

## Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 April, 2025  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

**In Attendance**

**His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo**  
**Cr Gavin Benney (Teams)**  
**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**

**Scribe**

**N. Pestana (Team Leader. Democracy)**

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### **Administrative matters**

- Meeting livestreamed
- Elected Members attending electronically
- Supplementary report to replace Item 7.5 – Councillor Scott McKenzie - Notice of Motion - Replacement Notice of Motion and Additional Information

### **1. Karakia/Prayer**

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga**

Item 6.1 Notice of Motion - Local Government New Zealand Background Information

Item 7.1 Notice of Motion: Councillor Marie Olsen - Local Government New Zealand

Item 1.2 KPP Chair's Report

**3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai**

Cr Phoenix Ruka (late arrival).

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the apology be sustained.

**Carried**

**4. Public Forum / Huihuinga-a-tangata**

There were no speakers at public forum.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Whangarei District Council / Whakatau Meneti**

**5.1 Minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on 27 March 2025**

**Moved By** Cr Carol Peters

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held Thursday 27 March 2025, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

**Carried**

**5.2 Minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on 10 April 2025**

**Moved By** Cr Simon Reid

**Seconded By** Cr Marie Olsen

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held Thursday 10 April 2025, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

**Carried**

**6. Information Reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero**

**6.1 Notice of Motion – Local Government New Zealand Background Information**

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council notes the report.

**Carried**

*Declaration of interest:*

*His Worship the Mayor declared an interest as member of LGNZ National Council and Chair of LGNZ Zone 1.*

*Cr Ruka joined the meeting at 9.03am during discussion on Item 6.1.*

## **7. Decision Reports / Whakatauripoata**

*His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest as member of LGNZ National Council and Chair of LGNZ Zone 1, vacated the Chair and took no part in discussion or voting on Item 7.1. Deputy Mayor Cr Halse assumed the Chair for Item 7.1.*

### **7.1 Notice of Motion: Councillor Marie Olsen - Local Government New Zealand**

**Moved By** Cr Marie Olsen

**Seconded By** Cr Jayne Golightly

That the Council withdraw from Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

*On the motion being put Cr Holmes called for a division:*

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Motion was Lost (6 to 7)**

*Declaration of interest:*

*Cr Connop declared an interest as a member of LGNZ Young Elected Members Committee.*

*His Worship the Mayor re-assumed the Chair after voting on Item 7.1.  
Cr Phil Halse left the meeting at 10.14am after voting on Item 7.1.*

## **7.2 Fluoridation Litigation decision**

**Moved By** Cr Gavin Benney

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council

1. Notes that the decision of the High Court dated 21 March 2025 in which Council's application for interim relief was unsuccessful.
2. Notes the legal advice that it has received from Jeremy Browne in relation to the judicial review and declaration proceedings.
3. Notes the letter from Crown Law dated 17 April 2025.
4. Approves the withdrawal of Council's judicial review proceedings.
5. Approves the withdrawal of Council's declaration proceedings.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive to undertake those actions and instructions necessary to give effect to Council's resolution/s.
7. That Council investigates the installation of a 'fluoride free' tap for Whangarei residents and reports this back to Council at the June 2025 Council meeting.
8. That the affidavits of Philippe Grandjean and Bruce Lanphear be added to Whangarei District Council's website  
<https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Services/Water-services/Water-Supply/Fluoridation>
9. Appoints Councillor Gavin Benney or a nominee of this Council to work with staff to prepare an educational statement on the risks or possible implications of treating the water supply with hydrofluorosilicic acid.
10. That once completed, the statement will come to the May 2025 Council meeting for ratification.

*The motion was taken in parts.*

*On the motion being put Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 1 to 6.*

That the Council

1. Notes that the decision of the High Court dated 21 March 2025 in which Council's application for interim relief was unsuccessful.
2. Notes the legal advice that it has received from Jeremy Browne in relation to the judicial review and declaration proceedings.
3. Notes the letter from Crown Law dated 17 April 2025.
4. Approves the withdrawal of Council's judicial review proceedings.
5. Approves the withdrawal of Council's declaration proceedings.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive to undertake those actions and instructions necessary to give effect to Council's resolution/s.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly	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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Motion was Carried (13 to 0)**

*Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendation 7.*

7. That Council investigates the installation of a 'fluoride free' tap for Whangarei residents and reports this back to Council at the June 2025 Council meeting.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly	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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Motion was Carried (13 to 0)**

*Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendation 8.*

8. That the affidavits of Philippe Grandjean and Bruce Lanphear be added to Whangarei District Council's website  
<https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Services/Water-services/Water-Supply/Fluoridation>

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	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	
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Motion was Lost (5 to 8)**

*Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 9 and 10.*

9. Appoints Councillor Gavin Benney or a nominee of this Council to work with staff to prepare an educational statement on the risks or possible implications of treating the water supply with hydrofluorosilicic acid.
10. That once completed, the statement will come to the May 2025 Council meeting for ratification.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor			X
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	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	
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

**The Motion was Lost (5 to 6)**

*A break was taken from 10.58am to 11.10am following Item 7.2.*

*Cr Benney did not rejoin the meeting following the break.*

### **7.3 Establishment of a Northland Water Services Working Group**

**Moved By** Cr Scott McKenzie

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Council:

1. Agrees to form an elected member Joint Council Working Group from the Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council, focusing on the Local Waters Done Well (LWDW) programme.
2. Appoints the following three elected members to the Joint LWDW Working Group,
  - a. His Worship, Mayor Vince Cocurullo
  - b. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Phil Halse
  - c. Councillor Ken Couper
3. Agrees the draft terms of reference for the Joint LWDW Working Group as provided at Attachment A.
4. Agrees to appoint an independent qualified expert to the Joint LWDW Working Group.
5. Delegates to the Joint LWDW Working Group the authority to appoint the independent qualified expert to its membership.
6. Agrees that Whangarei District Council is the secretariat for the LWDW Working Group.
7. Notes that the Joint LWDW Working Group will make recommendations to each Council for future decision-making.
8. Notes the that Joint LWDW Working Group will be supported by an operational team from each council.
9. Agrees that any costs incurred by the Joint LWDW Working Group shall be shared equally between the Councils or as otherwise agreed by the Working Group.

#### Amendment

**Moved By** Cr Simon Reid

**Seconded By** Cr Marie Olsen

That the Council:

1. Agrees to form an elected member Joint Council Working Group from the Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council, focusing on the Local Waters Done Well (LWDW) programme.
2. Appoints the following three elected members to the Joint LWDW Working Group,
  - a. His Worship, Mayor Vince Cocurullo
  - b. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Phil Halse



- c. Councillor Paul Yovich
3. Agrees the draft terms of reference for the Joint LWDW Working Group as provided at Attachment A.
  4. Agrees to appoint an independent qualified expert to the Joint LWDW Working Group.
  5. Delegates to the Joint LWDW Working Group the authority to appoint the independent qualified expert to its membership.
  6. Agrees that Whangarei District Council is the secretariat for the LWDW Working Group.
  7. Notes that the Joint LWDW Working Group will make recommendations to each Council for future decision-making.
  8. Notes the that Joint LWDW Working Group will be supported by an operational team from each council.
  9. Agrees that any costs incurred by the Joint LWDW Working Group shall be shared equally between the Councils or as otherwise agreed by the Working Group.

*On the amendment being put Cr McKenzie called for a division:*

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Amendment was Lost (5 to 7)**

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

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor			X
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly		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	
<b>Results</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

**The Motion was Carried (7 to 4)  
and subsequently Carried as the  
substantive Motion**

#### **7.4 2025 Triennial Local Government Elections – Order of Candidates Names**

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Adopts the alphabetical order of candidate names on voting documents for the 2025 Triennial Local Government Election in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.

**Carried**

#### **7.5 Notice of Motion: Councillor Scott McKenzie - Accessible Ramp Inclusion in Ngunguru Seawall Project**

*This item was replaced with Item 7.5.1.*

##### **7.5.1 Councillor Scott McKenzie - Notice of Motion – Replacement Notice of Motion and Additional Information**

**Moved By** Cr Scott McKenzie

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges that an accessible ramp was not included in the original scope of the Ngunguru seawall construction project.
2. Notes that a design and cost estimate for the ramp has been prepared by staff, with an estimated cost of \$75,000.
3. Requests staff to prepare a report with options for including the accessible ramp during the current project works and return to Council for a decision at the Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.

