



**ROTORUA  
LAKES COUNCIL**  
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

# Kaupapataka Agenda

## NOTICE OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Date:** Wednesday 28 August 2024

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Venue:** Council Chamber

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Chair

Mayor Tapsell

#### Members

Cr Barker  
Cr Kereopa  
Cr Lee  
Cr Maxwell

Cr Kai Fong  
Cr Brown  
Cr O'Brien  
Cr Paterson  
Cr Wang  
Cr Waru

#### Quorum

6

**Andrew Moraes  
Chief Executive**

**NGĀ TUKUNGA HAE PAPA A TE KAUNIHERA  
COUNCIL DELEGATIONS**

<b>Type of Committee</b>	Council Committee
<b>Subordinate to</b>	N/A
<b>Subordinate Committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Licencing Committee</li> <li>• Audit and Risk Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Legislative Basis</b>	Schedule 7 s30 (1) (A), Local Government Act 2002 Committee delegated powers by the Council as per Schedule 7, S32, Local Government Act 2002
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of the Council is to make decisions on all matters that cannot be delegated, that it has not delegated or that it has had referred to it by staff or a committee.
<b>Reference</b>	01-15-016
<b>Membership</b>	Mayor (Chair) Deputy Mayor (Deputy Chair) All elected members
<b>Quorum</b>	6
<b>Meeting frequency</b>	Monthly
<b>Delegations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the power to make a rate</li> <li>• the power to make a bylaw</li> <li>• the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long-term Plan</li> <li>• the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan, or annual report</li> <li>• the power to appoint a chief executive</li> <li>• the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the LGA 2002 in association with the long-term plan, or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement</li> <li>• the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy</li> <li>• the power to set and support strategies in measures related to emergency matters.</li> <li>• all the powers, duties and discretions under the Civil Defence Act for the proper operation and administration of the approved Civil Defence Plan; such delegation to be executed solely within the defined policy guidelines as determined from time to time by the Council and subject to the Financial limits imposed by the approved Council estimates.</li> </ul> <p>Additional responsibilities retained by the Council committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise and support the mayor on the development of the long-term plan and annual plans</li> <li>• Approval of long-term plan or annual plan consultation documents, and supporting information and consultation process prior to consultation</li> <li>• Approval of a draft bylaw prior to consultation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolutions required to be made by a local authority under the Local Electoral Act 2001, including the appointment of the electoral officer</li> <li>• Adoption of, and amendment to the Committee Terms of Reference, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Relationships with the Te Tatau o te Arawa board, including the funding agreement</li> <li>• Monitor the overall financial management and performance of the council</li> <li>• Make financial decisions required outside of the annual plan budgeting processes</li> <li>• Approve the council's insurance strategy and annual insurance placement for Council</li> <li>• Write-offs</li> <li>• Acquisition of property in accordance with the Long-term Plan</li> <li>• Disposals in accordance with the Long-term Plan</li> <li>• Review the Chief Executive's performance annually and establish performance targets for each year</li> <li>• Undertake a performance review at the end of the first term of appointment as required by Schedule 7, clause 35 of the Local Government Act 2002. Undertaken no less than 6 months before the date on which the chief executive's contract of employment for the first term expires.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Statutes</b>	All the duties and responsibilities listed above must be carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation.
<b>Limits to Delegations</b>	Powers that cannot be delegated to committees a per the Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 7 S32.

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## 1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

### TŪTAWA MAI

Tūtawa mai i runga  
Tūtawa mai i raro  
Tūtawa mai i roto  
Tūtawa mai i waho  
Kia tau ai te mauri tū  
Te mauri ora, ki te katoa  
Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

### TŪTAWA MAI

I summon from above  
I summon from below  
I summon from within  
I summon the surrounding environment  
The universal vitality and energy to infuse and  
enrich all present  
Enriched, unified and blessed

## 2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES

The Chair invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Council; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

## 3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

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

### Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed

The Chair will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of Rotorua Lakes Council

The Chair shall state to the meeting.

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Rotorua Lakes Council. s.46A (7), LGOIMA

### Discussion of minor matters not on the agenda.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Rotorua Lakes Council.

The Chair shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Rotorua Lakes Council for further discussion

s.46A (7), LGOIMA

**5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

# Minutes (Draft)

Council meeting  
held Wednesday 24 July 2024 at 9:30 am  
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tapsell (Chair)  
Cr Kai Fong, Cr Brown, Cr Barker, Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell, Cr O'Brien, Cr Paterson, Cr Wang, Cr Waru

STAFF PRESENT: A Moraes, Chief Executive;  
T Collé, Group Manager, Corporate Services;  
J-P Gaston, Group Manager, Community and District Development;  
O Hopkins, Executive Director, Corporate Planning and Governance;  
R George, Director, Infrastructure and Environment;  
D Cossar, Governance & Democracy Manager;  
G Kieck, Manager, Corporate Strategy and Planning;  
I Tiriana, Manager Communications, Marketing and Communications;  
N Michael, Senior Communications Advisor, Mayor's Office;  
G Konara, Governance & Democracy Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.39am.

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

## 1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Barker opened the meeting with a Karakia.

## 2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES

None.

## 3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Lee declared that he had considered his obligations and had no conflict of interest regarding Springfield Golf Course.

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

The two notices of motion which were declined are attached as Attachment 1 and 2.

Attachment 1 – Notice of Motion received from Cr Kereopa.

Attachment 2 – Notice of Motion received from Cr Paterson.

##### Action point

- Cr O’Brien requested an update on the status of the Emergency Housing Motels that have not applied for a renewal of their resource applications.

Meeting was adjourned at 9.54am.

Meeting resumed at 9.55am.

#### 5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### 5.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2024

###### **RESOLVED C 24/07-029**

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Cr Waru

1. **That the minutes of the Council Meeting held 26 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

##### 5.2 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2024

###### **RESOLVED C 24/07-030**

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Cr Waru

1. **That the minutes of the Council Meeting held 3 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**



**6 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS**

The Chair ruled to discuss item 6.6 as the next item and that under Standing Order 3.5, the standing orders be removed for this item only.

**6.6 PROCEDURAL MOTION - PROPOSED RESERVE LEASE FOR THE SPRINGFIELD GOLF COURSE**

Andrew Moraes briefed the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10.50am.

Meeting resumed at 11.10am.

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Kai Fong

Seconded: Mayor Tapsell

- 1. That Council direct the Chief Executive to commence negotiations to offer a 33 year lease with an initial term of between 3 and 10 years before the alternative use clause is activated and such terms and conditions of a final lease be approved by the Council at a subsequent date.**

In Favour: Mayor Tapsell, Cr Kai Fong, Cr Brown, Cr Wang and Cr Waru

Against: Cr Barker, Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell, Cr O'Brien and Cr Paterson

**LOST 5/6**

Meeting adjourned at 12.06pm.

Meeting resumed at 12.16pm.

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr O'Brien

Seconded: Mayor Tapsell

**Option 2: Approve a lease for a term of 10 years plus two rights of renewal (to be agreed by both parties), for a total lease period of 30 years on the following terms and conditions:**

- **Inclusion of an alternative use clause in the lease but that the alternative lease clause does not come into effect until after the first 10 year term.**

**RESOLVED C 24/07-031****AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr Kereopa

1. That Council direct the Chief Executive to prepare a report to come back to Council offering a lease for a term of 10 years plus two rights of renewal (to be agreed by both parties), for a total lease period of 30 years on the following terms and conditions:
  - Inclusion of an alternative use clause in the lease but that the alternative lease clause does not come into effect until after the first 10 year term.
  - That if that alternative use clause is not invoked that progresses to the next 10 years.
  - That the new lease does not come into effect until the expiration of the existing lease in 2027.
  - That the mutually agreed lease comes back to Council for final approval.

In Favour: Mayor Tapsell, Cr Barker, Cr Brown, Cr Kereopa, Cr Maxwell, Cr O'Brien, Cr Paterson and Cr Waru

Against: Cr Kai Fong, Cr Lee and Cr Wang

**CARRIED 8/3****6.1 REMITS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****RESOLVED C 24/07-032**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Waru

**HE TŪTOHUNGA  
RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the report Remits to Local Government New Zealand 2024 Annual General Meeting be received.
2. That Council notes the following remits are proposed:
  1. Representation reviews
  2. Community Services Card
  3. Local Government constituencies & wards should not be subject to referendum
  4. Entrenchment of Māori ward seats for local government
  5. Graduated driver licensing system
  6. Proactive lever to mitigate the deterioration of unoccupied buildings
  7. Appropriate funding models for central government initiatives
  8. Goods and services tax (GST) revenue sharing with local government

**CARRIED**

Oonagh Hopkins overviewed the report.

**RESOLVED C 24/07-033**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Wang

1. That Council support the proposed “Representation reviews” remit.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED C 24/07-034**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

2. That Council support the proposed “Community Services Card” remit.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED C 24/07-035**

Moved: Cr Kereopa

Seconded: Cr Brown

3. That Council support the proposed “Local Government constituencies & wards should not be subject to referendum” remit.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Kereopa

Seconded: Cr Waru

4. That Council support the proposed “Entrenchment of Māori ward seats for local government” remit.

In Favour: Cr Brown, Cr Kereopa, Cr Maxwell and Cr Waru

Against: Cr Kai Fong, Cr Lee, Cr O'Brien and Cr Wang

Abstained: Mayor Tapsell, Cr Barker and Cr Paterson

The vote being equal the Chair exercised her Casting Vote against the Motion 4/5

**LOST**

**MOTION**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

5. **That Council abstain from voting for the proposed “ Graduated driver licensing system” remit.**

**LOST**

**RESOLVED C 24/07-036**

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Maxwell

7. **That Council support the proposed “Graduated driver licensing system” remit.**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED C 24/07-037**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Wang

8. **That Council support the proposed “Proactive lever to mitigate the deterioration of unoccupied buildings” remit.**

**CARRIED**

Cr O’Brien abstained from voting.

