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Thursday, 26 August 2021

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*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*  
**Hastings District Council: Council Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

# Minutes

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*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Thursday, 26 August 2021 (Postponed from 19 August 2021)**

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Venue **Via Zoom (Audiovisual link) under Covid Alert Level 4**

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Time start - end **1.07pm – 5.02pm**

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*Kua Tae ā-tinana:* **Chair - Tiamana:** Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst  
**Present** **Councillors - Ngā KaiKaunihera:** Councillors Bayden Barber, Alwyn Corban,  
**Via Zoom:** Malcolm Dixon, Damon Harvey, Tania Kerr (Deputy Chair), Eileen Lawson, Simon  
Nixon, Henare O’Keefe, Peleti Oli, Ann Redstone, Wendy Schollum, Sophie Siers,  
Geraldine Travers and Kevin Watkins

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*Kua Tatū:*  
**In attendance** Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle  
**Via Zoom:** Group Manager: Asset Management - Craig Thew  
Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O’Shaughnessy  
Group Manager: Strategy & Development – Craig Cameron  
Group Manager: People & Capability - Bronwyn Bayliss  
Group Manager: Corporate - Bruce Allan  
Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie  
Group Manager: Marketing & Communications – Naomi Ferguson  
Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager – Colin Hosford (Item 5)  
Director of Strategic Projects, Key Account Services & Council Investment  
Partnerships - Raoul Oosterkamp (Item 12)  
Senior Advisor: Democracy & Governance – Vicki Rusbatch

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*Kei Konei:*  
**Also present** Consultant Ross McLeod – Contextus Solutions Ltd (Item 7)  
**Via Zoom:** Consultant Darryl Griffin – electionz.com (Item 7)

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## 1. **OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA**

The opening prayer was given by Councillor O’Keefe.

## 2. **APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE - NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA ME TE WEHENGĀ Ā-HUI**

There were no apologies.

There were no requests for leave of absence.

### 3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

Councillor Travers/Councillor Dixon

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 18 May 2021, and the ordinary Council Meeting held 13 July 2021 be confirmed as accurate records.

CARRIED

### 5. DECLARATION OF RESERVE STATUS - MARTIN PLACE LANDSCAPE STRIP

(Document Ref 21/428; Attachment 70070#0005)

Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager, Colin Hosford presented the report and advised that no submissions had been received in response to the public notice.

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the Council Meeting held 26 August 2021 receive the report titled Declaration of Reserve Status - Martin Place Landscape Strip dated 19 August 2021.
- B) That Council resolves to declare Part Lot 9 & Lot 10 DP 14609 and Lot 2 DP16495 (shown on Attachment 1) as a reserve in accordance with section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977; and be classified as **Local Purpose Reserve – Buffer Strip** in accordance with section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977.
- C) That the Council exercises the delegation given to it by the Minister of Conservation and pursuant to section 14(4) of the Reserves Act 1977 confirms the Council decision to vest the above land as reserve; and instructs the Chief Executive to proceed with the Gazettal of the subject land on behalf of the Minister of Conservation. Part Lot 9 & Lot 10 DP 14609 and Lot 2 DP16495.

CARRIED

### 6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES AND OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(Document Ref 21/435)

Councillor Siers/Councillor Lawson

- A) That the Council Meeting held 26 August 2021 receive the report titled Proposed Amendments to Schedule of Appointments to Committees, Subcommittees and other External Organisations dated 19 August 2021.

- B) That Council approve following appointments:  
Louis Gaffaney as the Youth Council appointee to the International Advisory Group  
Finley Duncan as the Youth Council appointee (non-voting) to the Hastings District Rural Community Board and Rural Halls Subcommittee
- C) That Council note that the Youth Council will nominate an alternate Youth Council appointee (non-voting) on the Great Communities Subcommittee (to replace Lenaine Merrylees-Clarke who has left the area).
- D) That Councillor Alwyn Corban be removed from the District Licensing Committee, and that Council note that a report will come back for Council to consider making further appointments to the District Licensing Committee.
- E) That the 2019-22 Schedule of Appointments to Committees, Subcommittees and other External Organisations and the Hastings District Council Committee and Rural Community Board Register of Delegations 2019 -22 be amended accordingly to reflect the changes outlined in B), C) and D) above.

CARRIED

## 7. REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2021/22

(Document Ref 21/418, Appendices – Maps referred to in Recommendations (Volume 1); Council Discussion Documents (Volume 2); Representation Review Survey & Survey Results Dashboard (Volume 3)

Mayor Hazlehurst made her opening remarks and outlined proposed process for consideration of the item.

Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle provided background to the item and noted that the decision Council took on 18 May to adopt Māori representation had triggered the representation review.

Consultant Ross McLeod, Contextus Solutions Ltd, was present via audiovisual link, and presented the report. Population estimates for boundaries and meshblock shifts were being checked by Statistics NZ, and work was still being worked through in regard to community board meshblock shifts. The numbers in the initial proposal would be slightly different, but would have the official stamp of Statistics NZ. Mr McLeod responded to questions from the meeting. Minor corrections had been made to Option A paragraphs E) and E)v. and vi.

Councillor Watkins joined the meeting at 2.08pm.

Following questions and discussion, Option A (Preferred Option) was moved.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2021 receive the report titled Representation Review 2021/22 dated 19 August 2021.
- B) That the Council, in accordance with Sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, determines that for the triennial general election of the Hastings District Council to be held on Saturday 8 October 2022, the following representation arrangements will apply:

i. Hastings District, as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 3) to the report described in A) above, be divided into six wards, being five general wards and one Māori ward.

ii. Those six wards shall be:

**General Wards**

- a. Flaxmere, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 4) to the report described in A) above
- b. Hastings-Havelock North, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 5) to the report described in A) above
- c. Heretaunga, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 6) to the report described in A) above
- d. Kahurānaki, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 7) to the report described in A) above
- e. Mohaka, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 8) to the report described in A) above

**Māori Wards**

f. Takitimu, comprising the area of the whole of the Hastings District as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 9) to the report described in A) above.

iii. The Council will comprise the Mayor, and 15 Councillors elected as follows:

- a. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Flaxmere Ward
- b. 7 Councillors elected by the electors of the Hastings-Havelock North Ward
- c. 2 Councillors elected by the electors of the Heretaunga Ward
- d. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Kahurānaki Ward
- e. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Mohaka Ward
- f. 3 Councillors elected by the electors of the Takitimu Ward.

iv. There will be a Hastings District Rural Community as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 10) to the report described in A) above, comprising the area of the Kahurānaki and Mohaka Wards.

v. The community will be subdivided into four for electoral purposes.

vi. Those four subdivisions will be:

- a. Tūtira subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 11) to the report described in A) above
- b. Kaweka subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 12) to the report described in A) above
- c. Maraekākaho subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 13) to the report described in A) above
- d. Poukawa subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 14) to the report described in A) above.

- vii. The membership of Hastings District Rural Community Board will be as follows:
  - a. 1 member elected by the electors of the Tūtira subdivision
  - b. 1 member elected by the electors of the Kaweka subdivision
  - c. 1 member elected by the electors of the Maraekākaho subdivision
  - d. 1 member elected by the electors of the Poukawa subdivision
  - e. 3 members of the Council, 1 representing each of the Kahurānaki, Mohaka and Takitimu wards, appointed to the community board by the Council.
  
- C) That, as required by sections 19T(1)(b) and 19W(c) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the boundaries of the above wards and communities coincide with the current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand and used for Parliamentary electoral purposes.
  
- D) That, as required by sections 19T(1)(a) and 19W(b) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the six wards and one community being created and the number of members of each ward and community and subdivision will provide effective representation of communities of interest within Hastings District because:
  - i. The five General wards are considered to effectively and fairly represent the current distinct communities of interest that the Council has identified within the Hastings District, namely –
    - a. Flaxmere
    - b. Hastings-Havelock North
    - c. Heretaunga
    - d. Kahurānaki
    - e. Mohaka
  - ii. The Takitimu Māori ward will improve the effective representation of Māori interests within Hastings District, and in particular, those on the Māori electoral roll.
  - iii. The Hastings District Rural Community Board and its four subdivisions set out in B)iv. above provide fair and effective representation of the communities of interest of the large and sparsely populated rural areas of Hastings District.
  - iv. The 15 Councillors will provide for effective representation, good governance of the district and a Council that works effectively.
  
