

Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 12 September, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Manaia Room, Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi,
9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance	His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo Cr Gavin Benney Cr Nicholas Connop Cr Ken Couper Cr Jayne Golightly Cr Phil Halse Cr Deborah Harding Cr Patrick Holmes Cr Scott McKenzie Cr Marie Olsen Cr Carol Peters Cr Simon Reid Cr Phoenix Ruka Cr Paul Yovich (Teams)
Scribe	N. Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

1. Karakia/Prayer

Cr Ruka opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

There were no apologies.

4. Decision Reports / Whakatau Rīpoata

4.1 Notice of Motion - revocation of resolution and substitution with another

Moved By Cr Marie Olsen

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council;

1. Revokes the following resolution from the Whangarei District Council meeting on 24 August 2023:

“That the Council pursuant to Section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, resolves to change to the Single Transferable Voting system for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections.”;

2. And resolves: Pursuant to Section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to retain the First Past the Post electoral system for the 2025 triennial election; and
3. Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to undertake a binding poll of electors on the electoral system to be used for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections, such a poll to be held in conjunction with the next Whangarei District Council triennial election (11 October 2025) to reduce the costs associated with the holding of a poll.

On the motion being put Cr Reid called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney			X
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Deborah Harding		X	
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	X		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Cr Phoenix Ruka		X	
Cr Paul Yovich	X		
Results	6	7	1

The motion was Lost (6 to 7)

5. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata

There was no business concluded in public excluded.

6. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

Cr Ruka closed the meeting with a karakia at 9.30am.

Confirmed this 28th day of September 2023

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Chairperson)