**RESOLVED C 24/07-038**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr O'Brien

9. **That Council support the proposed “Appropriate funding models for central government initiatives” remit.**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED C 24/07-039**

Moved: Cr O'Brien  
Seconded: Cr Wang

10. That Council support the proposed "Goods and services tax (GST) revenue sharing with local government" remit.

**CARRIED****Action point**

- Cr Brown requested that a workshop be held to discuss remits to be submitted to the LGNZ AGM in 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 1.10pm.

Meeting resumed at 2.12pm.

Cr Waru re-joined the meeting at 2.15pm via Zoom.

Cr Paterson re-joined the meeting at 2.17pm.

**6.2 PUBLIC FORUMS****RESOLVED C 24/07-040**

Moved: Cr Kai Fong  
Seconded: Cr Kereopa

**HE TŪTOHUNGA****RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the report Public Forums be received.

**CARRIED**

Oonagh Hopkins overviewed the report.

**RESOLVED C 24/07-041**

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr Maxwell

- 2. That the Council agrees to update the order of business for Council meetings to include public forums following the guidelines set out in Standing Order 15.**

In Favour: Cr Kai Fong, Cr Barker, Cr Brown, Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell, Cr O'Brien and Cr Paterson

Against: Mayor Tapsell, Cr Wang and Cr Waru

**CARRIED 8/3**

Cr Waru left the meeting at 3.00pm.

**6.3 CORPORATE SERVICES - PROGRESS REPORTS****6.4 CORPORATE PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE - PROGRESS REPORT****6.5 TE ARAWA PARTNERSHIPS - PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLVED C 24/07-042**

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Barker

- 1. That the following progress reports be received;**
- (i) Corporate Services**
  - (ii) Corporate Planning and Governance**
  - (iii) Te Arawa Partnerships**

**CARRIED**

The reports were taken as read.

**Action Point**

- Cr Lee requested that the 'Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa Cultural Foundations Report' be distributed to Councillors.

**7 HE WHAKATAUNGA KIA HOKI ATU TE ARONGA O TE HUI HAI HUI TŪMATAWHĀNUI – RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED (TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS)**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>		
That Council resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:		
<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
7.1 - Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 June 2024	Please refer to the relevant clause/s in the open meeting minutes.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).
7.2 - Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 July 2024	Please refer to the relevant clause/s in the open meeting minutes.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).
7.3 - Appointment of board members for Council Controlled Organisations	<p>Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</p> <p>Maintain effective conduct of public affairs through free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(a)</p> <p>Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(f)(i)</p>
<p><b>RESOLVED C 24/07-043</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr Kai Fong Seconded: Cr Barker</p> <p><b>1. That Council move into public excluded session.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>		

OPEN SESSION

**8 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr Barker closed the meeting with a karakia.

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The meeting closed at 3.16pm.

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To be confirmed at the Council meeting on 28 August 2024.

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**Chair**

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



## Attachment 1: - Notice of Motion – Cr Kereopa

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## NOTICE OF MOTION - Assessment

<b>Date raised:</b>	16 July 2024
<b>Raised by:</b>	Cr Lani Kereopa
<b>Type of Motion:</b>	Notice of Motion - SO 27
<b>Reason for raising Motion:</b>	Notice of Motion seeks that the Council call for a ceasefire in Gaza.
<b>New Motion Or New Motion to replace old resolution (if any)</b>	Motion as presented That Rotorua Lakes Council (a) calls to all parties in the conflict for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza; (b) calls on the Government of New Zealand to call for all parties in the conflict for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, (c) condemns all acts of violence and terror against civilians and for a release of all hostages on all sides in the Palestinian and Israeli conflict.
<b>Council/committee that motion is to be brought</b>	24 July 2024
	<b>Governance and Democracy Assessment</b>
<b>Sufficient notice given – 5 clear working days?</b>	Yes – received 15 July 2024
<b>Standing order appropriate?</b>	No. The issue raised is an international affair and not the role of Council to be involved in these types of discussions.
<b>Number of required Elected members met? (1 with signature)</b>	Yes – signature of mover Cr Kereopa provided
<b>Recommendation based on assessment of Notice of Motion</b>	Decline the notice of motion.
<b>Reason for refusal of notice of motion</b>	Standing order 27.2 (b) The issues raised in the notice of motion is not related to the role or functions of the local authority or meeting concerned.  In addition,  Councillors have previously been provided with updates on correspondence that has been received from the group referred to 'Mataara Mai'. Council's response to the group is that Council appreciates the importance of their correspondence and strong advocacy for the people of Palestine and that Council will pass on their message to Government officials who have the ability to influence this situation.  Council has considered this request and are not able to accept a notice of motion or similar requesting a ceasefire as it is not the role of Council to be involved in these types of international affairs, especially conflict. Subsequently, Councillors have been informed that this matter is in the hands of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and that they have made

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	statements calling for a de-escalation (ceasefire), and Rt Hon Winston Peters has also recently done so: <a href="#">Ceasefire agreement needed now: Peters   Beehive.govt.nz</a> . Government Ministers/leaders are best placed to do this on behalf of New Zealand.
<b>G&amp;D assessment conducted by:</b>	Oonagh Hopkins – 16 July 2024.
<b>Approved by: (Name of chair and committee name).</b>	Tania Tapsell Mayor Chair of Council

Attachment – Cr Kereopa Notice of Motion

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### NOTICE OF INTENDED MOTION

**Dated:** 16 July 2024

#### FOR

The Rotorua District Council Meeting of 24 July 2024.

#### PURSUANT TO

Standing Order 27.

#### BACKGROUND

As of 08 July 2024 - Day 276 of the hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel, more than **38,000** Palestinians have been killed.

This number does not include the more than **12,000** people reported missing or under the rubble as a result of bomb attacks.

At least **4,959** of those killed have been women and more than **13,000** have been children.

Those Killed Include:

- **500** health workers
- **274** aid workers and 197 UN staff
- **75** on-duty Civil Defence staff
- **153** journalists and media workers
- **7993** students
- **391** teachers

Essential Infrastructure Damaged or Destroyed Include:

- **21** hospitals are out of service
- **15** hospitals and health care facilities are damaged
- **130** ambulances are damaged or out of service
- More than **60%** of residential buildings
- More than **88%** of school buildings
- More than **341** churches and mosques destroyed

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*"The trouble is that once you see it, you can't unsee it. And once you've seen it, keeping quiet, saying nothing, becomes as political an act as speaking out. There's no innocence. Either way, you're accountable."*

**Arundhati Roy**

*"After five months of military operations, Israel has destroyed Gaza. Over 30,000 Palestinians have been killed, including more than 13,000 children. Over 12,000 are presumed dead and 71,100 injured, many with life-changing mutilations. 70% of residential areas have been destroyed. 80% of the whole population has been forcibly displaced. Thousands of families have lost loved ones or have been wiped out. Many could not bury and mourn their relatives, forced instead to leave their bodies decomposing in homes, in the street or under the rubble. Thousands have been detained and systematically subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment. The incalculable collective trauma will be experienced for generations to come."*

**Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories Regarding the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories, Mar 2024**

One of the key findings is that Israel's executive and military leadership and soldiers have intentionally distorted 'jus in bello principles', subverting their protective functions, in an attempt to legitimise violence against the Palestinian people.<sup>2</sup>

*"The speed at which this catastrophic child malnutrition crisis in Gaza has unfolded is shocking, especially when desperately needed assistance has been at the ready just a few miles away. We have repeatedly attempted to deliver additional aid and we have repeatedly called for the access challenges we have faced for months to be addressed. Instead, the situation for children is getting worse by each passing day. Our efforts in providing life-saving aid are being hampered by unnecessary restrictions, and those are costing children their lives. We are doing everything we can to avert a worsening of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, but it is not enough. An immediate ceasefire continues to provide the only chance to save children's lives and end their suffering."<sup>3</sup>*

**Executive Director of UNICEF Catherine Russell, 15 March 2024**

One point one million people in Palestine are facing famine due to food insecurity.

<sup>1</sup> From the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) <https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-222>

<sup>2</sup> Francesca Albanese, human rights lawyer and UN Special Rapporteur, "Anatomy of a Genocide - Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 to Human Rights Council. Advance unedited version a-hrc-55/" <https://www.un.org/unispal/document/anatomy-of-a-genocide-report-of-the-special-rapporteur-on-the-situation-of-human-rights-in-the-palestinian-territory-occupied-since-1967-to-human-rights-council-advance-unedited-version-a-hrc-55/>

<sup>3</sup> Press release from UNICEF, March 15 2024 <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/acute-malnutrition-has-doubled-one-month-north-gaza-strip-unicef>

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**Reasons to adopt these motions:**

- a. Local bodies in New Zealand have already begun calling for a ceasefire.  
While a call for a ceasefire can be seen as largely symbolic, symbols matter. New Zealanders showed this to the world during the Springbok Tour which Nelson Mandela acknowledged as a turning point in the fight against apartheid in South Africa.  
\* In November 2023, Christchurch City Mayor Philip Simon Mauger became the first mayor to call for a ceasefire.  
\* In May 2024, Whanganui District Council became the first Council to pass a motion calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.  
\* Waiheke Island Local Board has called for a ceasefire.  
\* Environment Canterbury (ECAN Canterbury Regional Council) recently adopted a procurement policy which excludes trading with companies that have a relationship with or operate from Israeli organisations occupying Palestinian territory.  
In the international context: more than 250 international Human Rights organisations signed an open letter through Amnesty International calling for a ceasefire, as well as significant global bodies such as UNICEF, WHO and the Catholic Church.
- b. A community which upholds international law and human rights is a safer community for all. International law is persuasive and relevant to our decision making. New Zealand is a member state and is bound by UN resolutions. There are numerous resolutions that have passed, the most recent being UN Security Council Resolution 2728<sup>4</sup> adopted on 25 March 2024 calling for a ceasefire.  
The observance of human rights and the condemnation of acts which breach those rights, namely acts of violence and terror against civilians, is an important pillar of our democracy, enshrined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act.  
Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states that the purpose of local government is to promote social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.
- c. Speaking up has moral and political weight. We have a responsibility to the Palestinian and Israeli families living in our community who are impacted by these events. Failure to call out acts of violence and terror against civilians is not a neutral position. These events impact on the community wellbeing of Rotorua, especially when we see families and children exposed to extreme acts of violence daily through social and mainstream media.  
Having leaders who call out these atrocities and call for action is important and impacts our collective wellbeing. We need our leaders to speak up when human rights are under attack, when families are under attack and when children are under attack. The absence of clear leadership is in fact more dangerous for families who are personally connected to these events. A political vacuum or lack of clear discourse can lead to misdirected blame or further division by a populace and consequently more harm.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Security Council Resolution 2728 (2024). Found at <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/080/81/pdf/n2408081.pdf?token=wDvsZMJD9vJoaSg4AG&fe=true>

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Rotorua Lakes Council

- (a) calls to all parties in the conflict for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
- (b) calls on the Government of New Zealand to call for all parties in the conflict for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza,
- (c) condemns all acts of violence and terror against civilians and for a release of all hostages on all sides in the Palestinian and Israeli conflict.