- E) That in accordance with section 19K of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council hereby records that the following changes have been made to the basis of election, membership and ward, community and subdivision boundaries within the Hastings District for the reasons set out:
  - i. The total number of Councillors to be elected is increased by one – the Council considers an additional Councillor will allow a Māori ward to be introduced while still maintaining effective representation across the District. It will also provide sufficient Council members to share the governance workload and provide for good governance.
  - ii. Introduction of the Takitimu Māori Ward – Council has determined to introduce a Māori Ward to improve effective representation for Māori within the District. Based on the total number of Councillors to be elected via wards, a single ward with three Māori Ward Members is introduced on the basis that this will provide for fair and effective

representation across the District of those electors who opt to be on the Māori electoral roll when exercising the Māori Electoral Option.

- iii. The following boundary adjustments to Council general electoral ward boundaries, namely –
- a. Meshblock **4015648** (Gracelands) – from Heretaunga Ward to Hastings-Havelock North Ward
  - b. Meshblock **4005098** (Summerset Retirement complex) – from Heretaunga Ward to Hastings-Havelock North Ward
  - c. Meshblock **4013349** (Sir James Wattie Retirement Village) – from Heretaunga Ward to Hastings-Havelock North Ward
  - d. Meshblock **1469704** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - e. Meshblock **1469708** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - f. Meshblock **1473300** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - g. Meshblock **1473400** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - h. Meshblock **1473500** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - i. Meshblock **1473600** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - j. Meshblock **1462901** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - k. Meshblock **1462902** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - l. Meshblock **1470209** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - m. Meshblock **1470211** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - n. Meshblock **1408402** (Ōmāhu Village) – from Mohaka Ward to Heretaunga Ward
  - o. Meshblock **1409100** (Ōmāhu Village) – from Mohaka Ward to Heretaunga Ward,
- are made as Council considers they will improve the effective representation of communities of interest (by shifting areas of the district into wards where they share greater commonalities with adjoining areas) and assist in achieving fair representation.
- iv. The following boundary adjustments to Rural Community Board Subdivision boundaries, namely –
- a. Meshblock **1463602** (Paki Paki) – from Poukawa Subdivision to Maraekākaho Subdivision
  - b. Meshblock **1463700** (Paki Paki) – from Poukawa Subdivision to Maraekākaho Subdivision,
- are made as Council considers they will assist in achieving fair representation and continue to provide effective representation of communities of interest.
- v. Representation for the Hastings – Havelock North General ward is reduced from eight members to seven members – given the introduction of a Māori Ward and the resulting



reallocation in voters from the general electoral roll to the Māori electoral roll, this reduction is made to achieve fair representation across wards.

- vi. Representation for the Flaxmere General ward is reduced from two members to one member – given the introduction of a Māori Ward and the resulting reallocation in voters from the general electoral roll to the Māori electoral roll (which particularly impacts the number of electors in Flaxmere Ward), this reduction is made to achieve fair representation across wards.
- F) That as required by section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001, public notice of the proposals contained in this resolution be given within 14 days of this resolution.

(SUBSEQUENTLY) **CARRIED**

Following debate on the motion, the meeting was adjourned to allow time for the consultant to prepare a draft amendment to provide for two Māori Wards – a Takitimu Ward and a separate Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) Ward.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.11pm  
And reconvened at 3.38pm

The Chief Executive spoke to the question around representation for Flaxmere. The paper did contain what an option would look like for a Māori ward for Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) which would mean two councillors in Flaxmere/Pāharakeke but would not address the under representation of the General Flaxmere Ward. The first preference of the hui a iwi first preference was a Takitimu Ward for the whole district.

Mr McLeod spoke to the amendments that would be made to the motion if the meeting were to endorse the amendment.

**Proposed Amendment** (*Proposed amendments to the Motion - Option A – in red*)

Councillor Travers/Councillor Redstone

That the Motion be amended as follows:

- B) That the Council, in accordance with Sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, determines that for the triennial general election of the Hastings District Council to be held on Saturday 8 October 2022, the following representation arrangements will apply:

- i. Hastings District, as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 3) to the report described in A) above, be divided into **seven** wards, being five general wards and **two** Māori wards.
- ii. Those **seven** wards shall be:

**General Wards**

- a. Flaxmere, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 4) to the report described in A) above

- b. Hastings-Havelock North, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 5) to the report described in A) above
- c. Heretaunga, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 6) to the report described in A) above
- d. Kahurānaki, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 7) to the report described in A) above
- e. Mohaka, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 8) to the report described in A) above

#### Māori Wards

- f. Takitimu, comprising the area of ~~the whole of~~ the Hastings District as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 25) to the minutes.
  - g. **Pāharakeke, comprising the area of the Hastings District as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 24) to the minutes**
- iii. The Council will comprise the Mayor, and 15 Councillors elected follows:
- a. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Flaxmere Ward
  - b. 7 Councillors elected by the electors of the Hastings-Havelock North Ward
  - c. 2 Councillors elected by the electors of the Heretaunga Ward
  - d. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Kahurānaki Ward
  - e. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Mohaka Ward
  - f. **2 Councillors elected by the electors of the Takitimu Ward.**
  - g. **1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Pāharakeke Ward.**

**Amended D ii** The Takitimu **and Pāharakeke** Māori wards will improve the effective representation of Māori interests within Hastings District, and in particular, those on the Māori electoral roll.