**Carried**

*Cr Reid and Cr Yovich requested their abstention from voting on Item 7.5 be recorded.*

## **7.6 International Rally of Whangarei 2025 Funding Update**

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Receives and notes the International Rally of Whangarei 2025 funding update.
2. Approves the allocation of \$11,000 from the 2025-2026 Mayoral in-kind budget (included within the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan) to support the International Rally of Whangarei event in the 2025-2026 financial year.
3. Notes that under section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, if Council makes a decision which is significantly inconsistent with policy, it is required when making that decision to clearly identify:
  - The inconsistency; and
  - The reason for the inconsistency; and
  - Any intention of the local authority to amend the policy or plan to accommodate the decision.
4. Acknowledges that use of the Community Fund for the Rally of Whangarei 2025 would be inconsistent with the Community Funding Policy in that:
  - a. There has been no application to the fund.
  - b. There has been no competitive process.
  - c. It is inconsistent with the funding application criteria and process.
  - d. Is inconsistent with the Eligibility criteria for the Community Fund.

5. Approves the use of funds in a manner significantly inconsistent with the Community Funding Policy on the grounds that:
  - a. The Rally of Whangarei event has an estimated economic benefit to the region of \$2,522,704.
  - b. If funding is not provided, the event may not occur in the district in the 2025-2026 financial year and may not return to the district in future years.
  - c. The Community Development committee may, in rare circumstances, support applications and organisations outside the criteria in the Community Funding Policy where there is clear community benefit that outweighs any negative impact of going outside of the Policy, while continuing to use ratepayer funds responsibly.
  - d. There is no intention to amend the current Community Funding Policy
6. Approves the budget reallocation of \$52,000 from the 2025-2026 Community Fund budget (included within the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan) to provide a grant to International Rally of Whangarei event in the 2025-2026 financial year.
7. Notes that the \$52,000 budget reallocation from the 2025-26 Community Funds budget to Events - Grants will be adjusted within the final 2025-26 Annual Plan budget.
8. Requires that Rally New Zealand must, as a condition of receipt of funding, be required to:
  - a. Acknowledge Whangarei District Council in all publicity.
  - b. Return any unspent funds to Whangarei District Council if the project is cancelled or completed under budget.
  - c. Meet any additional terms and conditions that may be set by Whangarei District Council.
9. Delegates to the Chief Executive responsibility for negotiating suitable terms of funding with Rally New Zealand.
10. Acknowledges that a decision made outside policy, where the requirements in section 80 have not been satisfied exposes Council to possible challenge on the grounds of unreasonable decision making (judicial review) or possible audit issues and an Auditor General investigation.

#### Procedural Motion

**Moved By** Cr Scott McKenzie

**Seconded By** Cr Patrick Holmes

That the item lay on the table until June, pending Rally New Zealand seeking external funding so that Whangarei District Council is not required to fund this.

*On the procedural motion being put Cr Couper called for a division:*

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor		X	
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly		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	
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

**The Procedural Motion was Lost  
On the casting vote of His Worship the Mayor**

*The motion was taken in parts.*

*On the motion being put Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 1 and 2.*

That the Council:

1. Receives and notes the International Rally of Whangarei 2025 funding update.
2. Approves the allocation of \$11,000 from the 2025-2026 Mayoral in-kind budget (included within the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan) to support the International Rally of Whangarei event in the 2025-2026 financial year.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper	X		

Cr Jayne Golightly	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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Motion was Carried (12 to 1)**

*Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 3 to 10.*

3. Notes that under section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, if Council makes a decision which is significantly inconsistent with policy, it is required when making that decision to clearly identify:
  - The inconsistency; and
  - The reason for the inconsistency; and
  - Any intention of the local authority to amend the policy or plan to accommodate the decision.
4. Acknowledges that use of the Community Fund for the Rally of Whangarei 2025 would be inconsistent with the Community Funding Policy in that:
  - a. There has been no application to the fund.
  - b. There has been no competitive process.
  - c. It is inconsistent with the funding application criteria and process.
  - d. Is inconsistent with the Eligibility criteria for the Community Fund.
5. Approves the use of funds in a manner significantly inconsistent with the Community Funding Policy on the grounds that:
  - a. The Rally of Whangarei event has an estimated economic benefit to the region of \$2,522,704.
  - b. If funding is not provided, the event may not occur in the district in the 2025-2026 financial year and may not return to the district in future years.
  - c. The Community Development committee may, in rare circumstances, support applications and organisations outside the criteria in the Community Funding Policy where there is clear community benefit that outweighs any negative