**MOVED BY**

**SECONDED BY**



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Cr Lani Kereopa

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## Attachment 2: Notice of Motion – Cr Paterson

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## NOTICE OF MOTION - Assessment

<b>Date raised:</b>	17 July 2024
<b>Raised by:</b>	Cr Don Paterson
<b>Type of Motion:</b>	Notice of Motion - SO 27
<b>Reason for raising Motion:</b>	Notice of Motion seeks to get approval from council to instruct the CE to undertake investigations and report back to council on a project which is not included in the Long-term Plan.
<b>New Motion Or New Motion to replace old resolution (if any)</b>	Motion as presented  Council instructs the Chief Executive to investigate the current and future plans for the Westbrook Sports and Recreation Precinct (or any variation thereof) and report back to the most relevant Committee/Council meeting prior to the presentation of the Play, Active, Recreation and Sport Strategy.
<b>Council/committee that motion is to be brought</b>	24 July 2024
	<b>Governance and Democracy Assessment</b>
<b>Sufficient notice given – 5 clear working days?</b>	Yes – received 16 July 2024
<b>Standing order appropriate?</b>	No. The issue raised concerns a project which is not included in the Long-term Plan 2024.
<b>Number of required Elected members met? (1 with signature)</b>	Yes – signature of mover Cr Paterson provided
<b>Recommendation based on assessment of Notice of Motion</b>	Decline the notice of motion.
<b>Reason for refusal of notice of motion</b>	Standing order 27.2 (e) The issues raised in the notice of motion fails to include sufficient information as to satisfy the decision-making provisions of the LGA 2002, ss 77-82.  At this time, it is not possible for the CE to undertake the request made, due to decisions made in adopting the Long-term Plan 2024 and the direction that plan set.  In addition,  Council has been informed on many occasions that plans related to a proposal put forward in the Long-term Plan 2021-31 for a Westbrook Sports and Recreation Precinct have been abandoned and is not included in the Long-term Plan 2024-34.  What is required is for Rotorua to develop and adopt a Play, Active Recreations and Sports Strategy (PARSS). The strategy is required to guide the

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	<p>approach, programme of work and future priorities for the provision of play, active recreation and sport facilities and opportunities across the Rotorua district. Part of this strategy is to provide the council with a clear understanding of the demand for open spaces in the future vs what is currently provided for, what the gaps exist and what options for setting priorities to address the gaps might look like in the future.</p> <p>Public engagement on the PARSS occurred in late 2023 and findings discussed with council during workshops in the LTP development 2024-34. After this the PARSS was recirculated to stakeholders and submitters to conclude the engagement on the strategy.</p> <p>Council agreed to and included into the LTP 2024-34 provision for the construction of two sportsfields at Titoki Place. This starts to address the deficit in sportsfield provision in Rotorua.</p> <p>With the engagement on the PARSS completed, Council workshops will consider the PARSS for adoption.</p> <p>The strategy once adopted will provide the framework in which further exploration of options to address gaps in play, active recreation and sports facilities and opportunities can be scoped. Options can then be consulted on ahead of considering project viability and what may need to be included in the next Long-term Plan (2027-2037).</p>
<b>G&amp;D assessment conducted by:</b>	Oonagh Hopkins – 17 July 2024.
<b>Approved by: (Name of chair and committee name).</b>	Tania Tapsell Mayor

Attachment – Cr Don Paterson



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#### NOTICE OF INTENDED MOTION

Dated: 16 July 2024

#### FOR

The Rotorua District Council Meeting of **24 July 2024**.

#### PURSUANT TO

Standing Order 27.

#### BACKGROUND

A possible Sports Precinct for the Westbrook/Springfield Golf Course area was signalled in the 2017 DRAFT SPATIAL PLAN. In November of 2019, a 125 page confidential report by Auckland based consulting firm SGL Limited was presented to RLC entitled:

**"WESTBROOK SPORT AND RECREATION PRECINCT MASTER PLAN."**

From page 6 of the report, it states:

#### Objective

The requirements of the brief for Westbrook Sports and Recreation Precinct Masterplan was to explore opportunities, develop a plan and set the direction for the establishment of a multi-sport precinct, which includes the future use of the Rotorua Stadium.

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#### 1.1.2 Westbrook Sport and Recreation Precinct Vision and Objectives

The vision for the Westbrook Sports and Recreation Precinct is to be the city's principal community hub for local, sub-regional and regional sport and recreation and which has a relevant activation and event overlay.

Page 7: it shows that five Sports Clubs from other suburbs of Rotorua would be required to move to the new WSARP (*joining with 5 existing users*). However, Springfield Golf Club would be discontinued (*due to land be repurposed for sports fields and housing*) and Lake City Athletic Club would be relocated to Neil Hunt Park.

Further on, pages 53, 54 & 55 of the report, it shows that a portion of the land/buildings of those clubs relocating to the WSARP would be sold to help fund the project, with the impact of that relocation or dissolution (*in the case of Springfield Golf Club closing*) affecting 850 members.

Page 113 of the report shows the value of the 11.81 hectares of the Springfield Golf Course (*not the full 33 hectares*) which is referred to as 'Westbrook Residential 5' being \$8.2 Million dollars (*at that time*)

At the **Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee Meeting of 13 February 2020**, a report was presented entitled:

#### PROCESS TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF THE 2019-2022 PRIORITIES

On page 21 of the agenda, under the heading:

#### Sport and Recreation

It is proposed that the strategy be updated following consultation on the open space policy, reserve review and **Westbrook Sports precinct plan proposal**. These three will be **important to the LTP process** but will also support the Housing and thriving communities strategy being developed.

In March of 2020, an invitation only "stakeholders" meeting was held at the Rotorua International Stadium where the "concept masterplan" was presented. This is only referenced at a much later date in a report at the

#### Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2022:

"Engagement on the concept of a Sports & Recreation Precinct at Westbrook began in early 2019...

These discussions continued with the sports clubs & Springfield Golf Club through 2019 as the feasibility investigation developed and culminated with **the presentation of the concept masterplan in early March 2020."**

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"In 2020, RLC signalled that the timeline for the proposed WESTBOOK SPORTS & RECREATION PRECINCT – TAIWHANGA ROTORUA" would be part of the community consultation for the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. ("source: letstalk.rotorualakescouncil.nz/westbrook-precinct)

25 March, 2021 Council Meeting, a report was presented entitled:

**Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Financial Strategy – Attachment 1**

During the presentation, 2 slides were shown showing the Westbrook Sports & Recreation Precinct.

**TOTAL CAPITAL WORK** – under Level of Service of a total of \$178M, **Westbrook @ \$60 Million**

**DEBT(\$M)** – In the caption at the top of the slide, is the statement "**OUR KEY 2030 VISIONARY**

**PROJECTS.**" In years 8 & 9 - Westbrook shown as \$8.5M in 2029 and \$11M in 2030.

Quote from DC Thomas Colle: "...It will be very likely that it will be separate consultation after this LTP or the cornerstone discussion in the next LTP."

MAY 2021

The results of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan consultation were released on 14th May via the RLC "Korero Mai-Let's Talk" platform. Even though RLC did not directly encourage feedback on the WSARP, 30 submissions AGAINST were received with 2 FOR the project.

JUNE 2021

The 2021-2031 Long Term Plan was adopted by RLC on 28th June.

The "Westbrook Sports & Recreation Precinct" is identified as a MAJOR project in the document on three pages – 38, 40 & 170

OCTOBER 2021

At a meeting of the Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2021, item 7.2 on the agenda was a report entitled:

**Westbrook Sport & Recreation Precinct**

**PURPOSE**

This report is to inform the Committee on work carried out and planned in relation to the Westbrook Sport & Recreation Precinct and future consultation requirements.

On page 24, the PARS plan is referenced as a key consideration for the future of Springfield Golf Course and the WSARP:

The **PARS Plan** would also be **completed well in advance of the Springfield Golf Club's lease for the Springfield Golf Club terminating.**

From the minutes of the:

Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee Meeting 14 October 2021, a report entitled:

"Westbrook Sport & Recreation Precinct"

It was resolved that:

4. That the Committee support officers completing a comprehensive **Play, Active Recreation and Sport Plan to inform future decisions on the Westbrook Sport & Recreation Precinct and the Springfield Golf Course.**

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The PARS plan, now known as the "**Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy**" (PARSS) was presented in draft form during a publicly accessible & live streamed Long Term Plan Workshop held on 14th September. *There was no specific mention of the WSARP in this presentation.*

However, on page 23, under the heading "**POLICY AND PLANNING**" with the sub-heading "What we will do" it states: Develop a policy that encourages investment into multi-use sport and recreation hub sites (over single-use facilities where practical.)

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Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

At the conclusion of the LTP Workshop, I posed a question about future investment in Rotorua's Sports Field Network being included the list of proposed Capital Works, due be explored at the next planned Workshop on 21st November. Acting Chief Executive Gina Rangī's answer indicated that the "Westbrook Sports & Recreation Precinct" WILL NOT be part of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

At numerous meetings since, when I have raised the subject of the "Westbrook Sports & Recreation Precinct" I have been told that "Council" *decided* it would not be included in the 2024-2034 LTP and there is no need to vote to remove it.

I do not recall any discussions with Elected Members where a decision was made to remove this project (*described previously as a Key Visionary Project*) nor can I find any record in any document relating to it in the lead up to, or during, the 2024 – 2034 LTP.

And yet, at the Council Meeting of 26 June 2024, during the discussion about the lease for the Springfield Golf Club, the word "SPORTSFIELDS" (*or variations thereof*) was mentioned by Council Staff and Leadership 14 times. The "PARSS" was mentioned at least 4 times.

It is, therefore (*as pointed out in the Daily Post article of 15 November 2023*) likely that the Westbrook Sports and Recreation Precinct has been "shelved" **and** the answer to the question on the "Let's Talk – Korero Mai" platform states "*Has a decision been made about the proposed Westbrook Precinct project?*" ... "No."

**RECOMMENDATION**

This motion will ensure Elected Members are informed of *all the possible options available to it*, with respect to the "Westbrook Sports and Recreation Precinct" (*or any variation thereof*) in a timely manner.

I give notice that I intend to move that:

Council instructs the Chief Executive to investigate the current *and future plans* for the Westbrook Sports and Recreation Precinct (*or any variation thereof*) and report back to the most relevant Committee/Council meeting **prior** to the presentation of the Play, Active, Recreation and Sport Strategy.

**MOVED BY**



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Cr Don Paterson

**SECONDED BY**



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Cr Lani Kereopa

**6 TE PAPA KŌRERO MŌ TE TŪMATAWHĀNUI – PUBLIC FORUM**

The Council has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each Council meeting.

**7 HE PUKA INOI TŪMATAWHĀNUI – PUBLIC PETITIONS**

Nil.

**8 NGĀ WHAKAMŌHIOTANGA MŌTINI – NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

**9 NGĀ TĀPAETANGA – PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

**10 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS****10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AND MĀORI WARDS AND MĀORI CONSTITUENCIES) AMENDMENT ACT 2024**

**Doc ID:**

**Prepared by:** Andrew Moraes, Chief Executive

**Approved by:** Andrew Moraes, Chief Executive

**Attachments:** Nil

**1. TE PŪTAKE  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this paper is for Council to consider whether to retain or disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward. The Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 requires a decision by 6 September 2024.

**2. TE TUHINGA WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report responds to Government's amendments to the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 which require Council to:

- a) Resolve to retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward; or
- b) Resolve to disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward.

A resolution to retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward would result in a binding poll (on the question of whether there should be a Māori Ward(s)) being held in conjunction with the 2025 triennial election.

A resolution to disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward would result in Council reverting to its 2019 Governance Structure or undertaking a shortened Representation Review. This has not been budgeted or planned for.

Council Officers recommend that Council retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward as:

- a) It is consistent with Council's previous decisions (including establishment of a Māori Ward and submissions on electoral matters)
- b) A Representation Review has not been budgeted for or planned for in current work programmes and timeframes afforded under the legislation do not allow us time to carry out this work.

Council Officers note that while the significance of this matter is deemed Significant, due to tight timeframes limited engagement has been able to be undertaken with hapū, iwi and the community.

#### **HE TŪTOHUNGA RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the report 'Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024' be received.**
- 2. Resolve to retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward for the 2025 election.**
- 3. Note that this decision will require the holding of a binding poll on the question of Māori Wards in conjunction with the 2025 triennial election.**
- 4. Note that the results of the Poll will take effect for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections.**
- 5. Note that while matter is significant, the timeframe of the Government's amendment does not allow meaningful community engagement to occur on this decision.**

### **3. TE TĀHUHU BACKGROUND**

#### **3.1 Legislation prior to 2021**

Prior to March 2021, Councils could decide to establish a Māori Ward but were required to hold a binding poll on the matter if a petition of at least 5 percent of electors requested it. Councils could also self-initiate a poll.

The result of a poll was binding on a Council for two local government terms.

#### **3.2 Requirement for Representation Review**

All territorial authorities are required under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) to review their representation arrangements at least every six years. Representation reviews are to determine the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors and, if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and, if so, arrangements for those boards. Representation arrangements are to be determined so as to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.

The process requires a comprehensive public engagement process, public submissions and hearing, and a potential appeal to the Local Government Commission.

Councils are required to undertake a representation review at least every 6 years. Rotorua Lakes Council's last representation review was undertaken in 2021/22. The next representation review is due in 2027/28.

### 3.3 Relationships with Māori

Council must provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes. This is set out in key legislation, such as the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

### 3.4 Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021

On 2 March 2021, the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021 (the Amendment Act) came into effect. The Amendment Act:

- ended all mechanisms for binding polls on whether to establish Māori wards or Māori constituencies, which the bill's explanatory note described as "an almost insurmountable barrier".
- created a transition period ending 21 May 2021. The transition period enabled local authorities to make a decision on Māori wards in time for the 2022 local elections.

### 3.5 Establishment of Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward

- On 19 March 2021, Te Tatau o Te Arawa as Council's partner began a wide consultation process seeking feedback from Te Arawa peoples, communities and entities. The process allowed an extensive range of opportunities to participate including hui (which were also live-streamed), social media, and online surveys. Te Tatau representatives also attended meetings of other groups and entities including Te Pukenga Kōeke o Te Arawa, the Ngāti Pīkiao Council of Elders, Te Pae Tapu o Ngāti Whakaue and Te Arawa Lakes Trust.
- On 11 May 2021, Te Tatau o Te Arawa provided their report "Consideration of Māori Wards and Māori Representation for Rotorua District". The report records that Te Arawa support the establishment of Māori wards for the 2022 election and retention of Council's partnership with Te Tatau o Te Arawa. Accordingly, Te Tatau o Te Arawa formally requested:
  - That Rotorua Lakes Council establish Māori wards for the 2022 election; and
  - That the representation review to follow reflects the outcome of the establishment of Māori wards. The Te Tatau report records strong views from Te Arawa that local government arrangements should reflect Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and that this is a broader discussion than whether to establish Māori wards.
- On 21 May 2021 Council resolved to establish a Māori Ward, and then commenced a representation review.

### 3.6 Rotorua Lakes Council representation review 2021/22

- Between June and August 2021, Council held four workshops to consider potential options for the initial proposal. Participants at the workshops included elected members, community board members and representatives of Te Tatau o Te Arawa.
- On 31 August 2021 the council resolved its initial representation proposal and then notified its proposal on 8 September 2021. Hearings took place on 19 October 2021.
- During November the council deliberated on the feedback and representation models best believed to represent the district.
- A final representation model was adopted by council on 19 November 2021.
- The final representation model was appealed and therefore ongoing and final decision making on a representation model for the Rotorua district was determined by the Local Electoral Commission.

### 3.7 Local Electoral Commission determination

Under section 19R of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Commission determined that for the general election of the Rotorua District Council to be held on 8 October 2022, the following representation arrangements would apply:

1. Rotorua District, as delineated on Plan LG-024-2022-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission, will be divided into three wards.
2. Those three wards will be:
  - a. the Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward, comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-024-2022-W-2
  - b. the Rotorua Rural General Ward, comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-024-2022-W-3
  - c. the Te Ipu Wai Auraki General Ward, comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-024-2022-W-4.
3. The Council will comprise the mayor and 10 councillors elected as follows:
  - a. 3 councillors elected by the electors of the Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward
  - b. 1 councillor elected by the electors of the Rotorua Rural Ward
  - c. 6 councillors elected by the electors of the Te Ipu Wai Auraki General Ward.
4. There will be two communities as follows:
  - a. the Rotorua Lakes Community, comprising the area delineated on LG024-2016-Com-1
  - b. the Rotorua Rural Community, comprising the area delineated on LG024-2016-Com-2.



5. For the Rotorua Lakes Community, there will be a Rotorua Lakes Community Board comprising:
  - a. Four members elected by the electors of the community as a whole
  - b. One member of the Council representing either the Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward or the Te Ipu Wai Auraki General Ward who will be appointed to the community board by the Council.
  
6. For the Rotorua Rural Community, there will be a Rotorua Rural Community Board comprising:
  - a. Four members elected by the electors of the community as a whole
  - b. One member of the Council representing either the Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward or the Rotorua Rural General Ward who will be appointed to the community board by the Council.

### **3.8 Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024**

- The Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill was introduced into Parliament on 20 May 2024. The first reading was held on 23 May 2024 where it was referred to the Justice Committee.
- The stated aim of the Bill was to “enable local electors to take part in their local elections and decisions about their council’s representation.” This aim would be met through amendment to the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Local Government Electoral Legislation Act 2023, and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.
- The Bill:
  - reinstated the ability for binding polls on the establishment of Māori wards;
  - provided a transitional poll mechanism for councils that either resolved to establish or established Māori wards since 2020 (without holding a poll); and
  - adjusted key election dates to allow more time for delivering voting papers.
- Following hearings and consideration of submissions the Justice Committee recommended, by majority, that the Bill be passed (with some minor amendment).
- The Justice Committee’s recommendation provided an ability for Councils to disestablish an existing Māori Ward(s) or hold a binding poll on whether there should be a Māori Ward(s) in conjunction with the 2025 elections. If a Council did not formally consider the matter (by Council resolution), the default position was a poll in conjunction with the 2025 election.
- On 24 July 2024, the Government released an amendment paper on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill.
- The Amendment Paper has removed the default position and an amendment to Schedule 1 Clause 11(2) now requires Council, by 6 September 2024, to:

- a) Resolve to retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward; or
  - b) Resolve to disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward
- If council decides to disestablish the Māori wards they must also decide by 6 September on their next steps i.e. whether they intend to complete a shortened representation review by early April 2025 or revert to their 2019 arrangements which was, Mayor and 10 members elected at large.
  - The Act is silent on what an appropriate engagement process would look like in the short time frame but having to undertake a section 83 Special Consultative Procedure is expressly ruled out.
  - **The Act passed into law on 30 July 2024** which gave council just five weeks between the end of July and 6 September to make a decision.
  - The Act is in force as at 31 July 2024, and is available at [Local Government \(Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies\) Amendment Act 2024 No 28, Public Act Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#).

#### 4. TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

##### 4.1 Implications of a resolution to retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward for the 2025 election

A resolution to retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward would result in a binding poll being undertaken in conjunction with the 2025 triennial election. The outcome of the poll would take effect at the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections.

The outcomes of a resolution to retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward are as follows:

Decision	Outcome
Retain Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward	Binding Poll required.
If Poll is Yes	Regular Representation Review in 2027/28.  Māori Wards remain in place for (at least) 2028 and 2031 elections
If Poll is No	Regular Representation Review in 2027/28.  No Māori Wards for (at least) 2028 and 2031 elections.

*There are financial considerations for the holding of a Poll*

Council's Electoral Officer has indicated that the additional cost of holding a poll in conjunction with the 2025 election is in the vicinity of \$50,000. This will be a cost in year two of the 2025/26 Long-term Plan which has not been budgeted for.

#### **4.2 Implications of resolution to disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward for the 2025 election onwards**

A resolution to disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward would take effect for the 2025 and 2028 elections and would continue in effect until a resolution [under s19Z] takes effect or a poll of electors [under section 19ZF] takes effect.

If Council disestablishes Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward, there are two subsequent options to consider. Council must resolve, by 6 September 2024, which of these subsequent options it will proceed with.

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward	No Māori Ward option for 2025 election.
<i>Subsequent Option 1</i>  Revert to 2019 representation structure	Roll back to 2019 representation arrangements (provided fair representation limits still met).  No Māori Wards for (at least) the 2025 and 2028 elections.  No Rural Ward for 2025.  Representation review required in 2027/28.
<i>Subsequent Option 2</i>  Shortened Representation review early 2025	No Māori Wards for (at least) the 2025 and 2028 local elections  Representation Review due by 2030/31.

##### **4.2.1 Return to 2019 Governance Structure**

Council has the option to revert to the representation arrangements that applied at the 2019 triennial election. For Rotorua Lakes Council this structure was 1 Mayor and 10 councillors elected at-large and two community boards.

**Council Officers do not recommend that Council revert to this option for three reasons:**

- a) An extensive Representation Review was undertaken in the 2019-2022 triennium resulting in a significant change to Council's representation structure including moving from an at-large model to a ward-based model. The review involved a statutory consultation process, hearings and a final proposal. Appeals were received and determined by the Local Government Commission. To return to the 2019 model would be confusing for the public and would require extensive community consultation as it differs from the current structure.
- b) The implication of returning to the 2019 model would disestablish the rural ward as well as the Māori ward.
- c) The decision to adopt the current representation structure is valid for the 2025-2028 triennium and hence should be retained.

#### 4.2.2 Undertaking a shortened Representation Review

Council could decide to undertake a shortened representation review in 2024.

Indicative dates for a review are:

Action	Statutory Deadline
Resolution on initial proposal	Must be passed by 13 September 2024.
Public notice of proposal	Within 7 days [of making a resolution on the initial proposal] and not later than 20 September 2024.
Submission period	Not less than 3 weeks from the public notice date and no later than 11 October 2024.
Response to submissions	Within 6 weeks after the end of the submission period.

**Council Officers do not recommend this option for the following reasons:**

- a) Enabling development of options and undertaking meaningful consultation within the shortened timeframe would be difficult to achieve within current workloads.
- b) Due to the shortened timeframes, no consultation has been undertaken with Rotorua Lakes District Community Boards. Community Boards would likely be affected by a Representation Review.

- c) There has been no budgetary allocation for the undertaking of a Representation Review.

*Note:* The 2021/22 representation review was run entirely in-house so quantifying staff time to manage the process, run the workshops and develop the proposals is difficult to do. A representation review is a piece of work that is resource heavy for the Governance and Democracy team, supported by the engagement, communications and marketing teams. A representation review typically is programme of work that spans 9-12 months and within that there is an intense 6 month period where the review is almost full time for at least 2 staff. A small marketing/advertising budget is put aside in the order of \$5-10K and there will be a requirement for some legal advice during the process. Legal costs will be in the order of \$5-10K also depending on how much advice is needed.

## 5. **TE TINO AROMATAWAI ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being Significant for the following reasons:

- Importance to Mana Whenua and Taura Here. The extent to which the matter under consideration impacts on the environment, culture and people of Mana Whenua and Taura Here, now and in the future
- Community Interest. The extent to which individuals, organisations, groups and sectors within the community are particularly affected by the matter
- Importance to the Rotorua District. The extent to which the matter under consideration impacts on the environment, culture and people of Rotorua, now and in the future (large impacts would indicate high significance)
- Consistency with Existing Policies and Strategies. The extent to which the matter is consistent with the Council's current policies and strategies

Despite the significance of this decision and due to the inability to hold a special consultative procedure and for the following reasons, it is deemed unreasonable to undertake further community engagement.

- a) Disestablishing Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward would not align with the Council resolution to establish a Māori Ward
- b) The decision impacts disproportionately on Māori and the timing constraints do not enable an opportunity for the involvement in Council's decision-making on the matter.
- c) There may be financial implications for undertaking a representation review (should Council decide to disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward) which are unbudgeted.
- d) The matter is irreversible. Should Council disestablish Te Ipu Wai Taketake Māori Ward, there would be no Māori Ward for (at least) the 2025 and 2028 local elections.

- e) There is high public interest in this matter. The Justice Committee called for submissions on the original bill on Friday 24 May 2024 with submissions closing on Wednesday 29 May. The Committee received over 10,000 direct submissions.

## **6. NGĀ KŌRERA O TE HAPORI ME TE WHAKATAIRANGA COMMUNITY INPUT/ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLICITY**

Matters which are assessed as Significant would typically trigger public engagement. However, given the timing constraints imposed by the Bill in the Amendment Paper, there has been no opportunity for Council to undertake meaningful engagement within the community.

Community engagement to look at all options in the timeframes provided is impractical. Engagement on such significant issue has not been budgeted for nor do the resources exist needed to support such a community issue.

Notwithstanding the significance of the decision required, Council Officers have provided information to the community via Let's Talk, have run 3 webinars and held a Hui with Council's protocol partners, including Te Tatau o Te Arawa. The webinars were publically advertised and provided a mechanism to inform the community and raise awareness to the decision required by the Council by 6 September and the implications for council's representation model should the option of disestablishing the Māori ward be considered.

Council Officers have also been in conversation with our partners Te Tatau o Te Arawa, to share information and to acknowledge the implications for Council in needing to make a decision.

## **7. HE WHAIWHAKAARO CONSIDERATIONS**

### **7.1 Mahere Pūtea Financial/Budget Considerations**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

Funding for a full Representation Review has been budgeted for in the 2025-2028 triennium. This includes funding for consultation and analysis and public notices. A comprehensive Representation Review typically requires significant staffing resource to prepare options, undertake consultation and analysis of submissions.

Should Council decide to disestablish the Māori Ward, a shortened Representation Review would need to be held. No funding has been budgeted for this work, and it is not currently within work plans.

### **7.2 Kaupapa Here Me Ngā Hiraunga Whakariterite**

## Policy and Planning Implications

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

This decision is inconsistent with the engagement requirements in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy – providing insufficient time to engage with hapū, iwi and the community at large. It is also inconsistent with the principles outlined in the Partnerships section of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.

### 7.3 Te Aromatawai Whakapātanga Ki Te Tāngata Whenua Tāngata Whenua Impact Assessment

Due to the short timeframes, there has been no participation by Māori in the preparation of this report.

The following submissions to the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill, demonstrates that hapū and iwi strongly oppose the proposed legislative change. Council Officers believe that opposition would apply to the matters set out in the Amendment Paper.

[Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue](#)

[Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara](#)

[Ngāti Rangiteaorere](#)

[Ngāti Whakaue ki Ōhinemutu](#)

[Ngāti Tahu Ngāti Whāoa](#)

[Tūhourangi Tribal Authority](#)

[Te Arawa ki Tai Koeke](#)

[Te Whare Whakaruruhau o Te Arawa](#) supplementary

[Te Whare Whakaruruhau o Te Arawa](#)

[Te Pukenga Koeke o Te Arawa \(The Great Council of Te Arawa Chiefs\)](#)

[Te Pukenga Koeke o Te Arawa \(The Great Council of Te Arawa Chiefs\) supplementary](#)

[Te Kaunihera Kaumatua o Ngati Rangiteaorere](#)

[Te Urunga o Kea - Te Arawa Climate Change Working Group](#)

[Te Tatau o Te Arawa](#)

[Te Maru o Wahiao Wahiao Tuhourangi o Whakarewarewa Trust](#)

[Te Arawa Lakes Trust](#)

### 7.4 Tūraru Risks

Council's 2021 Representation Review resulted in a significant change to Rotorua Lakes Council's Governance Structure.

All options, resulting from the legislation will have an impact for Council, the 2025 election and poll and subsequent representation reviews in 2027/28.

At the time of writing this report, Council Officers do not yet have the latest population and electoral roll data needed to commence an assessment for fair and effective representation.

Council must make a decision by 6 September to either retain the Māori ward (and undertaken binding poll in 2025) or to disestablish the Māori ward (and either revert back to the 2019 arrangement or undertake a shortened representation review. Not making a decision by this date will result in Council being non-compliant in regard of the current legislation.

### **7.5 Te Whaimana Authority**

Council has the authority to make a decision.



**10.2 FINANCIAL UPDATE - JUNE 2024**

**Doc ID:**

**Prepared by:** David Jensen, Director of Finance

**Approved by:** Thomas Collé, Group Manager, Corporate Services

**Attachments:** Nil

**1. TE PŪTAKE  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to provide information on Council's financial performance for the twelve months ended 30 June 2024.

**HE TŪTOHUNGA  
RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the report 'Financial Update - June 2024' be received.**

**2. TE TĀHUHU  
BACKGROUND**

This report covers Council's core operating position as at 30 June 2024, as well as the impact of capital subsidies and development contribution revenue.

Staff have prepared the draft, unaudited June 2024 financial statements with Audit New Zealand commencing their final audit in early September 2024. These accounts show that Council continues to operate in a high inflation environment with costs remaining at elevated levels, particularly within Council's Transport activity as well as Waste Management and Wastewater service delivery contracts.

Rate revenue is tracking below budget due to slower growth than forecast in the Annual Plan and the subsequent lower number of new rating units.

Core user fee revenues continue to trend under budget particularly within the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre, Energy Events Centre and Parking, representing both a quieter summer period as facilities were closed over the Christmas period and a broader delay in recovery for Rotorua's tourism sector which is recovering from Covid-19 disruptions slower than the national average.

Operating expenses are trending higher than year-to-date budget due to additional work required on the roading network, partially offset by additional subsidy revenue from Waka Kotahi. Waste management and wastewater operating expenses are also tracking above budget due to cost fluctuations within service delivery contracts. Council has also provided additional support to InfraCore through the cancellation of overhead recoveries and lease payments in order to ensure their liquidity needs.

Interest expense is above budget as Council's external debt is currently trending higher than forecast year-to-date in the 2023/24 Annual Plan due to the timing of external funding from CIP (\$13m now

received in August 2024) and the withdrawal of funding from the Ministry for the Environment towards the Rotoiti/Rotoma Wastewater Scheme (\$10m), along with some higher pricing earlier in the year. This is partially offset by higher investment revenue as Council has pre-funded future debt maturities and placed fund on Term Deposit at rates higher than our loan interest rates.

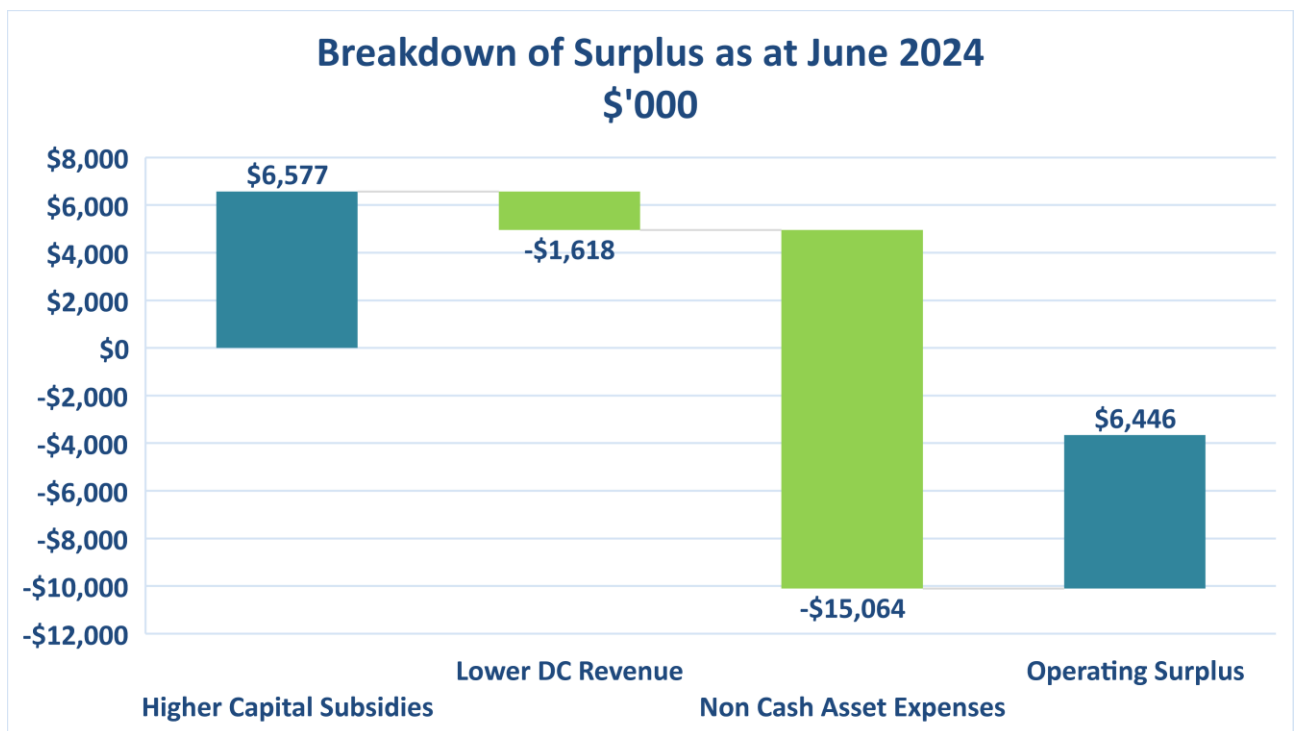
A number of large capital projects are behind budgeted expenditure, which is reflected in Council’s capital expenditure as at the end of May.

**3. TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA  
DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS**

**Financial Position as at 30 June 2024**

Council’s draft accounts for June 2024 show an unaudited surplus of \$16.3m, \$3.7m lower than budgeted in the Annual Plan. Once capital revenue and non-cash expenses are removed, Council has a draft operating surplus of \$6.4m as at 30 June 2024.

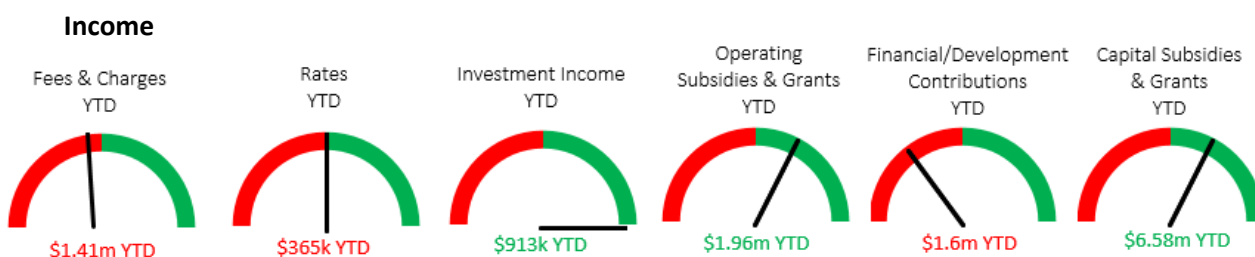
Through the year-end process Council has identified several capital projects where physical works have been completed to an extent that external subsidies can be recorded as revenue, particularly with CIP funded Stormwater projects and the Museum. This has meant that capital subsidy revenue has been accrued and is now \$6.6m ahead of the full year budget.



Year to Date Financial Performance

Figures in \$000's

	Actual	Budget	Variance - Favorable / (Unfavorable)
<b>Income</b>			
Fees & Charges	18,179	19,593	(1,414)
Rates	130,657	131,021	(365)
Investment Income	1,488	575	913
Development & Financial Contributions	1,975	3,593	(1,618)
Vested Assets	12,100		12,100
Subsidies & Grants - Capital	39,594	33,017	6,577
Subsidies & Grants - Operational	7,873	5,910	1,963
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>211,866</b>	<b>193,709</b>	<b>18,157</b>
<b>Opex</b>			
Administration Expense	3,471	4,535	1,064
Finance Cost	227	402	175
Maintenance	2,066	2,221	154
Operating Expenses	74,424	68,647	(5,777)
Loss on Asset Disposals	15,064		(15,064)
Staff Costs	36,869	37,060	192
Utilities	3,042	3,134	92
Depreciation	43,170	43,729	558
Interest Cost	17,236	14,025	(3,211)
<b>Total Opex</b>	<b>195,569</b>	<b>173,753</b>	<b>(21,816)</b>
<b>Total Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>16,296</b>	<b>19,956</b>	<b>(3,660)</b>

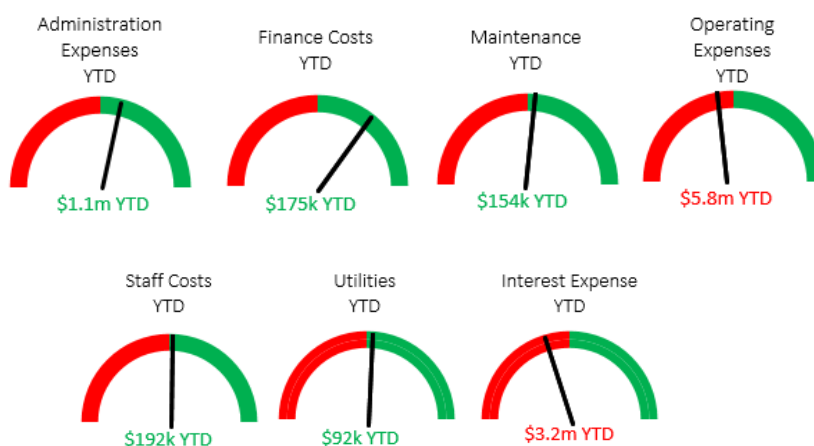


Total Income is tracking favourably to budget, with a \$18.16 positive variance to budget. This primarily relates to Capital Grants and Subsidies related to Capital Expenditure, offset by Vested Assets within the Fees and Charges category.

- Fees and charges are direct charges to customers for specific Council services. Council’s core fees and charges are \$1.41m behind year-to-date budget due to lower than forecast sales at the Energy Events Centre and Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre (\$1.54m lower than budget) and parking fees (\$528k). Council has also reversed \$216k in lease payments to InfraCore. Building consenting fees are \$1m ahead of year-to-date budget, and waste management fees \$1m ahead of year-to-date budget.
- Rate revenue is \$365k lower than year-to-date budget due to fewer than budgeted new rating units.

- Investment income is revenue received by Council through dividends, and also interest received on term deposits. Investment Income is \$913k ahead of year-to-date budget due to Council pre-funding a future debt maturity and placing funds on term deposit.
- Operating Subsidies and Grants are funds provided from external parties towards Council’s operating expenditure. Operating Subsidies and Grants are \$1.96m ahead of year-to-date budget due largely to the operational subsidies received from Waka Kotahi, offsetting additional roading operational expenditure linked to adverse weather events.
- Financial and Development Contributions is revenue paid by developers towards the capital costs required to enable their development. Financial and Development Contributions are \$1.6m behind of year-to-date budget as Council works through the revenue recognition tests as part of the preparation of the Annual Report.
- Vested Assets are created by developers and are given to Council through subdivision processes, often in lieu of Development or Financial Contributions. Vested Assets were \$12.1m as at 30 June 2024.
- Capital Subsidies and Grants are funds provided by external parties towards Council’s capital projects. Capital Subsidies and Grants are \$6.58 ahead of year-to-date budget due to the timing of completion of capital works, particularly within the Tarawera Wastewater Scheme, CIP funded Stormwater projects, Infrastructure Acceleration Fund feasibility works and the Aquatic Centre.

**Operating Expenses**

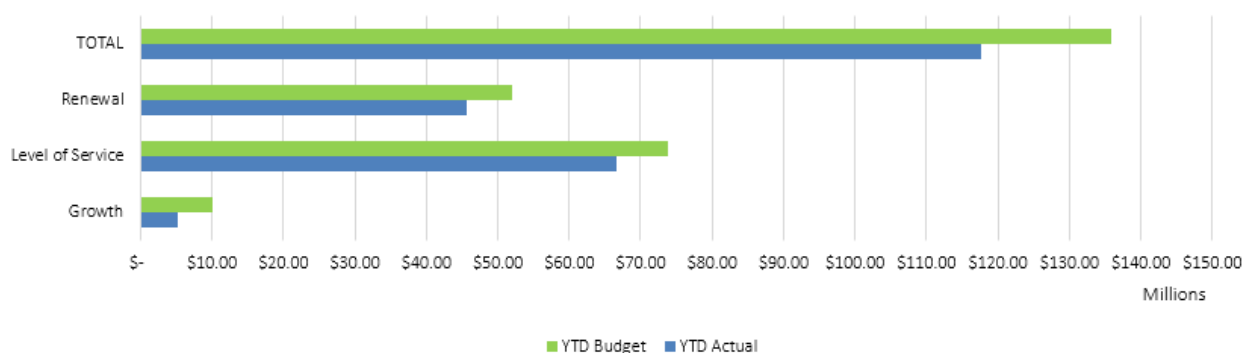


Operating Expenses are tracking unfavourably to budget, with a \$21.8m negative variance to budget.

- Administration Expenses cover the day-to-day running expenses of Council. Administration Expenses are \$1.1m below year-to-date budget.
- Finance Costs are the fees payable on banking facilities and debt management. Finance Costs are \$175k under budget year-to-date due to lower bad debts year-to-date.
- Maintenance expenses are the budget provided for planned and reactive maintenance of Council buildings. Maintenance is \$154k under budget year-to-date due primarily to the seasonality of when money is spent on Council buildings and lower demand for reactive maintenance.

- Operating expenses are the costs directly associated with the delivery of Council’s operational services. Core operating Expenses are \$5.8m higher than year-to-date budget driven primarily by transport operational expenditure following adverse weather events offset by Waka Kotahi subsidies (\$1.3m) and cost escalation within our parks, wastewater and waste management contracts (\$3.7m higher than year to date budget) Council has also reversed \$200k of recharges to InfraCore due to their cashflow requirements. This is offset by lower year-to-date expenditure on district plan policy costs (\$568k) and arts and culture (\$295k).
- Staff costs cover the salaries and wages of Council employees. Staff Costs were \$192k lower than budget as at 30 June 2024.
- Utilities cover the water, power and gas expenses involved in Council operations. Utilities were \$92k under budget as at 30 June 2024.
- Interest Expense is the external interest payable to Council’s lenders. Interest expense is currently \$3.2m ahead of year to date budget due to higher external debt levels due to the timing of external revenue from CIP and the withdrawal of funding from the Ministry for the Environment. Interest rate pricing at the beginning of the year was also ahead of forecast but has since pulled back. This is offset by \$913k investment income from Council’s pre-funding placed on term deposit.

**Capital Expenses**



As at 30 June 2024, Council had spent \$117.6m against the full year budget of \$135.9m.

Renewals expenditure is behind budget primarily due to the timing of commencement of the Aquatic Centre project (\$3.2m behind year-to-date budget), as well as underspends year-to-date in Water Supply and Active & Engaged Communities activities.

Level of Service expenditure is behind budget due to underspends year-to-date on the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme and other wastewater projects as well as CIP funded Stormwater.

Expenditure on key projects YTD is as follows:

- (i) Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade: \$25.4m. Council is engaging in a multi-year project to upgrade major Wastewater Treatment Plant infrastructure with works continuing through 2024/25.
- (ii) Aquatic Centre: \$18.4m. The aquatic centre has now reopened and is being well utilised by the community.

- (iii) CIP Funded Stormwater Upgrade: \$11.1m. Council is working alongside CIP's investment in Stormwater management across the district to enable new housing supply.
- (iv) Transport Renewal Programme: \$9.7m. This work is partially funded through Waka Kotahi subsidies.
- (v) Tarawera Sewerage Scheme: \$9.5m. Works are underway and repayment options for the capital rate associated with this scheme have been consulted on through the Long Term Plan.
- (vi) Rotoiti/Rotoma Sewerage Scheme: \$5.6m. The work programme connecting properties to the scheme is nearing completion and a capital rate has been struck for 2024/25 to recover the costs associated.
- (vii) Sewage Renewals: \$5.1m.
- (viii) Pukehangi West Stormwater: \$3.5m.

#### **4. TE TINO AROMATAWAI ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The decisions or matters of this report are not considered significant in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

#### **5. NGĀ KŌRERA O TE HAPORI ME TE WHAKATAIRANGA COMMUNITY INPUT/ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLICITY**

There are no community input/engagement and publicity issues associated with this report.

#### **6. HE WHAIWHAKAARO CONSIDERATIONS**

##### **6.1. Mahere Pūtea Financial/Budget Considerations**

There are no financial/budget issues associated with this report.

##### **6.2. Kaupapa Here Me Ngā Hiraunga Whakariterite Policy and Planning Implications**

There are no policy or planning considerations associated with this report.

##### **6.3. Te Aromatawai Whakapātanga Ki Te Tāngata Whenua Tāngata Whenua Impact Assessment**

There are no Tāngata Whenua considerations associated with this report.

**6.4. Tūraru  
Risks**

There are no risks associated with this report.

**6.5. Te Whaimana  
Authority**

This report is presented to Council in accordance with the Delegated Financial Authority policy.

**10.3 AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS 2022**

Doc ID:

Prepared by: Rick Dunn, Senior Governance and Democracy Advisor

Approved by: Andrew Moraes, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

**1. TE PŪTAKE  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to amend the Council Standing Orders 2022 to align with the Local Government Electoral Legislation Act 2023.

**HE TŪTOHUNGA  
RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the report 'Amendment to Council Standing Orders 2022' be received.

2. That the Council notes that Section 49 (6) of the Local Government Electoral Legislation Act 2023, which comes into force on 1 October 2024, provides for members who attend meetings by audio link or audiovisual link to be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum.

3. That the Council resolve to amend Rotorua Lakes Council's Standing Order 13.8 to read as "Members who attend meetings by audio link or audiovisual link will be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum".

4. That the Council resolve to amend Rotorua Lakes Council's Standing Order 13.9 to read as "Where a meeting has a quorum, determined by the number present, the members attending by electronic link can vote on any matters raised at the meeting".

**2. TE TĀHUHU  
BACKGROUND****2.1 Requirement for Standing Orders**

[Schedule 7, Clause 27 \(1\)](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) mandates a local authority to adopt a set of standing orders for the conduct of its meetings and those of its committees. LGA 2002 further states that the Standing orders of a local authority must not



contravene the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Standing orders contain rules for the conduct of the proceedings of local authorities, committees, subcommittees and subordinate decision-making bodies, and community boards. Their purpose is to enable local authorities to exercise their decision-making responsibilities in a transparent, inclusive and lawful manner.

Rotorua Lakes Council adopted its Standing Orders for the current triennium in December 2022.

## 2.2 Current legislation on members attending via electronic link

[Clause 25A in Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002](#) allows members of a local authority to attend meetings by audio or audio-visual link if it is permitted by the standing orders of that local authority. However, as per Clause 25A (4), members who attend via audio or audio-visual link are not counted as part of a quorum of a meeting.

Clause 25B introduced modifications to clause 25A while the epidemic notice was in force for Covid-19 and then for the period 12 February 2023 to 30 September 2024. These modifications allowed local authorities to allow members to attend meetings via audio or audio visual link despite the provisions in its standing orders (Clause 25B(2)) and be counted as present for the purposes of quorum (Clause 25B(6)). These provisions are repealed on 1 October 2024.

## 2.2 New legislation on members attending via electronic link

The Local Government Electoral Legislation Act 2023 (LGELA 2023), which was enacted in 2023, amended parts of Local Electoral Act 2001 and parts of Local Government Act 2002. Accordingly, [Section 49 \(6\) of the LGELA 2023](#), which comes in to force on 1 October 2024, replaced Clause 25A (4) in Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002.

Therefore, the new legislation provides as below (Section 49 (6));

*“A member of the local authority or committee who attends a meeting by means of audio link or audiovisual link, in accordance with this clause, is to be counted as present for the purposes of clause 23”* ([Clause 23](#) contains the provisions for quorum).

## 3. TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

- The legislation change from 1 October 2024 means that a local authority, which has provisions for members to join meetings by audio/audio-visual link in its standing orders, will count all members who join a meeting by audio/audio-visual link as part of that meeting’s quorum.
- Rotorua Lakes Council’s current standing orders (RLC SOs) requires for a quorum for a meeting to be constituted;

**S.O - 11.4 - Requirement for a quorum | Te herenga mō te kōrama**

*A meeting is constituted where a quorum of members is present, whether or not they are all voting or entitled to vote. In order to conduct any business at a meeting, a quorum of members must be present for the whole time that the business is being considered.*

- RLC SOs allow members to attend meetings via audio or audio visual link;

**S.O – 13.7- Right to attend by audio or audiovisual link | Te mōtika kia tae atu mā te hononga ā-oro, ataata-rongo rānei**

*Provided the conditions in Standing Orders 13.11 and 13.12 are met, members of the local authority and its committees (and members of the public for the purpose of a deputation approved by the chairperson), have the right to attend meetings by means of an electronic link, unless they have been lawfully excluded.*

- However, current RLC SOs do not provide to count members attending via audio or audio-visual link as present for the purposes of a quorum;

**S.O – 13.8- Member’s status: quorum | Te tūnga a te mema: kōrama**

*Members who attend meetings by electronic link will not be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum.*

- Considering the legislation change, it is recommended to amend S.O 13.8 to align with the new legislation and to read as “Members who attend meetings by audio link or audiovisual link will be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum”.

- RLC SO 13.9 state that members who join by audio or audio visual link can vote if the meeting has a quorum and the quorum is determined by the number physically present.

**S.O 13.9 - Member’s status: voting | Te tūnga a te mema: te pōti**

*Where a meeting has a quorum, determined by the number physically present, the members attending by electronic link can vote on any matters raised at the meeting.*

- It is also recommended to amend S.O 13.9 to incorporate the changes to S.O 13.8 and to read as “Where a meeting has a quorum, determined by the number present, the members attending by electronic link can vote on any matters raised at the meeting”.

#### 4. TE TINO AROMATAWAI ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The decision or matters of this report are not considered significant in accordance with the Council’s policy on determining significance.

#### 5. NGĀ KŌRERA O TE HAPORI ME TE WHAKATAIRANGA COMMUNITY INPUT/ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLICITY

Community consultation is not considered necessary in relation to this item.

**6. HE WHAIWHAKAARO  
CONSIDERATIONS**

**6.1. Mahere Pūtea  
Financial/Budget Considerations**

Not applicable.

**6.2. Kaupapa Here Me Ngā Hiraunga Whakariterite  
Policy and Planning Implications**

Standing Orders are required by the Local Government Act 2002 (cl. 27 Schedule 7) and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 with regard to the conduct of meetings.

**6.3. Te Aromatawai Whakapātanga Ki Te Tāngata Whenua  
Tāngata Whenua Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

**6.4. Tūraru  
Risks**

No risks have been identified.

**6.5. Te Whaimana  
Authority**

After the adoption of the first standing orders of the local authority, an amendment of the standing orders or the adoption of a new set of standing orders requires, in every case, a vote of not less than 75% of the members present.

**10.4 TE ARAWA PARTNERSHIPS PROGRESS REPORT**

**Doc ID:**

**Prepared by:** Aneta Morgan, Team Lead

**Approved by:** Andrew Moraes, Chief Executive

**Attachments:** 1. Te Arawa Partnerships Progress Report

**HE TŪTOHUNGA  
RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the report 'Te Arawa Partnerships Progress Report' be received.

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Council  
28 August 2024

## Progress Report



Doc ID:

<b>To:</b>	Mayor and Members – Council
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	28 August 2024
<b>Group:</b>	Te Arawa Partnerships
<b>Manahautū:</b>	Aneta Morgan - Team Lead, Te Amorangi Unit
<b>Report approved by:</b>	Andrew Moraes, Chief Executive
<b>Components:</b>	Mātauranga Māori; Te Arawa Enablement

### Partnering with Te Arawa

#### Supporting Council to work with Te Arawa

#### Connecting CE with Eastside community

To help the CE connect with Eastside communities Te Amorangi set up hui with groups with which council has working relationships. The meetings helped provide valuable insights and foster understanding of the needs and perspectives of the diverse Eastside communities.

We met with whānau from Ngāti Te Roro o te Rangi and Ngāti Hurungaterangi, Mokoia Community Association board members and Tatau Pounamu Eastside Collective staff and members including the Chair of the Principals Association Kāhui Ako. This was followed by a hui with iwi entities undertaking housing developments, ie Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands and Ōwhata Kōhanga Rākau.



Ray Morrison, the GM of Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands talked about Wharenui Rise and Manawa Gardens, the two Eastside housing developments they have. He acknowledged RLC had worked quickly to complete the consenting process for the Manawa Gardens development which took in about six weeks.

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Council  
28 August 2024



At Te Whare Koromātua o Whakaue office, council’s CE was introduced to the Ōwhata Kōhanga Rākau GM Alicia Adler and the team responsible for managing the Ōwhata 2B block housing development. This is adjacent to Vaughan Road extension and includes 93 units. Both iwi developments have a mix of home ownership and rental properties as well as kaumātua housing.



**Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa wānanga**

Wānanga with Ngāti Tarāwhai: Museum staff have been taking taonga Māori outside the museum to connect with the iwi from which they originate. The Ngāti Tarāwhai wānanga was part of a 3-day exhibition, a more extensive event where a key highlight was the hautapu ceremony held at Ōkataina on the long weekend of Matariki - the Māori New Year. Ngāti Tarāwhai expressed their gratitude to the Whare Taonga team for their support in enabling the wānanga.

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Council  
28 August 2024

Wānanga preparation with Ngāti Pikiao. Te Amorangi and the Whare Taonga staff continued talks with Ngāti Pikiao in preparation for their wānanga at Te Tākinga Marae, Rotoiti, on Sat 14 Sep 2024. Specific taonga that will be part of the wānanga have been confirmed. Ngāti Pikiao has indicated a desire to have the taonga for 3 to 4 days.

These collaborations reflect how creating spaces for iwi to engage with their heritage in meaningful ways has a positive impact on strengthening relationships. Iwi narratives get to inform the Museum exhibitions and everyone's understanding and connection to the history and significance of the taonga is deepened.

### Working across Council

#### Staff Engagement and Training

**Civil Defence Emergency Management:** Te Amorangi continues to build capability to provide critical thinking in an iwi liaison role that supports the CDEM team. This includes staying abreast of happenings on a national scale that deal with emergency preparedness and pathways for natural hazard resilience.

**Rotorua Accessibility Policy Workshop:** Te Amorangi is providing critical thinking where appropriate to support the Thriving Communities team on this kaupapa.

**RLC Engagers Hui:** Supported Council engagers' at their monthly hui with information about how to approach bilingual comms as part of BAU.

**Induction:** Introduced new staff members to the role of Te Amorangi within Council.

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Council  
28 August 2024

**RLC reo classes:** Cohort 3, 2024, began 30 July with 36 staff being enrolled to do the classes across beginner level 1, 2 and rūmaki/immersion classes. This brings the total number of te reo Māori learners to date for this year to 104.

### Tikanga and Kawa – Cultural Support

**Karakia:** Asked by the new District Licensing Committee to facilitate the mihimihi and karakia for their first meeting together held at council.

**Pōhiri for new Pūkenga Mātauranga Māori and Engagement Lead:** Supported library staff at the pōhiri for their new Pūkenga Mātauranga Māori and Engagement Lead, Matene Simon. His iwi Ngāti Pikiao was present and brought him into the organisation.

**Mayoral Welcome for International Students:** Co-ordinated the pōhiri at Council for the students, who were supported by Toi Ohomai and the Rotorua Migrant Communities Association.



### Other Kaupapa

- Weekly waiata and haka pōhiri classes continue for staff and members of the community.
- Waiata Mai session for June was hosted at Te Aka Mauri (Wednesday 3 July).

### Rotorua Reo Rua

**Translation/cultural advice support requests:** Seventeen requests for translation assistance and/or cultural advice were received from across council during July. Requests came from Governance, Marketing and Communications, Civil Defence, Thriving Communities, Customer Solutions and the Mayor's office.



## 11 HE WHAKATAUNGA KIA HOKI ATU TE ARONGA O TE HUI HAI HUI TŪMATAWHĀNUI – RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED (TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS)

### PUBLIC EXCLUDED

1. Exclusion of the Public
2. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>		
That Council resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:		
<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>11.1 - Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 July 2024</b>	Please refer to the relevant clause/s in the open meeting minutes.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).

## 12 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA

Kia whakairia te tapu  
Kia wātea ai te ara  
Kia turuki whakataha ai  
Kia turuki whakataha ai  
Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

Restrictions are moved aside  
So the pathway is clear  
To return to every day activities  
To return to every day activities  
Allied, enriched, unified, and blessed