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Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

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Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 14 October 2021**

Venue **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
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Hastings**

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Kua Tae ā-tinana: **Chair - Tiamana:** Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst
Present: **Councillors - Ngā KaiKaunihera:** Councillors Bayden Barber, Alwyn Corban, 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

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Group Manager: Strategy & Development – Craig Cameron
Group Manager: Communications & Marketing – Naomi Fergusson
Director: Major Capital Projects Delivery, Graeme Hansen (Item 7)
Senior Projects Engineer, Steve Cave (Item 7)
Project Manager – Strategic, Sam Faulknor (Item 11)
Transportation Policy and Planning Manager, Bruce Conaghan (Item 11)
General Counsel – Scott Smith
Manager: Democracy & Governance Services – Louise Stettner
Senior Advisor: Democracy & Governance Services – Vicki Rusbatch
Democracy & Governance Services Advisor – Lynne Cox

Kei Konei:
Also present: Consultant, Ross McLeod (Contextus Solutions) – Item 5
Senior GIS Analyst - Michael Werrey (Item 5)
Consultant, Darryl Griffin (electionz.com) (via audio-visual link) – Item 5
Submitters for Agenda Item 5:
Sub 163 HDC Youth Council (Keelan Heesterman - Chair, Louis Gaffaney and Zoe Smith); Sub 3 Marei Apatu; Sub 125 Mike Paku; Sub 141 Anne Maloney; Sub 133 Paddy Maloney; Sub A05 Michael Lester; Subs A01 & 118 Hastings District Rural Community Board (Nick Dawson); Sub 149 NZ Federated Farmers (Rhea Dasent).

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by Councillor O’Keefe.

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

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

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

The Mayor reminded members to declare any conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

Under agenda item 5, Councillor Schollum declared that submissions had been made by direct family members (Submissions 28 (John Schollum), 107 (Linda Simons) and 135 (Shane Simons)). Councillor Siers also declared that a submission had been made by a family member - Submission 40 (Andy Tait Jamieson).

General Counsel, Scott Smith was asked to clarify the position in relation to submissions made by family members of councillors. Family members were entitled to make submissions, and he cited the example of a submission on the gambling policy that had been made by the spouse of a councillor. The submitter had made the submission in their own right, as an individual, and reflected their own personal views, not necessarily those of the councillor.

Councillor Schollum and Councillor Siers considered that they did not have conflicts of interest in relation to submissions made by members of their families and participated in the hearing of submissions, discussion and debate on item 5.

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

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Dixon

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held Thursday 30 September 2021 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held Thursday 7 October 2021 be confirmed as accurate records.

CARRIED

Livestreaming of the meeting commenced after the presentation of oral submissions.

5. **REPRESENTATION REVIEW: HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON INITIAL PROPOSAL AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL PROPOSAL**

Documents 21/484; Appendices CG-16-2-00852 and CG-16-2-00851

The Mayor welcomed submitters who were present to make their oral submissions to the Council.

Submission 163 Hastings District Youth Council

Keelan Heesterman, Louis Gaffaney and Zoe Smith read aloud the Youth Council's oral submission (ref CG-16-2-00898)

The main issues highlighted in the submission were: the proposed under-representation of Flaxmere; and the proposed increase in the number of councillors, which the submitters considered could reduce efficiencies and the level of individual councillor remuneration, which could in turn adversely impact on the potential diversity of candidates.

In response to questions from the meeting, the submitters explained that they were not advocating against any particular representation for any particular ward, but wanted to see more “balance” in the demographics around the Council table.

Submission 3 Marei Apatu and Submission 125 Mike Paku

Marei Apatu presented his oral submission (ref CG-16-2-0899), and summarised the feedback from the Hui a Iwi held at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga on 4 August 2021.

Representation of the people of Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) had been a focus point of discussion at the Hui. Approximately 57% of Māori living in Pāharakeke were nga matā waka (from outside of the Kahungunu area). There had been support from the Hui for a single Māori ward with three councillors across the entire district. “Takitimu” had been supported as the name for the Māori ward. There had also been a sense of support for the community board.

Mike Paku (Chairman of Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga) presented his submission.

In response to questions from the meeting, Mr Paku clarified that he supported the proposed “Takitimu” Ward with three councillors.

In response to further questions from the meeting, Mr Apatu and Mr Paku reiterated support for overall representation arrangements that provided for three Māori Ward councillors.

Submission 133 Paddy Maloney and Submission 141 Anne Maloney

Paddy Maloney presented his submission. He was not concerned about the relatively minor financial impact of adding one or more councillors to the existing number. He considered this could add further talent around the Council table.

Mr Maloney questioned the rationale behind the 14% under-representation of Flaxmere – he noted the large proportion of the population is Māori. He suggested that perhaps Council could think about one or two more councillors for Flaxmere to get a better scenario.

Anne Maloney presented her submission. There are many different peoples in Flaxmere –from all the different Pacific Islands, as well as farmers who have moved into Flaxmere. It is the perfect example of a community that needs to be over-represented. She suggested they need two councillors. You cannot assume that Māori ward councillors cover Flaxmere, as you would be forgetting about everyone else and all Māori who are not on the Māori electoral roll. Population per member – the make-up of the Flaxmere Ward and Council representation has nothing to do with the Māori wards. You need people from that community to represent that community, whoever they are. Throw some more councillors at it - you might get some really great ones. A community that really needs Council should not only be represented by one councillor.

Submission A05 Michael (Mick) Lester

Michael Lester presented his oral submission. He supported the movement of some of the meshblocks which had been moved to bring in similarities of communities of interest. In relation to the 14% under-representation of Flaxmere, he noted that Gisborne had had a -47% over-representation for a community of interest and the Local Government Commission had approved it

through. There were examples over the last few years where the LGC had been softer on the question of the +/-10%, and the 14% under-representation might not be out of kilter.