**Amended E i** The total number of Councillors to be elected is increased by one – the Council considers an additional Councillor will allow **a** Māori wards to be introduced while still maintaining effective representation across the District, It will also provide sufficient Council members to share the governance workload and provide for good governance.

**Amended E ii** Introduction of the Takitimu **and Pāharakeke** Māori Wards – Council has determined to introduce **a** Māori Wards to improve effective representation for Māori within the District. Based on the total number of Councillors to be elected via wards, **a two ward option with two Māori Ward Members for the Takitimu Ward and one Māori Ward Member for the Pāharakeke Ward** is introduced on that basis that this will provide for fair and effective representation ~~across the District~~ of those electors who opt to be on the Māori electoral roll when exercising the Māori Electoral Option.

The Amendment was PUT and

LOST

Mr Cameron drew the meeting's attention to minor corrections that had been made to the wording of Option A paragraphs (E)(v) and E)(vi) since the publication of the agenda.

The Mayor exercised her right of reply.

The Motion (Option A) was PUT and a hand vote was taken

CARRIED

11 votes For, 4 votes Against

Councillor Schollum requested that her vote AGAINST the motion be recorded.

Councillor Siers requested that her vote AGAINST the motion be recorded.

### **Attachments**

- 1 Agenda Item 7 Representation Review 2021/22 pdf

## **8. MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT AND FUNDING UPDATE**

(Document Ref 21/424)

Group Manager: Corporate, Bruce Allan spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting. Public Spaces Planning Manager, Rachel Stuart; Manager: Toitohi Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre, Megan Peacock Coyle; and Coltan Wright were also available to answer questions.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Lawson

- A. That the Council Meeting held 26 August 2021 receive the report titled Municipal Building Project and Funding Update dated 19 August 2021.
- B. That the Council approve the following expenditures:
  - i. Streetscape Upgrades for Heretaunga Street up to the value of \$800,000
  - ii. Municipal Building general fit-out up to the value of \$612,000
  - iii. Commercial first floor kitchen fit-out up to the value of \$200,000
  - iv. Soundproofing Opera House up to the value of \$119,000, noting that some of this work will only be undertaken if additional soundproofing is required.
  - v. Tenancy upgrades up to the value of \$130,000
  - vi. Hastings Information and ticketing centre fit-out up to the value of \$250,000
  - vii. Exterior Lighting up to the value of \$115,000
  - viii. Contingency up to the value of \$100,000
  - ix. Fees budget, increased by up to \$600,000
- C. Officers are instructed to manage the capital spend detailed in C above to ensure the total approved spend of \$2.926m is not overspent, however have Council approval to reallocate funding within the items detailed should certain deliverables go over budget.
- D. That Council agrees to bring forward \$220,000 from the 2023/24 City Centre Revitalisation budget to 2021/22 to enable the completion of both stages 1 & 2 of the Heretaunga Street East

300 block and the portion of Hastings Street outside the Municipal Building prior to the completion of the Municipal Building redevelopment works.

- E. That existing Toitōi capital expenditure budgets are utilised for the appropriate Municipal Building fit-outs.
- F. That \$2.164m of funding from the Building Renewal Reserve be reallocated to the elements of the project redevelopment and strengthening works, enabling existing approved funding for the Municipal Building to be reallocated to the fit-out and completion of the Municipal Building and Streetscape upgrades.

CARRIED

## 9. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

## 10. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

## 11. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 12

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Siers

**THAT the public now be excluded from the following parts of the meeting, namely;**

### 12 Strategic Land Matters

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the 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 is as follows:

<i>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</i>	<i>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED</i>	<i>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION</i>
12 Strategic Land Matters	<p><b>Section 7 (2) (i)</b></p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>To protect ongoing and/or future negotiations.</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</b></p> <p>Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.</p>

CARRIED

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The meeting closed at 5.02pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: