

Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 3 July, 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
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Jayne Golightly (Teams)
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Deborah Harding
Cr Patrick Holmes
Cr Scott McKenzie
Cr Marie Olsen
Cr Carol Peters (Teams)
Cr Simon Reid
Cr Paul Yovich

Not in Attendance

Cr Phoenix Ruka

Scribe

D.Garner (Democracy Adviser)

Administrative Matters

- Meeting livestreamed
- Councillors attending virtually

1. Karakia/Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Cr Phoenix Ruka

Moved By Cr Nicholas Connop

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That the apologies be sustained.

Cr Marie Olsen requested her vote against the motion be recorded.

Carried

4. Decision Reports / Whakatau Rīpoata

4.1 Adoption of the 2025-26 Annual Plan

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2025-26 Annual Plan.
2. Resolve to carry forward unspent capital projects as at 30 June 2025 (in addition to those already forecast) into the 2025-26 year and note these subsequent carry forwards will be part of a revised budget, which will be reported back to Council.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary drafting, typographical or corrections to the 2025-26 Annual Plan.

Carried

Cr Gavin Benney requested his abstention from voting on the motion be recorded.

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

4.2 2025-26 Rates Resolution

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council:

1. Having adopted the 2025-26 Annual Plan, including the 2025-26 Funding Impact Statement, resolves to set the following rates in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026:

a. General Rates

Rate/Differential category	Basis of assessment	Including GST
General Rates		
Uniform Annual General Charge	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit *	\$901.00
Residential category**	Per \$ of land value	0.0029173
Multi-Unit category**	Per \$ of land value	0.0058346
Miscellaneous category**	Per \$ of land value	0.0029173
Rural category**	Per \$ of land value	0.0041606
Commercial and Industrial category**	Per \$ of land value	0.0151823

b. Targeted Rates

Rate/Differential category	Basis of assessment	Including GST
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Stormwater Targeted Rate All rateable rating units in the district	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$79.00
Sewerage Rates (Connected to wastewater system) Residential category**	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$966.00
Other – non-residential**	Per pan or urinal	\$625.00
Water Rates Consumption charge <i>Note: where an invoice for water by meter relates to a period that spans two financial years, the consumption over the period will be pro-rated (i.e. the amount of water consumed or supplied in the first year will be charged at the first year's amount per cubic metre, and the amount consumed or supplied in the second financial year will be charged at the second year's amount per cubic metre).</i> Supply charge (metered) Availability charge Uniform charge (unmetered) Backflow preventer charge	Volume of metered water consumed per cubic metre Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the water is supplied* Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for which the water is available to be supplied* Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the water is supplied* Per water supply connection, based on the nature of connection 15/20mm connection 25mm connection 32mm connection 40mm connection 50/60mm connection 80/100mm connection 150mm connection 200/250mm connection	\$3.57 \$57.00 \$57.00 \$602.00 \$137.00 \$139.00 \$151.00 \$154.00 \$170.00 \$370.00 \$430.00 \$857.00
Hikurangi Swamp Hikurangi Swamp Special Rating District	Per hectare of land in the Hikurangi Swamp Special Rating District based on location within that area***	

Hikurangi Swamp Drainage Rating District	Class A approx 2,485ha	\$241.61
	Class B approx 1,425ha	\$217.44
	Class C approx 1,342ha	\$169.11
	Class D approx 1,970ha	\$24.15
	Class E approx 1,106ha	\$12.08
	Class F approx 32,353ha	\$4.83
	Per hectare of land in the Hikurangi Swamp Drainage Rating District based on location within that area***	
Roading seal extension rates	Class A approx 5,592 ha	\$24.45
	Class F approx 12,076ha	\$2.45
Attwood Road		
Brooks Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Glenmohr Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Massey Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$1150.00
Mountain View Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Nook Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$1150.00
Tahunatapu Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Tudehope Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Waiotoi Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$1150.00
	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00

* The definition of a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2025-26 Annual Plan.

** The definitions of these differential categories can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2025-26 Annual Plan.

*** The definitions of these specified and defined area of benefits can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2025-26 Annual Plan.

2. Resolves that the due dates for payment of rates and imposition of penalties are as follows:
- a. Due dates and penalty dates for rates other than metered water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges)**
- The due dates for rates other than metered water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges) are set out in the table below. The rates are invoiced in four equal instalments. Pursuant to Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be added to the amount of each instalment which remains unpaid after the due date for payment with penalties to be added on the penalty dates specified in the table below:

Instalment	Due date for payment	Date penalty will be added
One	20 August 2025	22 August 2025
Two	20 November 2025	24 November 2025
Three	20 February 2026	24 February 2026
Four	20 May 2026	22 May 2026

b. Due dates and penalty dates for metered water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges)

Water accounts are processed monthly, two-monthly or six-monthly. The supply and backflow preventer charges are invoiced equally over the relevant number of instalments. The due dates of these accounts will be relative to the consumer's cyclic billing period and will apply as specified in the table below:

Month water rates invoice issued	Due date for payment
July 2025	20 August 2025
August 2025	20 September 2025
September 2025	20 October 2025
October 2025	20 November 2025
November 2025	20 December 2025
December 2025	20 January 2026
January 2026	20 February 2026
February 2026	20 March 2026
March 2026	20 April 2026
April 2026	20 May 2026
May 2026	20 June 2026
June 2026	20 July 2026

Penalties will be added to water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges) not paid by the due date under Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. A penalty of ten percent (10%) will be applied to any portion of water rates unpaid after the due date, at the penalty dates specified in the table below:

Month water rates invoice issued	Date penalty will be added
July 2025	22 August 2025
August 2025	24 September 2025
September 2025	22 October 2025
October 2025	24 November 2025
November 2025	24 December 2025
December 2025	22 January 2026
January 2026	24 February 2026
February 2026	24 March 2026
March 2026	23 April 2026
April 2026	22 May 2026
May 2026	24 June 2026
June 2026	22 July 2026

3. Resolves that additional penalty charges will be applied in accordance with section 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, with a penalty of ten percent (10%) being added to any unpaid rates (including penalties previously added and water rates) from previous rating years that remain unpaid as at 10 July 2025. This penalty will be added on 10 September 2025.

On the motion being put Cr Marie Olsen 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 Simon Reid	X		
Cr Paul Yovich		X	
Results	8	2	2

The Motion was Carried (8 to 2)

Cr Carol Peters experienced technical issues whilst attending virtually and was unable to vote on the motion.

5. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata

There was no business held in public excluded.

6. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

His Worship the Mayor closed the meeting at 9:17am with prayer.

Confirmed this 24th day of July 2025

His Worship the Mayor (Chairperson)