

Council Meeting Minutes 25 July 2023

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Minutes

**Council meeting held Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 9.30am
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tapsell (Chair)
Cr Kai Fong (Deputy Chair), Cr Barker, Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell
Cr O'Brien, Cr Paterson, Cr Wang, Cr Waru
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VIA AUDIO VISUAL:** Cr Brown
- APOLOGIES:** Cr Waru for lateness and Cr Kereopa for early departure (if required)
- STAFF PRESENT:** G Williams, Chief Executive;
T Collé, Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Enablement;
J.P Gaston, Deputy Chief Executive, District Development;
O Hopkins, Deputy Chief Executive, District Leadership & Democracy;
S Michael, Deputy Chief Executive. Infrastructure & Environmental
Solutions;
A Pewhairangi, Deputy Chief Executive, Community Wellbeing;
G Rangī, Deputy Chief Executive, Te Arawa Partnership;
I Tiriana, Manager, Council Communications;
D Cossar, Governance & Democracy Manager;
D Jensen, Director of Finance;
R Dunn, Governance & Democracy Advisor;
G Kieck, Corporate Planning and Strategy Manager;
N Michael, Executive of Communications, Mayor's Office;
G Konara, Governance Support Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.31am

The Mayor welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public.

1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI OPENING KARAKIA

Cr O'Brien opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Acknowledgement

Mayor Tapsell acknowledged the passing of two current staff members and a former staff member:-

- Teresa Ericksen, Customer Advisor,
- Brendan Kidd, Land Development Compliance Engineer,
- Errol Hay, Business Support Coordinator, Consent Solutions.

The council observed a moment of silence.

**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA
APOLOGIES****Resolved;**

- 1. That the apologies from Cr Waru for lateness and Cr Kereopa for early departure (if required) be accepted.**

Moved: Cr Kai Fong

Seconded: Cr Barker

CARRIED**3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE
URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI
CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES****5.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28 JUNE 2023**

19872948

Resolved;

- 1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 28 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Moved: Cr Kereopa

Seconded: Cr Paterson

CARRIED**6. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI
STAFF REPORTS****6.1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 (INFORMATION ONLY)**

19908960

Resolved

- 1. That the report titled "Financial Performance for the Twelve Months ended 30 June 2023" be received.**

Moved: Cr O'Brien

Seconded: Cr Lee

CARRIED

Thomas Collé and David Jensen overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled "Rotorua Lakes Council Financial Update – June 2023" (Attachment 1).

6.2 ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES (DECISION REQUIRED)

19881118

Resolved

1. **That the report titled "Electoral System and Order of Candidate names" be received.**

Moved: Cr O'Brien

Seconded: Cr Barker

CARRIED

Rick Dunn and Oonagh Hopkins overviewed the report.

Further Resolved

2. **That Council adopt "First Past the Post" Electoral system for the next two local elections (2025 and 2028).**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Paterson

CARRIED

Vote recorded against- Cr Wang

Attendance: – Cr Waru joined the meeting at 10.01am.

Further Resolved

3. **That Council adopt the "random option" for candidate names shown on voting documents for the next two local elections (2025 and 2028) and any subsequent by-elections.**

Moved: Cr Barker

Seconded: Cr Lee

CARRIED

Action Point

- The Mayor asked that staff explore the possibility of having STV (Mayoral candidates) /FPP (Councillor candidates) electoral system in place for the future.

The Chair ruled to receive item 6.4 as the next item.

6.4 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP AND DEMOCRACY – PROGRESS REPORT – JUNE 2023

19874110

Resolved

1. **That the report titled “District Leadership and Democracy – Progress Report – June 2023” be received.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr O’Brien

CARRIED

Oonagh Hopkins overviewed the report.

Action Points

- Request for comparison data on number of livestream views between Rotorua Lakes Council and similar size councils.
- Look at consistency with the terms used on the website (e.g. – “Let’s talk /Kōrero mai” or “Have your say”).
- Explore having more user-friendly documentation available on website for people with intellectual disabilities.

6.3 ORGANISATIONAL ENABLEMENT – PROGRESS REPORT

19870852

Resolved

1. **That the report titled “Organisational Enablement – Progress Report” be received.**

Moved: Cr Kereopa

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

CARRIED

Thomas Collé overviewed the report.

Action Point

- Request for data on dog registration numbers, to understand if to understand if overall registration numbers are increasing.

6.5 TE ARAWA PARTNERSHIP – PROGRESS REPORT

19897901

Resolved

1. **That the report titled “Te Arawa Partnership – Progress Report” be received.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr Kereopa

CARRIED

Gina Rangi overviewed the report.

6.6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE RELEASED (INFORMATION ONLY)

19877751

Resolved

- 1. That the report titled "Confidential Items to be Released" be received.**

Moved: Cr O'Brien

Seconded: Cr Kereopa

CARRIED

Oonagh Hopkins overviewed the report.

**7. TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA
CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr O'Brien closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am

Confirmed at a Council meeting on 23 August 2023.



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Chair

Note:-Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council