Nature Heritage Fund Chair

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 28 May 2020 05:41:06 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Lianne Nicholas - 2020-ANNPLAN-81

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Lianne Nicholas - 2020- ANNPLAN-81

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-81

Your Details:

Name:	Lianne Nicholas
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Email Address:	lianne.n@gmail.com

Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>Yes I agree with the changes i.e.to reduce the overall General Rate rise to 2.2% (inflation), and provide \$3m in targeted relief and seeking extra funding from central government. I support the 10-Point Economic Recovery Response. I feel that it is very important to build business confidence and help relieve the burden of COVID-19 on people and communities.</p> <p>I agree that COVID-19 may still prevent meeting some of Council's service levels; pretty much unknown how we will all be affected.</p> <p>I propose that you get staff input with reducing staff costs and would like to see as many jobs preserved as possible, perhaps with reduced hours.</p> <p>I support the no increase to Water rates, and the \$3m targeted relief package for businesses, community groups and ratepayers.</p> <p>Requests from the community for funding community initiatives will inevitably be less likely to be approved because of Covid; but nevertheless should receive due consideration.</p> <p>It is fair for all ratepayers receive the same 2.2% rates increase.</p> <p>Zero rate rises would be unacceptable because of the effect this would have on future years (with less earning population); it is pain we have to take now.</p> <p>I think the Council has made good and fair decisions, so I support the planned changes.</p>
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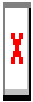
	(Has Covid changed the plan for a new Council building in any way?)
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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 29 May 2020 02:18:24 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - John Nicole - 2020-ANNPLAN-94

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - John Nicole - 2020- ANNPLAN-94

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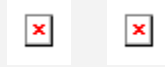
Name:	John Nicole
I am making this submission:	
Organisation Name:	
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Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>NO - provision for the new civic centre must be removed as this new building is not required. Whangarei CBD already has a surplus of empty office space.</p> <p>While council staff numbers are set to reduce as staff are not replaced, as announced recently, and as council has discovered during the lockdown that most, if not all, council levels of service can be maintained with most of the staff working from home, which could and should be continued, new office space is not required.</p> <p>The \$12.784 million provided in the revised annual plan for the new civic centre is there not required. As the Mayor herself has said "Growth will pause and priorities need to be reset". This proposed building was never necessary and even more so now following CoVid-19. Council needs to realise and accept this.</p> <p>If deemed necessary, all that is required is renovation of the office space for senior staff at Forum North. This could be done at a fraction of the cost.</p> <p>In this way the proposed rates increase can be reduced to zero.</p> <p>The proposed new civic centre must not be allowed to go ahead.</p>
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From: Ceo Northland Football
Sent: 29 May 2020 12:59:43 +1200
To: Mail Room
Subject: NORTHLAND FC SUBMISSION - WITHDRAWAL OF WDC FUNDING
Attachments: Northland FC submission - withdrawal of hub funding.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a submission regarding the recent WDC decision to withdraw funding from the Tikipunga Football hub project.

Forwarded for consideration.

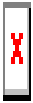
Thanks,

Lee West



From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 4 Jun 2020 03:06:46 +0000
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Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Stephen Westgate - 2020-ANNPLAN-126

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Stephen Westgate - 2020-ANNPLAN-126

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-126

Your Details:

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Contact Phone Number:	094360335
Email Address:	swestgate@xtra.co.nz

Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Given the degraded state of Whangarei's roading network, I offer the following comments on the proposed Annual Plan 2020-2021.</p> <p>With regard to "Transportation – Capital Projects proposed for 2020-2021, I:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support no reduction in planned budgeted expenditure on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) coastal protection of roading; (ii) southern entrance intersection improvements; (iii) seal extensions – unsubsidised; (iv) unsealed road metalling 2. Support proposed increase in planned expenditure on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Minor improvements to roading network; (ii) Springs Flat roundabout (essential to improve safety and traffic flow); (iii) Sealed road pavement rehabilitation; (iv) sealed road pavement resurfacing; (v) traffic signs and signals (upgrading and synchronising existing signals to improve peak directional traffic flow, but not to introduce new signalised intersections as proposed in the Whangarei Complete Streets Master Plan – see note below). 3. Compared to signalised intersections, roundabouts speed traffic flow when volumes are light to moderate, i.e. most of the time. <p>I am therefore opposed to the following proposals within the "Whangarei Complete Streets Master</p>
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Plan:"

(i) to replace roundabouts at Reyburn Street/Dent Street,

Dent Street/Bank Street and

Bank Street/Walton Street,

with traffic signals, and

(ii) to replace Give Way signs at Albert

Street/Walton Street with traffic signals.

Such proposals can only serve to further slow traffic flow through the city centre and cause extended periods of congestion.

4. I am concerned that there is a proposed increase in expenditure of \$1.2 million to a total of \$3.2 million on converting the Town Basin carpark to a park when I can see no adequate provision has been made for alternative parking in the central city area. Do Council planners really think that people will park at Pohe Island to visit the Hundertwasser museum, or to patronise the Town Basin cafes on wet days? The Town Basin area has been developed into a great facility for local residents and a tourist attraction for visitors, but without adequate parking to meet demand, it must be questioned if the locality's potential will be realised.

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From: David Badham
Sent: 3 Jun 2020 08:30:18 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 20/21 Annual Plan Submission - Northland Football Hub

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To Whom it May Concern,

I make this submission on behalf of Onerahi Football Club.

We are extremely disappointed to learn that the Whangarei District Council (WDC) is proposing to withdraw the \$511,000 it had committed to the development of the Northland Football Hub for the 20/21 Annual Plan. The submission is a plea to retain \$295,000 to allow the project to go into the next critical phase of development.

The Northland Football Hub is the development of fields and facilities at Tikipunga Sports Park into a hub for Whangarei and Northland football. The Northland Football Hub is a much needed and significant asset for the Whangarei and Northland Football community.

We understand that only \$295,000 of the original \$511, 000 is required WDC's funding is vital for getting this significant community 'shovel ready' project off the ground. It would be extremely disappointing to have the project compromised by WDC not making this funding available.

Not only is the Northland Football Hub a significant community asset, it is a \$3 million + construction project that would provide a much needed boost to the Whangarei construction industry. If WDC is wanting to make an investment in economic recovery then providing the seed funding support for the Northland Football Hub project will be a significant community and local economy win-win.

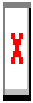
Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Ngā Mihi | Kind Regards,

David Badham
Onerahi Football Club President

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 4 Jun 2020 02:26:17 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - shannon Parker - 2020-ANNPLAN-124

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - shannon Parker - 2020- ANNPLAN-124

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-124

Your Details:

Name:	shannon Parker
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	15 Pataua South Road
Contact Phone Number:	094360110
Email Address:	parkerconstruction@xtra.co.nz

Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

In light of the effects of Covid 19, I understand that there is less flexibility for community led projects hence why I think that planned projects such as the community led initiative, Whangarei Heads resource recovery centre is not a priority project for the community or council funding, in regards to establishment or ongoing costs. Community led projects should have extensive community consultation especially when there is limited budget, and not be developed with only a selected minority of a community backing it.

It is noted that there are already sufficient portions of rates that go towards waste management, waste minimisation and recycling and for ongoing management of the resort centre in Whangarei.

Why would there be more money put into an isolated resource recovery centre in Parua Bay when road side collection is meeting the communities needs? I think zero waste education is a good idea, however maybe the focus needs to be on improving and developing what services are already in place and work well for all of our communities, such as kerbside collection and the re-sort centre.

There are many other community led projects or ideas that would involve and benefit the whole community rather than new projects that do not met the needs of everyone. In the current climate

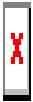
	<p>and budgeting needs, new community projects need thorough community input and not be rushed through without many in the community knowing. Especially if there is less flexibility for community led projects in the annual plan.</p>
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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - John Nicole - 2020- ANNPLAN-125

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-125

Your Details:

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I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
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Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

NO - the proposed rates rise should be zero.

Submission regarding Recycling facilities

There does not appear to be any provision within the revised AP for re-instatement or replacement of the refuse and recycle transfer station that served the Whangarei Heads, Parua Bay & Pataua South areas which was closed in April 2019.

The targeted rate for refuse and recycling which is applied district-wide is proposed to increase to \$191/ rateable unit in 2020/21 from \$174/ rateable unit in 2018/19, an increase of almost 10% despite a decrease in services since the closure of the Parua Bay transfer station with an operational cost saving of more than \$120,000 per annum. No allowance is made for the residents of these areas to account for the fact that the level of service for refuse and recycle has been reduced whereas in the past council was to provide a transfer station within 20km of any resident.

An alternative resource recovery centre was proposed for the Whangarei Heads area at the time the transfer station in Parua Bay was closed. However, it does not appear that Council is making any provision, be it totally or by way of a contribution, either to the establishment of this facility, or to the operation of this facility despite receiving a subsidy from the government to contribute to efforts to minimise waste. Where is this subsidy being applied?

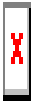
This situation is totally unacceptable and cannot be allowed to continue.

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Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-123

Your Details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
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Email Address:	peacock.elms@xtra.co.nz

Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>We elected the members of our Council to make decisions on our behalf. I do not therefore believe this type of decision needs to be referred to our community for review.</p> <p>The proposed changes to the annual plan are not explained well enough to allow for a valued consultation. Other than changes where projects move back or forward there appears to be only minor changes to projects with no explanation as to why.</p> <p>There is not sufficient detail on the \$3m COVID fund to identify clearly where the money will be spent. One page is provided with no supporting documents. Where this funding will come from is unclear.</p> <p>Private landlords contacted tenants when Level 3 and 4 were announced and offered reductions in rent immediately. Council has not moved quickly enough on this. It is unclear what other benefits Council will provide to business.</p> <p>There is also no clear detail on what will be removed from the operating budgets and the impact these will have.</p> <p>The 10 year plan lacks detail in terms of an overall</p>
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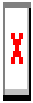
	<p>vision for our City. The time frame is too short. The long term plan should start with the 50 year plan of what our city will be known for with 10 year big picture achievements. The plan covers only the basic areas of Council supply rather than projects to allow the city to stand out in attracting tourism and business and developing a vibrant community.</p>
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Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Malcolm Perry - 2020-ANNPLAN-84

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Malcolm Perry - 2020- ANNPLAN-84

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Your Details:

Name:	Malcolm Perry
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>No, I do not agree with the proposed changes. I think that the planned rates rises should be retained at their earlier approved levels. This is not from a perspective of being uncaring or unsympathetic to those in trouble but from a belief that there are more creative ways that Council can better target support to local businesses and people rather than the scatter gun approach of a poorly targeted, and, relatively insignificant to most, cash benefit.</p> <p>As well, Council is set to lose more income through the predicted slowing of development which will include reductions in resource and building consents, liquor and health licences, development contributions and on it goes. Just how Council is able to lose this income, reduce planned income and yet still make assurances to retain services and spend unplanned money supporting the locality is not actually clear to me.</p> <p>A better approach would be to retain the 4.2 % increase and establish a fund to support small businesses through the letting of Council contracts for work to be undertaken within the District. This could include a whole range of stuff that needs doing but doesn't get done because it never quite stacks up against the "big ticket" items. it would help to keep small businesses afloat, demonstrate an ongoing civic pride in the District and say loudly to Central Government and outside Developers that Whangarei is a District determined to come out</p>
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	<p>of this doing well. Prior to COVID-19, Whangarei was on the boil and the challenge now is to keep it there rather than admit defeat at the 1st hurdle. The real work always starts when things are not going so well, its easy when everything is going right.</p> <p>So, please retain the increase at it's previous level. People need to see a Council setting out it's stall and saying we are going to go forward stronger.</p> <p>Thank You for the opportunity to comment.</p>
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From: [Peter Ferguson](#)
To: [Mail Room](#)
Subject: Year 3 plan submission
Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2020 3:44:17 PM

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Please see attached a submission for the proposed changes to the year 3 of the long term district plan.

Peter Ferguson
Project management Ltd.
296 Kara Road R.D. 9
Whangarei
021 434629

Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form

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Your details

Name

I am making this submission:

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On behalf of an
organisation

Organisation name

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Whangarei

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Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

No - I do not agree ^{with} the changes to year 3 of the long term district plan as I believe the changes should actually reflect the financial hardship being faced by rate payers

- Starting on a new Council Headquarters especially using outside head contractors sends totally the wrong message on a whole series of levels - It screams "let them eat cake"

- Staff wages over \$80,000 should be cut 10-20 percent for 12 mths to mirror the changes at other large corporates such as Fletchers & Fonterra. The pain should be shared by all & seen to be done - starting with the Mayor

- Development levies should be exempt for 12 mths to encourage commercial development such as in Rotorua.

Planning requirements Need to be slashed & planners directed to assist projects by.

(1) Giving certainty to development at concept stage

(2) Minimising requirement to significant items

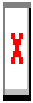
ie. Nominate a garden - Not require plant species maintenance schedules etc etc etc

The changes look exactly like business as usual and is without innovation

Councils must be the only business in NZ putting up costs at a time when everyone is cutting back. I rate it a failure

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Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Bernard Petersen - 2020-ANNPLAN-54

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Bernard Petersen - 2020-ANNPLAN-54

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Your Details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	Yes, we must at a minimum keep up with inflation at 2.2%. 0% just simply shouldn't even be an option on the table. This will only have a bigger impact on us all further down the road. I would equally be happy with the original 4.2% or somewhere in between (say 3%) to ensure Whangarei keeps moving forward. I am disappointed that at such a significant time for us all, our elected members have made the decision to go for public consultation. Making difficult decisions at a time like this is why we have elected members and would have shown strong leadership.
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Your details

Name Jan Pirih

I am making this submission:



As an
individual



On behalf of an
organisation

Organisation name

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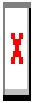
Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

Cancel any plans for building the council hub.

From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Dr Benjamin Pittman - 2020-ANNPLAN-110

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Dr Benjamin Pittman - 2020-ANNPLAN-110

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-110

Your Details:

Name:	Dr Benjamin Pittman
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation Name:	Wairau Māori Art Gallery Charitable Trust Board

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Email Address:	pittman.benjamin@gmail.com

Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	Yes. Decisive action has to be taken in the face of unprecedented challenges for all, especially ratepayers.
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Resources urgently needed for the management of 'lost' and abandoned cats and kittens that are suffering from starvation and cruelty; damaging our environment; and creating problems for residents and businesses in our community.

I support the WDC's response to Covid 19. I agree with the creation of a \$3 million emergency fund and allocating \$900 000 of this fund to community groups.

There is already a huge problem with 'lost' and abandoned cats and kittens in the Whangarei district. These unowned and unwanted cats and kittens are suffering from a lack of basic care. Most are dehydrated, starving, sick and diseased. Many frustrated residents perceive these 'lost' and abandoned cats and kittens as pests, so they become victims of a wide range of cruelty. These cats and kittens create many different problems and cause unnecessary anxiety, work and expense for residents and businesses, and damage to native wildlife. Covid 19 has exacerbated the problem.

Covid 19 has brought unprecedented hardship and suffering to the people of NZ. Suddenly, many Whangarei residents lost their jobs or had their income reduced. This puts pressure on people to provide for their family's basic needs. Sadly, in times of crisis, pets are low priority and are often neglected or abandoned. Some owners cannot afford to desex, microchip and register their cats. At local vet clinics, it costs \$80-\$100 to neuter a male cat and \$120-\$195 to spay a female cat - costs increase to \$200-\$206 if the cat is pregnant. It costs a further \$60-\$97.50 to microchip a cat and register the cat's microchip on NZCAR (NZ Companion Animal Register). The registration is a once in the cat's lifetime cost.

The Whangarei SPCA and cat rescue organisations cannot keep up with the quantity of animals coming into their care and currently receive no regularly funding from the government, WDC or NRC. Whangarei Cat Rescue recently received \$4500 from the WDC. This is a good start but more money and resources would help to resolve the problem. The NRC are responsible for feral cats in protected areas and reserves. It is not their responsibility to help fund 'snip n chip' programmes.

During lockdown, people all around the world became more aware of the need to protect and restore our environment. They saw images of clear skies above cities with previously high smog levels, and environments with birds and animals thriving. Desperate, starving cats have to kill to enable them to survive. If the WDC is genuinely committed to protecting our environment, then they must adopt strategies for effective cat management. All companion cats need to be desexed and

microchipped. This would help reduce the number of unwanted cats that either end up struggling to survive in the environment, or become a burden on cat rescue organisations. Sometimes cats and kittens become lost or injured. Staff at vet clinics and the SPCA will check for a microchip and can quickly contact the cat or kitten's owners.

The WDC needs to support good cat management. Financially contributing to 'snip n chip' campaign would be a positive and appropriate post Covid 19 response. Residents who love and care for their cats and kittens, and suddenly find they are unable to afford to do so, would hugely appreciate this help.

I would like to suggest that the WDC financially contributes to subsidised de-sexing, microchipping and registering on NZCAR (NZ Companion Animal Register) of companion cats for people on benefits and low incomes. The registering of the cat's microchip on NZCAR would be a once in the animal's lifetime cost. I suggest \$30 000 be given to the Whangarei SPCA and Whangarei Cat Rescue with the money tagged specifically for a Whangarei 'snip n chip' campaign.

The Auckland SPCA have had several free 'snip n chip' campaigns for the cats and kittens of residents in 12 suburbs of Auckland. This resulted in a 50% reduction in the number of incoming kittens brought to their animal shelters. (Andrea Midgen, SPCA Chief Executive, 4 Jan 2020, Stuff.co.nz)

Kitten season is becoming longer due to climate change and the longer, warmer summers.

- Kittens are 75% of the animals brought to NZ SPCA centres each year
- Every litter costs the NZ SPCA about \$500
- In 2018, the NZ SPCA received 9886 cats and 17,348 kittens

(Andrea Midgen, SPCA Chief Executive, 23 Dec 2019, Stuff.co.nz)

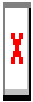
One positive outcome of the Covid 19 lockdown was the focus on kindness. All around the country in many different ways NZers demonstrated acts of kindness. People of all ages put their hearts, time and energy into helping others - often strangers. They showed compassion and empathy for their neighbours and community. Their stories were heart-warming and inspiring.

I am asking council to show compassion and empathy for both the cats and kittens in our community and the local people who care for them, by giving the Whangarei SPCA and Whangarei Cat Rescue \$30 000 towards a 'Whangarei Snip n Chip' campaign.

Thank you, Judy ☺

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 19 May 2020 04:50:28 +0000
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Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Michael Plant - 2020-ANNPLAN-61

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2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Michael Plant - 2020- ANNPLAN-61

Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-61

Your Details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
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Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Do not agree with any rates increase next year at all, there is and has been significant annual rate increases and any increase in the enar future is likely to create significant hardship. I would suggest a reduction in the number of ornamental items-features planned for all areas, particularly in and around Whangarei, extensions to the Hatea loop, along with any other unnecessary expenditure on projects are frozen and the funds redirected into maintaining existing services rather than relying on any increase in rates. Good that water rates are not being increased however note the comment of sufficient reserves being built up, does this indicate we have been over-charged for domestic water.</p>
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Positive Ageing Advisory Group Submission to Annual Plan 2020-21 on 2 June 2020

Group Submission

Group members: Robin Lieffering Paulette Crowther, Lorna Child, Jack Wiperi, Alan Ward, Mary Carthew, Ralph Correa, Jenni Moore, Lianne Nicholas, Jenny Wilson, Patricia Boyer & Sue Daumiller.

Background:

The purpose of the Positive Ageing Advisory Group (PAAG) is to support Council's vision of Whangarei being a vibrant, attractive and thriving District for all people living here. PAAG contribute to this vision by providing advice to Whangarei District Council on the following areas:

- Council policies, plans, strategies, design and capital works projects
- Matters of particular interest or concern to the communities they represent.

Submission Feedback:

We particularly support no increase in water rates but hope that the research into a new water supply dam for the city will continue as a high priority – major project.

Consider incentivising or supporting communities to invest in their own water supply by supporting the upfront cost of installation especially for low income or pensioner older adults.

We support the approach of only increasing rates at the level of inflation.

We agree with the changes you have made to Year 3 of our Long-Term Plan in response to COVID-19 but request that good accountability is included in all distribution of the \$3 million.

The financial support for any ratepayers who are struggling is a key aspect, as we know that poverty is a real issue in our area for older people. Please ensure

Older Adults are aware of this support through accessible and clear communications.

The \$900,000 earmarked to support community organisations is essential as these are often the organisations that provide support for older people. Now more than ever older people are going to be less connected and potentially lonelier. Community organisations often rely on volunteers mostly older adults, consider supporting organisations who also have had a loss in volunteers. Please ensure this fund is also well promoted through accessible and clear communications.

We do not support the reduction in staffing unless it is directly related to lost service needs. Whangarei has one of the lowest staff ratios in local government.

We would support greater borrowing to maintain service provision and wish you luck in applying to central government for financial assistance.

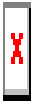
Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback.

On behalf of the Whangarei District Council Positive Ageing Advisory Group,

Robin Lieffering | WDC PAAG Chair | robinlieffering@gmail.com

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Subject: 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Barry Pyle - 2020-ANNPLAN-121

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Organisation Name:	

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Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>Whangarei District Council Annual Plan 2020-21 Feedback</p> <p>Barry Pyle, 129 Pyle Road East, Ruakaka R.D. 1, Whangarei 0171. Phone 027 4327155</p> <p>Overall, I believe that at this time of uncertainty and hardship, the last thing the ratepayers and residents of the Whangarei District need is ANY increase in rates for the foreseeable future. At most, an increase of 1% or less should have been considered and presented as an option.</p> <p>The council is to be applauded for some of the immediate steps it has taken in response to Covid-19, including delaying deadlines for rates payments. But some of the steps taken prior to this consultation are premature. We should have been consulted on these items.</p> <p>The council doesn't seem to account for the increases in rates that will follow from new building and development in that area that will flow into rates income. This building and development didn't stop with Covid-19 although it has slowed significantly. I am still seeing new business operations and homes coming 'on-stream' which will now be assessed for rates. There may be a</p>
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slow-down over the next few months or so, but it will steadily return.

We know there will be future rates increases as a result of cutting rates to the bare bones now, but these will come in when, we hope, we are in better times. And until economic conditions improve, we will just have to continue making cuts and changing priorities.

The council is required to provide a Consultation Document (CD) to be focussed on the material changes from the Long Term Plan, presented in a concise and simple manner. In my opinion, this document does not meet those requirements. It is full of woolly statements, and includes many items already discussed and decided by Council that are not identified in the CD and are difficult to access without prior knowledge. I had to contact a council officer (Dominic Kula) who was able to explain and provide me with links to these documents. In tables and figures presented in the CD, there are no explanations of headings nor links to source material. "Concise and simple" does not mean lacking key information, or footnotes etc that can be easily understood and accessed. The result is that the CD is an instrument of obfuscation and likely to confuse the average resident/ratepayer, like me. In addition, decisions made in the month or two since Covid-19 became established appear to be set in stone. They should also be up for consultation. In my opinion, some of this woolliness amounts to intentional obfuscation, which is not the intention of the requirement for a CD.

The main areas that lack clarity in the CD are items 3,4, 6, 7 and 8 of the 10-point plan.

I don't believe the council should be in the game of supporting specific businesses. This is the role of central government and it is prone to favouritism at the local level. It is fairer to provide relief to all ratepayers and residents. I think there should be more acknowledgement that all residents contribute to rates; those who don't own properties contribute through rent or lease payments. So limiting the rates increase will benefit all who live and do business in the district. Support of non-profit community groups may be appropriate, but limiting this to those with a track record may be discriminatory; there may be new needs and groups that form and respond that should be eligible for council support.

As well as holding rates increases, we should reduce specific costs to all ratepayers and residents, e.g. for rubbish disposal, including roadside pick up, and tips and transfer stations (maybe in item 3). Item 7 should be removed, and item 8 should be reduced significantly. Since fly tipping is so prevalent and may be caused by the high costs for ratepayers'/residents' waste disposal, reducing costs for waste disposal would benefit all, as well as enhancing the environment.

The council should be looking more to central government playing their role and also to grant funding from a variety of sources. The council should be more proactive in lobbying central government, both independently and in concert with the Local Bodies Association (whatever it's called). If the CD had included say \$250,000 to appoint a 'lobbyist' to the Government, to be based in Wellington, I would support that because the returns could be many times that amount and would accrue year on year. Local bodies nearer to

the capital have an advantage because their lobbyists can easily get to Wellington and back in a day.

I am still unclear as to the 2020/21 costs for the 'new building'. Although it has been approved and may be considered 'in progress', these costs should be carefully reviewed and expenses for the next 2 to 3 years pared down to bare minimum. The completion date may have to be delayed. Although interest rates are as low as they have been for some years, there is still an ongoing cost to borrowing and we will be paying the loan off for years to come. I consider this project should have been open for public review and consultation. Maintenance and sealing of unsealed roads in the district should be reviewed. The council seems to be averse to even considering dust control measures that also help keep metalled roads in good shape by binding the base. Resealing projects, unless supported by existing (i.e. secured) government funding, should be postponed. Future projects should be delayed unless there is government assistance. Instead, improved maintenance and grading, as well as dust control/surface stabilisation treatments should be evaluated. These are already allowed within environmental constraints and used in some locations in the Far North.

In summary I submit that council should:

- * keep rates increase to 1% or less;
- * reduce costs incurred by all ratepayers and residents, including waste disposal fees;
- * not provide business funding which is based on application and consideration of relative merits because this is open to favouritism and cronyism;
- * consider new and less costly approaches to all

council functions, including maintenance and dust control of unsealed roads;

* establish a lobbyist position to work in the capital and take advantage of all opportunities for central government support of Whangarei District projects including things like community support;

* cut back/delay all WDC projects including the Civic Centre;

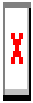
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Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>I do not support a reduction in the proposed rates increase from 4.2% to 2.2%, and I would be happy to pay a higher percentage increase in rates to support adequately funded asset management and improved community services in Whangarei.</p> <p>A reduction in the proposed rates increase from 4.2% to 2.2% has a value of less than \$1 a week to most residential households in Whangarei. In the context of an average working household spend of more than \$1207 per week (https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/living-in-nz/money-tax/comparable-living-costs) or \$652 weekly superannuation rates for couples, \$1 a week will not save a household from possible financial instability.</p> <p>The consequences of the loss of rates revenue will include deferring asset management investment for essential infrastructure, leaving a future servicing debt. I am strongly opposed to deferring water, stormwater and wastewater capital projects as proposed in the Annual Plan consultation documents.</p> <p>Rates-funded capital projects help to stimulate regional economies in downturns, and help local companies to survive when other sources of work dry up.</p>
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At times of recession there is a greater need for public services to support people and families who are struggling. When households cannot afford holidays and movies they need great public libraries and community facilities and parks.

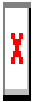
I support targeted assistance from Council for those having difficulty paying rates, fees and charges, especially businesses that are most affected by the recession.

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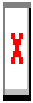
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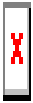
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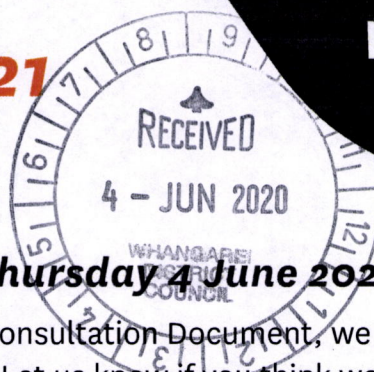
Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No - planned rates rise should not go ahead at all. No rated rise should be implemented even at CPI due to the hardship our community is facing
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On behalf of an
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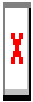
As a owner of commercial property in Whangarei's CBD, I appreciate the fact that the proposed rent increase is dropping to 2.2%. However, I do not believe it should be changed at all. As it stand the CBD and it's owners/operators are struggling so to make this even harder by increasing the rates is a nonsense. The reason there are so many empty shops in the CBD to this day is because the rates are ridiculously high, one way to decrease the vacancy percentage is to at least maintain the current rates being paid by shop owners.

In fact, the best thing the Whangarei District Council (WDC) can do is reduce the rates to make it viable for all those locally owned businesses who keep the economy ticking along.

I propose a 5% decrease in CBD rates. And, free central city parking until at least Christmas to encourage people to shop local. If it works elsewhere it has to work here too.

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Name

W. J. DANIEL

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Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

Please find attached our Submission.

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2nd June 2020

Submission to the Whangarei District Council's 2020-21 Annual Plan

We recognise that the Plan has been devised in a period of uncertainty. It is even premature as the extent of Central Government Policy and assistance is uncertain. Even the Budget COVID-19 Provisions must have had some bearing.

We are supportive of moves to lower the rates burden by lowering the proposed increase by 50% during a period in which there is likely to be a significant contraction in economic activity. We are also pleased to see that this is being accomplished, at least in part, through reductions in spending, such that the rates loss does not simply increase the debt burden.

We agree that some ratepayers are likely to find rates payment difficult, particularly commercial leasers who lose tenants, or those made redundant due to the effects of COVID-19. However, we also believe that a firm line on rates collection should be taken and hardship not necessarily used as a basis for non-payment. Rates are no more discretionary for a building owner than, say, insurance.

Deferred rates payment, as for mortgages, would be an appropriate solution.

We note that at 30 June 2019, Council had uncollected debt of more than 90 days overdue totalling \$4.8 million. This figure is likely to increase in a downturn. This situation will need constant vigilance and management to ensure this debt level is decreased.

Where extra support is provided, it must be made very clear that it represents a 'one-off initiative'. Aside from not "baking in" increased cost, there may be tendency for recipients to claim spending as been "cut" in future. This applies to all the areas of community and business support.

We believe that further reductions are possible in non-core services: it is easier to reinstate these later should more drastic cuts become necessary if the down-turn is more severe or long term than expected. Examples of such

reductions include the New Airport Evaluation, Consultant general use, as well as managing down annual leave liabilities of staff (a relatively easy one-off reduction to offset).

We could query the use of ratepayers' money as part of the \$3million Covid-19 Relief package. This expenditure should not be made where appropriate Central Government assistance is forthcoming.

We agree with the expenditure to ensure Council Services are maintained and that the listed Capital Projects programme is pursued after more evaluation as suggested later in this Submission.

There are risks around sudden increased capital spending. It is difficult for local firms to have the ability to rapidly increase their output capacity by hiring extra project managers and engineers, procuring additional plant and equipment, and to train up staff deployed from other sectors.

Procurement and consenting will need to be streamlined if "shovel ready projects" are to proceed at pace. It is difficult to envisage firms buying plant and training staff if the increase in work is a "one-off" event. Investment in plant and staff will only be made if a continuity of work can be provided.

We say that WDC should have a robust discussion with the engineering and contracting sector before rushing headlong into a panicked project programme.

We must ask that, where possible, use of local firms, consultants, etc., should be prioritised. This statement is made with the proviso that they have the proper capability and that their project quotes should be compatible with those from 'outside' tenderers.

Tenders should be realistic and provide realistic contingency cover.

Whangarei District Council has a history of under-achieving project delivery and we touch on this later in this Submission. There are already significant carry-forwards from past years. This will have been made worse by the lock-down period when work ceased. Additional projects on top of what is already possible could simply give rise to increased margins for contractors.

We believe it would be better to accelerate the delivery of current projects before adding new ones.

Resource Consent Process

We are alarmed that many desirable Capital Work Projects will not be able to proceed because they lack the necessary Resource Consents. We firmly believe that Whangarei District Council have really 'dragged the chain' on this aspect of project delivery for many years. On significant projects such as the West One Tree Point Cliffs Revetment Project, we are always being informed that Resource Consents will need to be procured and that application for such Consents will attract objections. There seems to be an unwillingness on the part of Council Staff to "take the bull by the horns" and apply for the consents – despite construction plans having been drawn up.

There needs to be a continual stream of Resource Consent Applications made well in advance for works planned in the Long Term Plans. This action would prevent delays on project implementation and help stop the "carry forward" issues.

We know that the Resource Consent process can be arduous, time-consuming and expensive, but it is a necessary evil and must be confronted by Council before many projects can be undertaken.

In summary, it is great to see more public works proposed but the programme will need to be well planned and executed and not just simply be a larger budget allocation.

Small Work Projects:

We believe there is a significant scope to create employment by undertaking "Small Projects". Examples of this include laying of new footpaths, cutting and clearing tracks, small drainage works, cleaning up of long term rubbish and debris sites, etc.. These are projects which do not require expensive Resource Consents procedures, Planning and Engineering Consultants fees, etc. They do not require special expertise or equipment. In Ruakaka examples of such projects include:

- The clean up of the debris (including asbestos) along the One Tree Point foreshore between Marama Place and the small beach access ramp opposite One Tree Point School. This is illustrated by the following photograph. The danger posed to children by the caves is self-evident

and the stop gap measures taken a long time ago are very untidy and disgraceful.



In the following photo writing by children inscribed onto the cliffs is obvious. Note the fallen rocks. The children are placing themselves in danger when writing on the cliffs. Proper rock revetment measures are needed here and along the West One Tree point Cliffs to avoid the repeat of a near death incident of children caused by cliff collapse at Paradise Point some years ago – before adequate foreshore protection was instituted there.



- Extension of the Footpath from the Landings Subdivision and One Tree Point Boat Ramp
- Laying of drainpipes and filling in the open drain in Albany Road.
- Expansion of the street footpath network into those streets which have been waiting for the provision of such a facility for many decades.

We, once again, deplore the concentration of Capital Projects mooted for action within the Whangarei City Environs. **Not one project is specifically listed for action within the Bream Bay Area.** This is despite the very rapid population growth that our area has experienced.

It might be added that similarly there are no other projects specifically applicable to any other rural, township or coastal settlements within the Whangarei District.

Again the Annual is “City-Centric”.

We ask that necessary Resource Consent and Permit processes for shovel – ready projects be ‘fast-tracked’.

In Ruakaka, the following works have been designed, costed and need Resource Consents to make them shovel-ready:

- One Tree Cliff Protection works.
- One Tree Point Boat Ramp protection works.
- Princes Street Foreshore and Road Protection Works.
- New Beach Changing and Toilet Facilities are required at Ruakaka South Beach. Design work for this facility should be reasonably standard and thus work could be finished before the start of next summer. Have plans and estimates for this project been forwarded to Central Government for Tourist Facility Funding?
- We hope that the \$450,000 allocated for Cemeteries Renewals includes development expenditure on the new proposed Ruakaka Cemetery

WDC Expenditure Reduction

Whilst we agree with most of the Capital and Operating Expenditure we do need to be convinced that we, as Ratepayers, are getting “full value for money”.

Existing Maintenance and Service Contract

We are concerned that examples exist where maintenance work is not carried out in a proper manner , e.g., road seal repairs. Our garbage collectors often do not retrieve the rubbish they spill during collection, and our mowing contractors do not cut close enough to the ground, etc., etc. There is no supervision to ensure such work is properly carried out.

It would seem sensible and business-like in this time of economic hardship, that Council re-examine it's goods and service supplier contracts and seek rationalisation of the costs involved. This should be in consultation with the suppliers.

Office Rentals

Council should attempt to negotiate it's rental contracts where office and other space is being rented. Large Property Companies and Mall Owners, e.g., Scentre, are negotiating with their tenants and in some cases are giving rental relief.

In times of economic restraints, private enterprise has to take such steps, and Local Government should also act accordingly.

Tender Evaluation

We realise that major work and supplier contracts are subject to the tender process and usually that those quoting the lowest price are successful. We hope that there are no 'price rings' operating among WDC tenderers but must suggest that to win a tender, the successful tenderers be asked to still reconsider their price – in other words to “sharpen their pencils” regarding costs.

Use of Consultants

We query the constant use of highly paid consultants to design and advise on WDC works, planning procedures, etc. Surely enough sufficiently qualified and experienced staff are employed by Council to carry out many of the tasks entrusted to Consultants.

Are Consultants asked to tender for projects or are they just appointed?

At times the advice given has not been well investigated and prepared. WDC project history is littered with examples of over-expenditure resulting from poor consultancy investigation and advice, Examples include:

- Resort Recycling Facility – a huge budget overrun caused by inadequate geotechnical investigation – foundations had to go a lot deeper – at great cost.
- Hundertwasser Project – not a WDC project but with Council undertones – again a huge under-estimation in foundation costs due to inadequate geotechnical investigation.
- WDC Acceptance of Marsden City and Port Marsden Subdivision from the developers with its drainpipe problems. Consultants advised and contractors used pipes that could not resist the corrosive effects of the peaty soils.

Consultants do not often seemed to be penalised when their advice is faulty – why not??

Council needs to be more critical of Consultants advice and perhaps make Consultants competitively tender for contracts.

Planning – As a Ratepayers Association we are being continually bombarded with Town and Country Planning Reviews – Urban, Rural, Coastal, etc., etc. We realise there is a Statutory Requirement to make the Reviews.

Often Consultants are used in the Review processes, Public Hearings are held, etc. This comes at a high price and expenditure, with benefits that are not always apparent to Ratepayers.

We suggest that all Reviews required under the Town and Country Planning Act be suspended for at least one year and preferably for two years.

Annual and Long Term Plans – These cost a significant amount. Some years ago, we were informed they cost about \$300,000 annually.

Our Association did suggest the Annual Plans be replaced with Bi-ennial Plans. We believed it could lead to a greater flexibility for Council activities and better allow for reaction to new events, e.g., the present COVID-19 pandemic or very adverse weather events. Over a 10 year period the reduction in the preparation of such Plans would nearly halve the expenditure on this activity.

Staff Expenditure

In the proposed Annual Plan we can see no reference to control of staff recruitment or salary rates.

We submit that a staff salary freeze be put in place for 12 months and that a lid be kept on staff recruitment. Senior Management should be encouraged to take a cut in their salaries to show their willingness to share the financial pain that is being experienced in the general community.

Capital Projects Expenditure

In the Capital Projects List of Projects there are both major and a few small undefined projects which could be culled, from the list, or at least, deferred for 12 months,. They are, at this time of economic crisis, non-essential and are of nebulous worth.

We think the inclusion of the following Projects in the 2020-21 Annual Plan needs to be reviewed.

- Bus Terminal Development/Relocation \$320,000

This project could be delayed for at least one year – looks like Hundertwasser construction finish will face very significant completion delays and the tourism industry will be on the back-burner for an extended length of time.

- Sense of Place – Community Led Development \$297,000
- Transport Planning and Strategies \$213,000
- Blue/Green Network \$160,000
- Sense of Place – Community Led Development \$314,000

This topic appears twice in the list of Capital Projects.

- Whangarei City Centre Plan Implementation \$291,000
- Waterfront Programme \$130,000
- All Digital Council Projects – these need to be more critically evaluated, e.g., Corporate Performance Management (\$322,000)??. These projects should be of a “must have” variety – not “nice to have” ones. \$3,973,000
- Civic Centre (defer for 2 years)
\$12,784,000

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Total

\$18,482,000

The cost of the Airport Evaluation \$300,000 could also be added to the figure.

Council Response and Communication

As we have seen with Central Government's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, effective communication is essential.

There will be strong incentives for groups to wrap long-standing issues up as COVID-related. There is also a need for the inevitable pain to be evenly shared. There may be a tendency to "oil squeaky wheels" such as city centre businesses as opposed to those suffering elsewhere in the district. Remember Whangarei District covers a large area and has many land-use types.

Conclusion

In conclusion we are pleased to see a balance being struck between the need to constrain council expenditure, rates increases and the likely need to support the community at large. We support the ten points contained in the Ten Point Economic Recovery Response. However, we believe there is further scope to trim non-essential costs and that strong leadership will be required in the detailed planning and execution of the initiatives.

We thank Council for its consideration of this Submission.

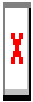
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<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Yes I agree with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it. The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance & running costs such as toilets and traffic management.</p> <p>The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>With the Covid 19 lock down basically halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially</p>
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and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers would be a more positive way of fundraising for the clubs going forward.

There is a large demand for trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fund raise for the local school or hall. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the hassle of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club can not organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get a shot at fund raising through trail bike rides.

With this model a local group would only need to come up with the volunteers for the mountain biking or trail bike riding and they could have a fundraiser.

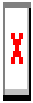
This would be a much better use of council land then leaving it for the drug growers and rubbish dumpers.

Each small event would bring extra customers to the Hikurangi town center which would benefit the local businesses



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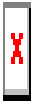
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	I think the rates should stay at the proposed 4.2% rise.
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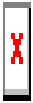
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No
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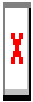
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	I oppose the proposed rates increase as there has been a significant impact on the incomes of the general population.
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Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>I understand the dilemma regarding rates increases that council faces. I think the 2.2% increase is sensible providing of course that the 3 million is spent wisely. I personally would like there to be some flexibility in the rates payments (such as waiving rate payments where appropriate). Not everyone has suffered the same degree of negative impact from the Covid19 environment. Yes, council projects will likely be delayed, however, people need to come first and there are many struggling just to feed their families. The 2.2% lesser increase is welcomed, but more relief is needed for some</p>
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