- impact of going outside of the Policy, while continuing to use ratepayer funds responsibly.
- d. There is no intention to amend the current Community Funding Policy
6. Approves the budget reallocation of \$52,000 from the 2025-2026 Community Fund budget (included within the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan) to provide a grant to International Rally of Whangarei event in the 2025-2026 financial year.
  7. Notes that the \$52,000 budget reallocation from the 2025-26 Community Funds budget to Events - Grants will be adjusted within the final 2025-26 Annual Plan budget.
  8. Requires that Rally New Zealand must, as a condition of receipt of funding, be required to:
    - a. Acknowledge Whangarei District Council in all publicity.
    - b. Return any unspent funds to Whangarei District Council if the project is cancelled or completed under budget.
    - c. Meet any additional terms and conditions that may be set by Whangarei District Council.
  9. Delegates to the Chief Executive responsibility for negotiating suitable terms of funding with Rally New Zealand.
  10. Acknowledges that a decision made outside policy, where the requirements in section 80 have not been satisfied exposes Council to possible challenge on the grounds of unreasonable decision making (judicial review) or possible audit issues and an Auditor General investigation.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly	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		





### 7.9 Bylaws to regulate signs and nuisance, trading and events in public places

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Marie Olsen

That Council:

1. Agrees that a bylaw is the most appropriate way to regulate—
  - a. the display of signs in public places and, in some cases, on private property; and
  - b. nuisance behaviours, trading and events in public places;
2. Directs staff to prepare a Statement of Proposal to make new bylaws consistent with the findings in Attachments 1 and 2.

**Carried**

### 7.10 Temporary Road Closure - Māori All Blacks v Scotland

**Moved By** Cr Scott McKenzie

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Approves the proposal to temporarily close the following roads to ordinary traffic for the Māori All Blacks v Scotland and the Black Ferns vs Black Ferns XV rugby events on the following date/s in accordance with the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Okara Drive**, from the roundabout at Okara Drive & Porowini Ave to the roundabout at Okara Drive & Port Road

**Period of Closure:** 9am to 7pm

2. Approves the proposal to temporarily close the side roads off the roads to be closed for up to 100 metres from the intersection for safety purposes.
3. Delegates to the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and General Manager Transport and Community Infrastructure the power to give public notice of these proposed temporary closures, to consider any objections and to either approve, cancel or amend any or all of the temporary road closures if applicable.

**Carried**

## 7.11 Temporary Road Closure - Northland Car Club Motor Sport Event Series (June – July 2025)

**Moved By** Cr Marie Olsen

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Approves the temporary closure of the following roads to ordinary traffic for the Northland Car Club Motor Sport Event Series (June – July 2025) on the following dates in accordance with section 342 (1)(b) and Schedule 10 Clause 11 of the Local Government Act 1974.

### **Sunday 15th June 2025**

**Rosythe Road**, from 400m from the intersection of SH1 to 3km from the intersection of SH1.

**Period of Closure:** 8am to 5pm

### **Sunday 6th July 2025**

**Springfield Road**, from 7.5km from the intersection with SH1 to the intersection of Springfield Road and Kukumui Road.

**Period of Closure:** 8am to 5pm

### **Sunday 13th July 2025**

**Waiwarawara Drive**, from Theodore Drive to Casey Road (includes the Casey Road/Waiwarawara Drive roundabout and Theodore/Waiwarawara Drive roundabout).

**Roosevelt Road**, from Theodore Drive to Waiwarawara Drive.

**Period of Closure:** 8am to 5pm

2. Approves the temporary closure of the side roads off the roads to be closed for up to 100 metres from the intersection for safety purposes.
3. Delegates to the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and General Manager Transport and Community Infrastructure the power to give public notice of these proposed temporary closures, to consider any objections and to either approve, cancel or amend any or all of the temporary road closures if applicable.

**Carried**

## 7.12 Regional Deals update - April 2025

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Notes the Regional Deals update.

**Carried**

*The meeting adjourned at 12.58pm and readjourned at 2.15pm.*

*Cr Halse rejoined the meeting after the adjournment.*

*Cr McKenzie and Cr Peters rejoined the meeting on Teams after the adjournment.*

*Cr Golightly and Cr Olsen did not rejoin the meeting after the adjournment.*

## 8. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution</b>
Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council 27 March 2025	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
KPP Chair's Report		
Property – Infrastructure Agreement		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

Item	Grounds	Section
1.1	For the reasons stated in the open minutes	
1.2	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or it the subject of the information. To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(b)(ii)  Section 7(2)(i)
1.3	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)

**Carried**

*Cr Yovich requested his vote against the motion be recorded.*

**9. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui**

The meeting concluded at 3.06pm.

Confirmed this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Chairperson)