Mr Lester supported the Bridge Pa triangle moving to within the Plains area. As a former rural councillor, he was pleased with the proposed retention of both rural councillors and the 4 elected community board members. 1-1/2 hour drive to solve problems in the rural areas. In the majority of cases the community board members have very good relationships with staff. Resolve issues before they have to come before a committee or council. Mr Lester also supported the appointment of one of the Māori Ward members to the Rural Community Board, and noted there were a number of marae in the rural community board areas.

Mr Lester expressed concern about misinformation in the media after the initial proposal was put up. He was also concerned about possible predetermination by a Councillor shown in the newspaper and on Facebook last night.

Submission 118 Hastings District Rural Community Board (Chair, Nick Dawson)

Nick Dawson (ref CG-16-2-00900) spoke of the distinct rural communities of interest, and the history and success of the Rural Community Board. The Board had supported retaining the Rural Community Board and two rural wards with a rural councillor each. The Board believed the existing model, with the inclusion of a Māori Ward Councillor on the Rural Community Board, was the right and fair representation for the rural community.

At the Mayor's request, Mr Dawson explained that the Board currently comprised representatives elected from the four community board subdivisions and the 2 councillors elected from the two rural wards. The Board made recommendations to the Council.

Submission 149 NZ Federated Farmers, Rhea Dasent

Rhea Dasent read aloud the tabled further submission of NZ Federated Farmers (ref CG-16-2-00901).

The submission supported the retention of rural representation; retention of the wards as a basis for electing councillors and was in strong support of retaining the rural Kahurānaki and Mōhaka wards with one councillor from each. The submission supported the proposed population per elected member and agreed that the slight over representation for Kahurānaki and Heretaunga Wards was acceptable. Federated Farmers also considered the increased number of councillors overall was justified, particularly in a district with an area of 5,266 square kilometres, and with distinct communities of urban, village and rural people.

In response to a question from the meeting, Ms Dasent acknowledged that some incorrect information had been included in their original submission in relation to an historic representation review proposal that was never adopted. Federated Farmers membership– 405 members in Hawke's Bay; approximately 180 members in Hastings District.

The Mayor thanked the submitters for coming to present their submissions to Council.

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am
And reconvened at 10.58am*

The Mayor announced that livestreaming of the meeting had commenced. The meeting had reconvened following the hearing of oral submissions to the representation review initial proposal.

The Mayor advised that, because of the social distancing requirements of COVID-19 level two, some councillors were sitting on the outskirts of the Council table – Councillors Watkins, Travers, Siers, Harvey, Corban and Oli – who, although they might not be clearly visible on camera, would be able to be heard.

The Mayor spoke of the Representation Review journey so far to consider the most effective and fair representation for Hastings District. The need for a representation review had arisen out of the Council's decision to include Māori seats into the Council's governance structure. A total of 154 valid written submissions had been received, and the Council had heard oral submissions from its stakeholders – individual and rural, Māori, iwi and our urban communities. The role of the Council was to put forward a proposal that was fair for individuals and communities of interest across its very large and diverse district. Councillors would have to consider all views and all issues raised in submission together with the factual situation in order to find the most effective and efficient representation for the people of the District. The Mayor acknowledged and thanked officers and consultants for their work.

The Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle, then gave opening comment on the process. He referred to Council's decision in May to introduce Māori Wards for the 2022 and 2025 elections. He advised Council's role today was to consider submissions on its Initial Proposal and to determine Council's Final Proposal for the representation review. Council could either confirm the Initial Proposal or amend it based on issues raised in submissions.

To assist the meeting, there was a runsheet of themes/issues that had emerged from the submissions. The meeting would work through the runsheet and discuss each theme or issue, and then take an informal "straw poll" on each before moving onto the next topic. Following that process, an adjournment would be sought so that draft resolutions could be prepared to put to the meeting for formal consideration and debate.

Mr Bickle pointed out that while submitters had the freedom to make submissions outside of the requirements and framework of the Local Electoral Act, the Council did not have that freedom with its decision-making which needed to be based on the requirements set out in the Act:

- What are the communities of interest in the district?
- How do you provide for effective representation of those communities?
- How do you best balance effective representation with fair representation?

Mr Bickle advised that the Council had received a number of submissions on the initial proposal containing a range of heartfelt views: However, the communities of interest had not changed; the ward maps had not changed; the electoral population estimates had not changed; and the laws of mathematics had not changed. Council was still facing the same set of issues and the same equation it was facing when considering the Initial Proposal.

The Mayor then invited Consultant Ross McLeod to lead the meeting through the runsheet summarising the themes/issues raised in submissions. This information was covered in detail in section 4 of the agenda report. The meeting discussed the issues and officers and consultant advisors responded to questions from the meeting. At the end of discussion on each theme/issue, a straw poll was taken to identify whether the Council supported or rejected the submission theme/issue.

Straw Poll Indications:

- 1. Submissions in support of retaining the Rural Community Board.** Unanimous support for retaining the Rural Community Board.

2. Structure of Rural Community Board:

- **Support for proposed structure** - Support.
- **Takitimu Ward Councillor on Rural Community Board** - Support. *(Rural or Urban, a lot of Māori will have connections with the rural sector. 9 Marae in Mōhaka Ward.)*

3. Introduce Havelock North Community Board – Reject.

4. Introduce Flaxmere Community Board – Held pending discussion of Flaxmere Councillor Issues. Subsequently: Reject. *(Extensive discussion. Ward councillors did not support an elected community board as a means of improving representation for Flaxmere. The existing Flaxmere Planning Committee was made up of a very diverse group of passionate people working with Council on an existing programme of work; how would you ensure the diverse communities of Flaxmere were represented on a community board?)*

5. Boundary Adjustments. Specifically:

- **Tauroa Road from Kahurānaki into Hastings-Havelock North** – Revisit pending GIS maps. *(Size of the meshblocks goes beyond the residential out into the rural area)*
- **Oppose “Ngātarawa Triangle” meshblocks shift to Heretaunga Ward** – Reject (support initial proposal) *(Bridge Pa split now - Council had good reasons for fair representation and land use for making the shift.)*
- **Ōmāhu Road meshblocks to Hastings-Havelock North Ward rather than Heretaunga Ward** - Reject. Support initial proposal.
- **Investigate shifting Ōmāhu Village meshblocks into Flaxmere Ward** – *(Question whether there is a strong commonality of interest between Ōmāhu Village and urban settlement of Flaxmere.)* Support initial proposal and recommend Council investigate further at next representation review.

(There had also been support in submissions for movement of retirement villages from the Heretaunga Ward to the Hastings-Havelock North Ward.)

6. Wards/At large. Sub-issues:

- **Retain ward-based structure** – Support.
- **At-large councillor positions** – Reject.

7. Rural Wards. Sub-issues:

- **Retain Mōhaka and Kahurānaki Wards for effective Rural Representation** – Support.
- **Reduce rural representation** – Reject.

8. Retain Heretaunga Ward – Support initial proposal - 2 Councillors. *(Distance and workload)*

9. Structure of Māori Ward/s. Sub-themes submitted on:

- **Three Māori Ward model** – Reject.
- **Separate Pāharakeke Māori Ward for Flaxmere** – Reject. *(Extensive discussion. It is primarily a question of what works best for Māori representation. Pāharakeke Māori Ward would not solve the under-representation of Flaxmere representation issue.)*
- **Support for Takitimu Ward (single ward model)** – Support.

5. Boundary Adjustments. Continued:

- **Tauroa Road from Kahurānaki into Hastings-Havelock North** – Reject. *(Senior GIS Analyst, Michael Werrey displayed the relevant Tauroa Road meshblock and proposed boundaries. Mr McLeod explained that changing the boundary to move the meshblock in question would move 45 electors from Kahurānaki into Hastings-Havelock North)*

which would make the numbers less favourable in terms of the Kahurānaki Ward from a fair representation perspective. There was also a significant area of rural land in that and adjacent meshblocks.)

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.36pm
And reconvened at 1.12pm*

5.0 REPRESENTATION REVIEW: HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON INITIAL PROPOSAL AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL PROPOSAL... Continued

The meeting resumed consideration of themes/issues raised in submissions:

11. Flaxmere Councillor/s

- **Two Councillors for Flaxmere general ward** – (Subsequently rejected)

Mr McLeod summarised the following points:

- At the 2019 election over 12,000 people were represented by the two Flaxmere Councillors.
- With the introduction of Māori Ward/s, for 2022 elections the General electoral population would be 6830 and the Māori electoral population 5300.
- If Flaxmere was to have two Flaxmere Ward Councillors, it would be over-represented by 39% below the average population per councillor.
- To bring Flaxmere up to a level where it would be in the range for 2 councillors in the general ward would require another 5-5500 from the general electoral population of the district, which would amount to a sizable proportion of Hastings.
- If Hastings meshblocks comprising 5-5500 were moved into the Flaxmere Ward, would that still be “Flaxmere”? It would mean combining two different communities of interest, so why not just combine Flaxmere with Hastings-Havelock North and Flaxmere would then have 8 councillors.
- The Local Government Commission would make its own determination on fair representation and effective representation. The situation in 2012-13 was that with the Council’s initial proposal, the former Havelock North Ward with 2 councillors was under-represented by approximately 15% and the LGC determined that Havelock North and Hastings communities of interest were not too dissimilar and merged the two wards. It was noted that, in terms of the current HBRC representation arrangements, the Hastings Constituency combines the urban areas of Flaxmere, Hastings and Havelock North.
- There were precedents around the country where much higher +/-10% variations had been tolerated because of the community of interest factor; 14-15% seemed to be at the lower end of the range.

There was extensive discussion around the table on this issue. The following points were noted:

- With 3 Māori ward councillors and a third of their electoral population in Flaxmere, Flaxmere would be getting three additional representatives around the Council table.
- Flaxmere would have significant support with 3 Māori Councillors for the district; 1 Flaxmere Councillor and the rest of the elected Council supporting Flaxmere.

- 14% not that much more than 10%. Prefer one councillor for Flaxmere rather than risking the prospect of Flaxmere being merged with Hastings-Havelock North and Flaxmere losing its own representation.
- The addition of 3 councillors to represent Māori of the District much more significant in terms of gains and benefits than losing one Hastings-Havelock North and one Flaxmere Ward Councillor.
- Prefer 14 councillors which would do away with Flaxmere under-representation issue.

Councillor O'Keefe requested that his continuing support for Flaxmere representation to be recorded in the minutes.

- **One Councillor for Flaxmere** – Support.
- **Merge with Hastings-Havelock North** – Reject. Support initial proposal with separate Flaxmere Ward.
- **Flaxmere Community Board** – Reject. *(Officers were asked to investigate possibility of setting up another body with some decision-making powers. Council could set up governance arrangements for the next triennium, such as Flaxmere Subcommittee of Council with appointed members of the community.)*

There was extensive discussion around the Council table on this issue. The following points were noted:

- Prefer a non-elected community committee that Council can appoint members to to ensure diversity.
- Everyone around the table wants to do the best for Flaxmere – not sure that a community board model would do that.
- Support community board – has mana, is used in other councils and is a good pathway.
- Council has not had the opportunity to engage with the Flaxmere community to see what they would like.
- Great Communities Subcommittees has a focus on Fabulous Flaxmere, and there could be alteration to the terms of reference of some of our communities to give them a special focus on Flaxmere. These aspects can be taken into consideration rather than a compromise of a community board.
- This Council is very focussed on Flaxmere, but there is no guarantee that would happen after the next election.
- Need to represent Flaxmere's interests as best we can – should not be limited by existing structures.

In response to a question from the meeting, it was noted that outside of the representation review process, a community initiated petition signed by 10% of electors of the area could drive the establishment of a community board. It would come into effect at the subsequent election.

- **Compliance with +/-10% Requirement** – Reject. Support Initial Proposal. *(Council was unable to find a proposal that complied with the +/-10% requirement while providing for effective representation of communities of interest.)*

10. At least two councillors for every ward – Reject. *(Would require a much larger council size.)*
 Support initial proposal.

12. Hastings-Havelock North Ward. Sub-themes submitted on:

- **Separate Ward for Havelock North** – Reject. Support Initial Proposal.
- **8 Councillors for Hastings-Havelock North Ward** – Reject.
- **Reduce Hastings-Havelock North Ward Councillors** – Reject.
- **Initial Proposal (7 Councillors for Hastings-Havelock North Ward)** – Support.

13. Ward Names. Sub-themes submitted on:

- **Support for Takitimu Ward name** – Support.
- **Mōhaka Ward to be renamed after input from Kaumātua and PSGE/Taiwhenua** – Reject. *(Revisit at next representation review.)*
- **Māori Wards to be named after input from Kaumātua and PSGE/Taiwhenua** – Reject. *(Revisit at next representation review.)*

14. Size of Council. Sub-themes submitted on:

- **Support for reduced Council size – less than 14** – Reject.
- **Support for Council size of 14 Councillors** – Reject.
- **Council size of 15 Councillors** – Support for initial proposal.

15. Support for Initial Proposal

The Mayor advised that the meeting would now adjourn to enable the consultants and officers time to formulate draft resolutions/recommendations for the meeting's consideration.

*The meeting adjourned at 2.29pm
 And reconvened at 3.08pm*

The Mayor noted that all councillors were concerned about how to look after the interests of Flaxmere.

Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle, advised that the current Council can choose governance arrangements like standing committees and subcommittees. What are we looking to achieve as outcomes for Flaxmere. Standing Committee for Flaxmere. People/skillsets. Bring those people on as independently selected members for the skills they bring, pay them and put in place as part of the last year of this triennium of this Council. Could form a recommendation or action for staff as something we could bring back early in the new year for you to make some decisions on.

Mr McLeod took the meeting through the draft recommendations/resolutions which were modelled on what was included in the Initial Proposal, and then adding draft resolutions for consideration based on the straw polls and direction given at the meeting on the various submission themes:

B) i-xi sets out the topics/submission points that were to be accepted. None amend the Initial Proposal.

- B)xii accepts the overall initial proposal and gives the reason for that.
 - C) identifies the actions requested by submitters that Council is rejecting and the basis for Council's decision.
 - C)xxv lists the submissions/submission points that either said no with no reason given or were outside of the matters to be considered or the powers that the Council has under the LEA.
 - D) formally restates the initial proposal
 - E), F) and G) are all restatements of the initial proposal/resolution passed by Council including changes to the meshblocks from what currently exists.
 - H) instructs staff to give public notice of the proposal
- Below that, an additional proposed resolution captures the issues Council asked for further investigation on, and which Council may wish to add to.

Consultants and staff were complimented on capturing the views of the meeting in the reasons outlined in the recommendations/draft resolutions.

At the request of the meeting, recommendation C)v was amended.

In terms of meeting process, Mr McLeod suggested that the initial proposal be moved and seconded and if councillors wanted to suggest amendments in the normal way, the meeting would vote on those amendments.

The Motion was moved and seconded, and Mr McLeod took the meeting through each of the individual recommendations and sub-recommendations.

Councillor Travers/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Representation Review: Hearing of Submissions on Initial Proposal and Determination of Final Proposal dated 14 October 2021.
- B) That the following submissions/part submissions relating to the requested representation review actions listed be **accepted** for the reasons set out below (*Note – accepting the submission points does not alter the initial proposal*):
 - i. **Requested action – Retain Hastings District Rural Community Board**
Submitters – Rural Community Board, Federated Farmers Hawke's Bay, Mick Lester.
Reason – The Council considers that the Rural Community Board assists in providing effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.
 - ii. **Requested action/submission – Support for the structure of the Hastings District Rural Community Board as set out in the Initial Proposal (seven members - one elected member from each of the Tūtira, Kaweka, Maraekākaho and Poukawa Subdivisions; one appointed councillor member from each of the Mōhaka, Kahurānaki and Takitimu Wards)**
Submitters – Rural Community Board, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (particularly supports appointment of Councillor from Takitimu Ward), Mick Lester.
Reason – The Council considers the proposed structure of the Rural Community Board assists in providing effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.

- iii. **Requested action/submission – Support for the subdivision structure of the Hastings District Rural Community Board and boundary adjustments**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers the proposed structure of the Rural Community Board together with the boundary adjustments assists in providing effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.
- iv. **Requested action/submission – retain ward-based electoral system**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers that the ward-based electoral system contained in the Proposal provides for effective representation of communities of interest.
- v. **Requested action/submission – Retain Mōhaka and Kahurānaki Wards with one Councillor each**
Submitter – Rural Community Board, Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay, Helen Reid, Tim Tinker, Mick Lester, Kevin Mitchell, Andy Tait-Jamieson, Jim Galloway, Nick Dawson, Tim Hindmarsh.
Reason – The Council considers the Mōhaka and Kahurānaki Wards provide effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.
- vi. **Requested action/submission – Retain Heretaunga Ward with two councillors**
Submitter – Terence Eaton.
Reason – The Council considers the Heretaunga Ward provides effective representation for the coastal and plains village communities and the horticultural and viticultural land use communities of the Heretaunga Plains.
- vii. **Requested action/submission – Proceed with proposed Takitimu Ward (single Māori ward with three Councillors)**
Submitters – Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, Daniel Hape, Mike Paku, Ngaio Tiuka.
Reason – The Council considers that the proposed ward structure proposed provides for effective representation of the Māori electoral population and has received support from the electoral population via community consultation.
- viii. **Requested action/submission – Support urban boundary adjustments (retirement villages into Hastings-Havelock North Ward)**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers these boundary adjustments enhance effective representation of communities of interest by joining in one ward communities with strong commonalities of interest.
- ix. **Requested action/submission – Supports slight over-representation in Kahurānaki and Heretaunga Wards**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.

Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that the slight over-representation is part of an overall proposal that provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.

x. **Requested action/submission – Support/not opposed to increase in number of Councillors (but opposed to other aspects of Proposal)**

Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay, Paddy Maloney, Anne Maloney, Heather Gregory.

Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that an increase in Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.

xi. **Requested action/submission – Proceed with proposed Takitimu name for single Māori ward**

Submitter – Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

Reason – Based on community and iwi feedback, the Council considers this an appropriate name for the ward.

xii. **Requested action/submission – Proceed with Initial Proposal**

Submitter – Rural Community Board, Tim Tinker, Mick Lester, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (and investigate Flaxmere Community Board), Marei Apatu, Phillip Warner, Sukhdeep Singh, Rana Tama Te Rangi Huata, Ken Hutchison, Jenny Vercoe, Toro Waaka, Aretha Edwards, Daniel Hape, Rosie Dawson-Hewes, Cassandra Hall, Michael Kinney, Peter Kay, Jim Galloway, Nick Dawson, Mike Paku, Tim Hindmarsh, Ngaio Tiuka.

Reason – The Council has determined to proceed with the Initial Proposal. The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that the Proposal provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.

C) That the following submissions/part submissions relating to the requested representation review actions listed be **rejected** for the reasons set out below:

i. **Requested action/submission – Introduce ‘At-Large’ Councillor constituencies**

Submitter – Nigel Hounsborne (one vote per person).

Reasons – Council considers that ward-based representation is the best system for providing effective representation of communities of interest. Council notes that it could not move completely to an ‘at-large’ system of representation as having made the prior decision to introduce Māori wards it must have at least one general ward.

ii. **Requested action/submission – Concern that Takitimu Ward Councillor on Rural Community Board could be an urban person**

Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.

Reason – Council can consider this concern at time of appointment. Any amendment to remove the Takitimu Ward appointee would mean inequitable representation of the Māori electoral population within Rural Community Board area and a reduction in effective representation of the rural Māori electoral population.

iii. **Requested action/submission – Concern that increased Council size dilutes/reduces rural representation**

Submitter – Jerf van Beek.

Reason – The Council considers that the Proposal provides for effective representation of communities of interest and as fair representation as possible given the context for decision-making.

iv. **Requested action/submission – Introduce Havelock North Community Board**

Submitter – Rodney Metcalfe.

Reason – The Council does not consider that a community board is necessary to provide for effective representation of the Havelock North area.

v. **Requested action/submission – Introduce Flaxmere Community Board and establish Flaxmere Community**

Submitter – Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

Reason – The Council does not consider that a community board is necessarily the best method to provide for effective representation of the Flaxmere area.

vi. **Requested action/submission – Boundary Adjustment Tauroa Road Meshblock (4011086) from Kahurānaki Ward to Hastings Havelock North Ward**

Submitter – Kathryn Ingram.

Reason – The Council considers the placement of the meshblock in the Kahurānaki Ward is appropriate in keeping with the placement of adjoining meshblocks of a similar urban/rural border nature. The Council also considers that shift of the meshblock would detract from fair representation of electors.

vii. **Requested action/submission –Boundary Adjustment ‘Ngātarawa Triangle’ remain in Kahurānaki Ward**

Submitter – Alain Douyiliez.

Reason – The Council considers that the Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of the horticultural and viticultural land use communities within the ‘Ngātarawa Triangle’ area, and that inclusion of the ‘Ngātarawa Triangle’ area within Heretaunga Ward assists with providing for fair representation.

viii. **Requested action/submission –Boundary Adjustment Ōmāhu Road Meshblocks to Hastings Havelock North Ward**

Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.

Reason – The Council considers that Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of the Ōmāhu Road industrial and residential areas, and that inclusion of Ōmāhu Road industrial and residential areas within Heretaunga Ward assists with providing for fair representation.

- ix. **Requested action/submission – Investigate Boundary Adjustment Ōmāhu Village Meshblocks to Flaxmere Ward**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers that Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of the Ōmāhu Village in keeping with the other settlements that are part of the Heretaunga Ward, and that inclusion of Ōmāhu Village within Heretaunga Ward assists with providing for fair representation.

- x. **Requested action/submission – Reduce rural representation/concern at rural over-representation**
Submitter – Steven Lewis, Ralph Heesterman.
Reason – The Council considers that a reduction in rural representation would reduce effective representation of the rural communities of the Hastings District. The Council considers that such an outcome would be negative for the district particularly given the large and sparsely populated rural area within Hastings District and the importance of primary production activities to the wider district community.

- xi. **Requested action/submission – Introduce Two Māori Ward structure with a Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) Māori Ward and a ward for the balance of the district**
Submitter – Matt Goodin, Rachel Brown.
Reason – Based on feedback via community engagement, the Council considers that the Māori electoral population will be most effectively represented by a single Māori ward electing three councillors.

- xii. **Requested action/submission – Introduce a Three Māori Ward structure with a Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) Māori Ward, an Urban Ward and a Rural Ward (covering the Heretaunga, Mōhaka and Kahurānaki general ward areas)**
Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust.
Reason – Based on feedback via community engagement, the Council considers that the Māori electoral population will be most effectively represented by a single Māori ward electing three councillors. In addition, the Council considers that this option does not provide for fair representation between electors in the different proposed wards.

- xiii. **Requested action/submission – Introduce a proposal that has at least two councillors for every ward**
Submitter – Hayley Soanes.
Reason – The spread of the electoral population across the district means that this approach would result in either a very large Council or unfair representation well outside the +/-10% range. The Council considers that the former would not help achieve good governance and effective representation for communities while the latter would be unfair.

- xiv. **Requested action/submission – Adopt proposal that complies with +/-10%**
Submitter – John Schollum, Pamela Rawle.
Reason – Given the identified communities of interest within the district and the spread of Māori and general electoral populations, the Council has not been able to arrive at a proposal

that complies with the +/-10% requirement while also providing for effective representation of communities of interest.

xv. **Requested action/submission – Amend Proposal to include two Councillors for Flaxmere general Ward**

Submitter – Andy Dowley, Jeanette Makirere, Nic Dickinson, Dennis Coxon, Paula Mihaka, Pat Turley, Debbie Simmiss, Bronwyn Hopkins, Jennifer Anderson, Maxine McGovan, Sue Selwyn, Glennis Moriarty, Mandy Kimber, Kathryn Ingram, Do Adams, Nigel Woodley, Rachel Brown, Jim Stewart, Paddy Maloney, Heather Sanders, Anne Maloney, Pauline Elliot, Daniel Haddock, Keelan Heesterman.

Reason – This approach would create very significant over-representation of the Flaxmere Ward and would not provide for fair representation of electors.

xvi. **Requested action/submission – Increase representation for Flaxmere by merging Flaxmere Ward with Hastings-Havelock North Ward**

Submitters – Glenn Parris.

Reason – Council considers that removing a stand-alone Flaxmere Ward will reduce effective representation for the Flaxmere community of interest and combine communities of interest with reduced commonalities.

xvii. **Requested action/submission – Increase representation for Flaxmere** [exact method not specified]

Submitters – Steven Lewis, John Schollum, Margaret Dobson, Heather Wilkie, Claire Osborne, Joyce Chapman, Tamsin Mednis, Sally Coop, Alan Dillon, Les Hokianga, Ella Wroe, Janette Wrigley, Shane Simons, Lara Marshall, Rachel Bell, Matilda Ellis, Heather Gregory, Aloysius Melchers, Kelly Nolan, Chloe Leete, Hilary Heesterman, Hastings District Youth Council, Ralph Heesterman, Louis Gaffaney, Peter Church.

Reason – Council has not found a method to satisfactorily address under-representation of the Flaxmere general electoral population without creating other representation problems that cause unfair representation or detract from effective representation of communities of interest.

xviii. **Requested action/submission – Amend Proposal to establish a separate Havelock North Ward**

Submitters – Chris Johnson, Nic Dickinson, John Schollum, Tamsin Mednis, Dennis Coxon, Roland Broadbent, Louise Thompson, Sue Selwyn, Sally Coop, Sally Nolan.

Reason – This approach would create a ward that was under-represented. Council considers that the Hastings-Havelock North ward included in the Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of Havelock North.

xix. **Requested action/submission – Amend Proposal to include eight councillors for Hastings-Havelock North Ward and two for Flaxmere Ward (while reducing councillor numbers overall)**

Submitter – Cecile Hurford

Reason – While increasing councillor numbers in Hastings-Havelock North Ward would be possible, doing so while reducing councillor number overall would lead to significant under-

representation in other wards and a reduction in effective representation for rural and Heretaunga communities. Increasing Flaxmere Councillors to two would create significant over-representation of the Flaxmere ward.

xx. Requested action/submission – Reduce Councillor numbers in the Hastings-Havelock North Ward

Submitter – Ngaire Marsh (5), Jennifer Anderson, Ben Hutton, Carlene Tangohau, Kathryn Ingram,

Reason – Having assessed options with a reduced numbers of councillors for the Hastings-Havelock North Ward, the Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that the Initial Proposal (with 7 Councillors for Hastings-Havelock North) provides the optimal mix of effective and fair representation for the ward and across the district.

xxi. Requested action/submission – Rename Mōhaka Ward based on input from appropriate Kaumātua and PSGEs/Taiwhenua

Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust,

Reason – There is insufficient time available within the decision-making process to engage Kaumātua and other parties on naming of the Mōhaka Ward. However, this matter could be addressed ahead of the next representation review.

xxii. Requested action/submission – Name Māori wards based on input from appropriate Kaumātua and PSGEs/Taiwhenua

Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust,

Reason – There is insufficient time available within the decision-making process to further engage Kaumātua and other parties on naming of Māori wards. It is noted that the Takitimu ward name was nominated via a Hui-a-Iwi hosted by the two Taiwhenua active in the Hastings District. However, this matter could be addressed again ahead of the next representation review.

xxiii. Requested action/submission – Reduce Council size to less than 14 members

Submitter – Laura Jones, Steven Lewis (12 Councillor model), Christine Love (12), John Schollum, Andy Tait-Jamieson, Joanne Harry, Ian Jones (9), Tamsin Mednis, Waverley Burke, Dennis Coxon, Kate Hodgkinson, Ian Bauld, Grant Nicholson, Travis LeCompte, Rodney Metcalfe (12), James Judd (12), Mike Lewis, Pat Turley (11), Simon Cheer, John Reilly (11 or 12), Jonathan Harry, Ngaire Marsh, Chris Miles, Maxine McGovan, Tom Cartwright, Kirsty Caro, Carol Ferguson, Linda Simons, Alan Dillon, Victor Saywell (10), A Pivac, Matilda Ellis, Pauline Elliot, Aloysius Melchers, Kelly Nolan, Hastings District Youth Council, Hilary Heesterman, Ralph Heesterman, Keelan Heesterman, Louis Gaffaney.

Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing it, that the Proposal with 15 Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload. The Council also noted that a size of less than 14 Councillors elected by ward would reduce the number of Māori ward Councillors which would be out of keeping with the strong preferences expressed by the Māori community in recent related engagement processes. It would also likely reduce rural representation against the strong preferences of the rural communities of Hastings District.

xxiv. Requested action/submission – Amend Initial Proposal to reduce Council size to 14 Councillors (Status Quo – No increase)

Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust, Terence Eaton, Jason Taylor, Dennis Coxon, Russell Green, Michelle Evans, Dean Sewell, Kathryn Young, Louise Thompson, Danny McClure, Paul Jones, Michelle Klingender, Jeremy Klingender, Di Redman, Jennifer Anderson, Ben Hutton, Simon Nash, Sue Selwyn, Christine Blackberry, Kathryn Ingram, Kathryn Kinney, Do Adams, Nataliya Rik, Hunter Collins Kelly, Ella Wroe, Jim Stewart, Lynda Youren, Bridget McClure, Andrew Smith, Janette Wrigley, Shane Simons, Mra Hocking, Regan Wallis, Lara Marshall, Rachel Bell, KJ Bazzard, Jerf van Beek, Desmond Green.

Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing it, that the Proposal with 15 Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.

xxv. Requested action/submission – Opposed to Initial Proposal but no submission provided as to action requested; or particular suggestion out of scope for determination as part of representation review

Submitter - Kathryn Young, Steve Mawley, Pamela van den Berg, Paul Baker (seeks change to District Boundaries), Andrew Torr, Valerie King, P de B (first-past-the- post), Waverley Burke (seeks greater diversity on Council), Kelly Weilbach, Jacqui Hartley-Smith, Mel Schroder, Brendan Veale, Glenn Parris (referendum), Barbara Grieve, Kathryn Ingram (term limits), Wini Smiler, James Wilson (suggests Council size outside legal framework), Karen Craft, Sandra Tuilaepa, Renee Allan, Tania Anderson, Hastings District Youth Council (Greater Diversity), Keelan Heesterman (Remuneration), Louis Gaffaney (under-representation of youth).

Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing it, that the Proposal with 15 Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload. Council considers that the changes cannot be implemented as the preferred changes submitted are not within Council’s powers under the legal framework of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

D) That no changes be made to the Initial Proposal adopted by Council at its meeting held 26 August 2021, and that Council determines that the following representation arrangements will apply for the triennial election of the Hastings District Council to be held on Saturday 8 October 2022:

- i. Hastings District, as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 1) 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 2) to the report described in A) above
- b. Hastings-Havelock North, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 3) to the report described in A) above

- c. Heretaunga, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 4) to the report described in A) above
- d. Kahurānaki, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 5) to the report described in A) above
- e. Mōhaka, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 6) 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 7) 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 Mōhaka 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 8) to the report described in A) above, comprising the area of the Kahurānaki and Mōhaka 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 9) to the report described in A) above
 - b. Kaweka subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 10) to the report described in A) above
 - c. Maraekākaho subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 11) to the report described in A) above
 - d. Poukawa subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 12) 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, Mōhaka and Takitimu wards, appointed to the community board by the Council.

- E) 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.
- F) 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. Mōhaka
 - 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 D)vi. 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.
- G) 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 Mōhaka Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - o. Meshblock **1409100** (Ōmāhu Village) – from Mōhaka 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.

H) That as required by section 19N of the Local Electoral Act 2001, public notice of the proposals contained in this resolution be given.

Subsequently

CARRIED

The meeting debated the motion. The following points were noted:

- At over 5000km² – Hastings District is one of the largest and spread population provincial district councils and cannot be compared to a city council.
- 9 marae and 9 schools in Mōhaka ward.
- Size of our district, number of communities of interest means I cannot support a reduction in wards or councillors. Hastings is a district not a city.
- Little good reason or evidence to support a significant change in the current ward structure.
- Believe proposal is a fair and effective representation model.
- Some submitters were misinformed that Hastings was going to have a much larger council than Wellington for a much smaller population than Wellington.
- The complexity of the District is geographically, socio-economically and ethnically wide. We serve a complex community. The proposition to increase by only one more councillor despite having 3 additional Māori ward councillors, is sensible to get us over the line.

Councillor O’Keefe spoke against those parts of the proposal for one Flaxmere Ward councillor and asked for one of the Māori ward councillors to represent a separate Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) Ward.

Proposed Amendment

Councillor Oli/Councillor O’Keefe

That the representation review proposal be amended to provide for one dedicated Māori Ward Councillor for Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) (and for two Māori Ward councillors for the remainder of the District) since no other proposed under-representation solutions gives Flaxmere voters guaranteed representation on Council.

Councillor Barber spoke against the amendment: Council had received a number of submissions from iwi and taiwhenua that represent a number of Marae and Ngāti Kahungunu in support of one Takitimu Ward with 3 Māori councillors voted in at large. That should not be seen as something that is not supporting Flaxmere. Over 5300 Māori live in Flaxmere and the 3 Māori councillors will be voted in by them. Māori iwi and hapū have been waiting since 1840 to have a voice at the Council table. Support the current proposal, that we have an at large Māori ward with 3 councillors that will, by their voting mandate, need to support Flaxmere. Need to look at the whole district.

The Proposed Amendment was PUT and

LOST

Councillor Nixon asked for his abstention to be recorded.

Debate on the original motion resumed.

Mayor Hazlehurst gave notice of her intention to move a further motion in relation to investigation of options to strengthen representation and voice for Flaxmere.

The original Motion (Cr Travers/Cr Nixon) was PUT and

CARRIED

Councillors Harvey, Schollum, Oli and O’Keefe asked for their votes against the motion to be recorded.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Watkins

- I) That officers investigate the establishment of a Flaxmere Standing Committee or Subcommittee and recommendations come back to Council in February 2022, and include additional opportunities for strengthening representation and voice for the Flaxmere community.
- J) That Council investigate the following matters either at the next representation review, or in the interim, as appropriate:
 - a) Naming of wards including Mōhaka and Takitimu in conjunction with appropriate iwi, Māori communities, kaumātua, Post Settlement Governance Entities and Taiwhenua;
 - b) Appropriate ward location for the Ōmāhu Village.

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked councillors, officers and consultants.

6. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES

Document 21/537

Councillor Kerr/Councillor Lawson

- A) That Council receive the report titled 2021 Meeting Schedule Changes dated 14 October 2021.
- B) That Council adopt the schedule of meetings for 2021 amended as follows:

Civic & Administration Subcommittee	New Meeting	Thursday, 28 October 2021 at 9.00am
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Council Meeting	New Meeting	Tuesday, 30 November 2021 at 1pm
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CARRIED

7. WHAKATŪ WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE - RECLASSIFICATION OF NGARURORO AVENUE RESERVE

Documents 21/540 and attachments PRJ18-61-0492; PRJ18-61-0489; PRJ18-61-0490; PRJ18-61-0491

Senior Projects Engineer, Steve Cave, presented his report.

Councillor Corban/Councillor Redstone

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Whakatū Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Reclassification of Ngaruroro Avenue Reserve dated 14 October 2021.

- B) That the Council endorses part of Ngaruroro Avenue Reserve as the preferred site for the new drinking water treatment plant and reservoir for Whakatū and the accompanying reserve enhancement mitigation package.
- C) That the Council directs the CEO to enact the proposed statutory planning process, as outlined in Attachment 2, for obtaining the necessary consents to allow the construction of the new water reservoir and water treatment plant on Ngaruroro Avenue Reserve.
- D) That the Council approves the public notification of:
 - i. the proposed reclassification pursuant to section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 of those parts of the Ngaruroro Avenue Reserve defined as:
 - a. part Lot 6 DP 13882 shown marked '0.0373 ha' on Attachment 1
 - b. part Lot 6 DP 13882 shown marked '0.0347 ha' on Attachment 1
 from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose (Public Utility) Reserve under section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977;
 - ii. the proposed grant of a right to convey water, electricity and telecommunications easement under section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977 over that part of Lot 6 DP 13882 shaded blue on Attachment 1 for the benefit of the Local Purpose (Public Utility) Reserve marked '0.0347 ha' on Attachment 1;
 - iii. the proposed grant of a right to convey water, electricity and telecommunications easement under section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977 over that part of Lot 6 DP 13882 shaded green on Attachment 1 for the benefit of the Local Purpose (Public Utility) Reserve marked '0.0373 ha' and '0.347 ha' on Attachment 1; and
 - iv. the proposed grant of a right of way easement under section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977 over that part of Lot 6 DP 13882 shaded purple hatched on Attachment 1 for the benefit of the Local Purpose (Public Utility) Reserve marked '0.0373 ha' on Attachment 1.

CARRIED

8. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

9. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

The meeting was referred to the tabled report from the Chief Executive requesting that an Extraordinary Council Meeting be held on 21 October 2022. The matter was urgent and needed to be determined before the next scheduled Council meeting (28 October) as urgent recruitment and other decisions needed to be made before Splash Planet could open.

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Lawson

That the request from the Chief Executive for an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on 21 October 2021 be addressed at the 14 October Council Meeting as Urgent Agenda Item 9.

CARRIED

9. REQUEST FOR EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Document 21/566

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Lawson

- A) The Council receive the report titled Request for Extraordinary Council Meeting dated 14 October 2021.
- B) That Council authorise an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Thursday 21 October 2021, 1pm.
- C) That Council note that the general matter to be discussed is that under the current Covid-19 Alert Level 2 restrictions and active cases in New Zealand, officers require a decision on whether to continue planning to open Splash Planet for the 2021/22 season.
- D) That Council note that the matter is urgent and must be determined prior to the next scheduled Council meeting (28 October 2021) as there are urgent recruitment decisions that must be made before Splash Planet can open.

CARRIED

10. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 11

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Redstone

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

11 Land to be Acquired

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>
11 Land to be Acquired	Section 7 (2) (i) 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). Land negotiations and commercially sensitive information.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) 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.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4.45pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: