

Submission ID: 701

Date: Apr 12 24 11:55:28 am

Name:

Shona Gow

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

We should consider a collaboration with local iwi to develop a purpose-built stadium and all-weather rugby grounds in the Paroa area, with heaps of parking for buses and cars, plus great facilities for changing/food/spectators, and close to marae accommodation. Serious consideration should be given to re-developing the current rugby grounds that access Landing Road into a retirement community. Close to all of the services, and flat access for mobility transport into town/shops.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

I agree that higher value properties should pay higher rates, but don't think that farming enterprises should have to shoulder a disproportionately high increase, given that they generally receive no change in services from the Council (and have had to swallow a massive increase in Regional Council rates already).

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Please spend some of the RMP development fund on developing the Wally Sutherland building as an Arts Hub for community groups to have a meeting place/festival location/performance space/offices. This would re-invigorate the immediate space around it, and have positive flow-on effects for the community. Please also include cycle paths as part of the transport planning. It's not safe to cycle into town or around the district on the roads - but there is so much potential for this, and loads of local and visiting cyclists who would benefit the economy if even basic tracks were available to link our towns up.

Submission ID: 702

Date: Apr 12 24 11:58:18 am

Name:

Christine Chambers, QSM

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Upgrade the War Memorial hall and Little Theatre first. Include the Recreation Hub in later the Long Term Plan on the proviso that external funding is available at that time to make it affordable.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Food waste needs to be collected at least weekly, with an appropriate container supplied and monitored closely.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Perhaps we would not have such a debt problem if Councillors had not opted for a \$13M upgrade of the Civic Centre and allowed the CEO to employ TWO extra general managers plus their entourage of under managers and PA's shortly after her employment.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Institute user pays as much as possible

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Apparently General Manager of Strategy and Transformation, Mr S Perdie, has stated he intends to investigate the Harbour Fund as to whether it is "fit for purpose". It needs no investigation. It is the Harbour Fund derived from harbour board properties. It supports our harbour activities, excavates the bar and approaches when shallowing occurs; upkeeps the wharves and boat ramps; and also upkeeps harbour buildings such as the Visitor Information Centre in good repair. **HANDS OFF THE HARBOUR FUND!** And while we are on the subject, take no notice of those tunnel vision folk who keep harping on about the cost of the boat harbour. Admittedly it may not be in the most optimum place but it is a collaboration between Central Government, Iwi and the District Council, which is a good thing. The District Council contribution from the Harbour Fund has not impinged on rates. The boat harbour when eventually finished, will support our boat building industry that provides opportunities for our young people and hopefully it will attract wealthy boat owners who may even spend some of their wealth in our struggling retail sector. So Councillors, please give the boat harbour your ongoing support.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Submission ID: 704

Date: Apr 12 24 12:26:38 pm

Name:

Linda Bonne and Year 10 Puawaitanga

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

Whakatane High School Year 10 Puawaitanga

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

We believe that there is a lot of other services and facilities that the council could be providing for Whakatane.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

We are not too sure about this, but we believe that education from school upwards - ie all of the community needs to undertaken to ensure all the people buy into the concept of proper waste management.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

We are not too sure, however, we believe that people are struggling financially, and we are in a recession, so we would prefer a slower funding gap.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

We were not sure, so we chose the middle ground which would be fair to those who are not financially well off.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

The youth of this class have a suggestion of some facilities that could enhance their space and use of facilities, and amenities in this district; Boulderling gym Outdoor gym - on the riverbank maybe? More water fountains in the town Wider footpaths, especially on the bridge More pedestrian crossings More effective cycle lanes for safer travel Upgrade the Rotary Pump Park Create a Youth Hub like Volunteer Nelson or Hokonui Hurinui More Youth Mental Health activities and facilities that are free and easily accessible Shaded hangout areas More picnic areas More free activities for youth

Submission ID: 705

Date: Apr 12 24 12:35:35 pm

Name:

Renee Lubbe (Project Manager)

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) EBCTCT t/a Waka Eastern Bay Community Transport

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Waka Eastern Bay fulfils an important role of providing accessible transport options to members of the communities outside the public transport network or with limited availability. We largely rely on the goodwill of the local community by recruiting volunteers to drive the vehicles and administer the Trust. We are a registered charitable trust, under the name of Eastern Bay Accessible Transport Charitable Trust, fully community-owned and operated and funded by grants and donations. We currently The objectives of the Waka Eastern Bay service are to: • Provide affordable, safe, and accessible transport for people in the eastern Bay of Plenty whose needs aren't currently met. • Work with Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and other service providers, to expand the range of destinations and journey purposes available to people, so they have equality of opportunity. • Develop a financially and environmentally sustainable operation that provides reliable transport options. • Enable people to access health appointments and receive appropriate early interventions, which can lower subsequent costs to service providers. • Combat social isolation and loneliness, by enabling people to regularly connect with whanau. We started in mid-2023 with support from the NZTA Innovation Fund, and currently run two vehicles with service hours between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. Waka Eastern Bay has been successful with some grant applications, but our long-term future requires both sustainable funding and assistance in-kind, from individuals and organisations. Our submission to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan has requested establishment of a policy and funding framework which would enable operators like us to deliver more services for people whose needs are not being met by the existing fixed route service.

We provide a means of transport for residents who may be unable to transport themselves, from their home to nearby towns or cities for medical appointments or shopping visits. Our drivers are volunteers who have been trained to support users and our staff. Trips are therefore able to be kept affordable for passengers, and destinations are specifically geared to the needs of the community. Feedback from service users has been amazing, here is just one example: "My name Adrian Wellington of Whakatane. I am a paraplegic, being a survivor from a brain stem squash in 1967, and a stroke last year. I am now 69 and now rely on the Waka Shuttle to go to my medical appointments and even shopping trips. Their service I beyond my wildest expectations. I make my appointments the day before I have or want to go. These emails are responded to within a worry-free timeframe. As I am incredibly independent they can even accommodate taking my own wheelchair. Putting me in their hoist chair to the destination. The driver also goes beyond expectations. As I can take up to 15 minutes to transfer from my chair into the van. She shows patience and is consideration. Aware of my mobility issues. I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Waka to any disabled person I know. Without them I would be stuck in my home. It allows me to make choices in my life." Whilst we appreciate that it may not be possible for WDC to provide direct grant funding to organisations like ours, we would very much like to explore how you could provide in-kind support, which could include:

- Donations of any council equipment or assets that, whilst still serviceable, are no longer required.
- Brokering deals with vehicle suppliers to obtain better financial terms.
- Assisting with marketing and publicity of the community transport services.
- Assisting with identification and grant opportunities, and completion of grant applications.
- Helping with recruitment and training of volunteer drivers.
- Advocating on our behalf at regional and national level, where opportunities arise.
- Assisting with purchase and set up of technology solutions, including an app-based booking system.

We also feel that WDC transport planners could assist by developing a community transport plan which would identify further demand for services, as a means of raising the profile of the sector. Thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Submission ID: 706

Date: Apr 12 24 12:36:34 pm

Name:

Matthew Glasse

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Spend the minimum amount of money to bring it up to useable standard. On that note, I would be interested to know how much is paid for maintenance on the Rex Morpeth Recreational Hub each year, as it would appear a lot of the work needing to be done has been left in the same state for a very long time. If maintenance had been carried out correctly, the upgrades expense would be minimal.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 3: Separate foodwaste collection for all properties.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Although I ticked one of these options, I believe this is not required currently and should be looked at, at a later date. So (None of the above at the present time)

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

These times are tough, so if it can be a lesser outlay in the current economy, this will help.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

For the least amount cost and in a way that is fair and doesn't penalise certain people, groups or locations.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Yes, I have a number of points I would like to discuss with the Mayor and council and will be more than happy to present these at a formal hearing.

Submission ID: 707

Date: Apr 12 24 12:43:44 pm

Name:

James Mccarthy

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Over all i can not see how 100 million can be justifies for this when there are the basics like water treatment that will require substantive investment in the short term. Also please consider turning rugby park into a retirement village negotiate with iwi for a new out of town rugby park to be developed (like the Paroa rugby club.)

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

the Wally sutherland building complex should be considered for a creative hub run as a not for profit CCO with performance space exhibition space studio space. This could be the first step in an urban regeneration as used in many countries around the world...

Submission ID: 708

Date: Apr 12 24 12:46:12 pm

Name:

Tracy Glasse

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Spend the minimum.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

I don't agree with any option but - NONE is not an option. It isn't necessary at this stage as it is not a mandated requirement for any Council in 2024 or 2025 or 2026

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

The least outlay currently the better it is for everyone. We need to fix the plan before making a decision like that?

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Again no - OTHER option. Distribute rates fairly and equally among all residents - not those that can "opt out".

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Yes - we are requesting to attend a formal hearing thank you.

Submission ID: 709

Date: Apr 12 24 12:47:33 pm

Name:

John Ludwig

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Self

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Think how users can afford to use the facility, user pays. What percentage do users cover operating costs? Is this really the right site to manage a civil defence problem? Is it low lying, the new building projects at Valley road, Alexander ave have had to build up their ground level before building!

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

In a perfect world, there would be short transportation costs to the dump site, where does it get taken, it will stink! A large worm farm/ composting area, and then have a saleable product. Maybe combine with the worm operation at Kawerau?

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

You can only operate within your means! Every family has to!

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

What would be wrong with a Poll tax, everyone paying a more fair share.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Do it once, do it right! Not like the kids pool, and some of the bus shelters. Bus shelters should all be the same, everyone is paying rates, pedestrian crossing are standard black and white, world wide, don't confuse people with differences. (It's taking a long time to right the bus shelter at Te Teko, since the council apology). Dog registration is costing the responsible owners, recover more costs from the irresponsible owners. How much do council unused property cost ratepayers, eg the Wally Sutherland site, how long does it sit earning minimal if any income? The boat harbour, did the council ask commercial fishermen if they would use this hub? How many? Why would you invite 50 plus commercial boats to our area, only to rape and pillage our fish stocks? Yes they will and do fish here but don't make it too easy for them. So what's happening with the Bennett block, council purchased? A much better place for a boat marina, minimal digging out, and not the huge amount of contaminated soil that the proposed boat harbour owners agreed to have dumped on their site years ago, that decontamination job is for them to sort with the Board Mills, or government, not the ratepayers of our district! Matata is in need of a waste, sewage scheme, it's known there is poor drainage with these soils. You only need to look at the system the local school installed several years ago. It works only because they have space for

field tiles. The grass grows quickly while school is in, and slows right down during holidays. Quarter acre sections don't have such space. It's not very nice to smell sewage going down the road after rain and the soils are water logged . Staff employees, are they the best for the job, do they have the necessary skills, not just academic? Does the council require all the staff they employ, have you looked at same sized businesses for staff and cost comparisons?

Submission ID: 710

Date: Apr 12 24 12:56:15 pm

Name:

Gaynor Clements

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Essential maintenance only for 3 years, then review the situation bearing in mind the size and demographic of the area. Concentrate on 'need to have (water) not nice to have (RMRH)

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

no change

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

We need accurate figures before meaningful submissions can be made. Errors in financial information need to be publicly corrected.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Again without accurate figures no meaningful submission can be made

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Yes! Postpose the LTP for 12 months (as Kawerau/Dunedin and others are doing), until the government policies and their effect on Local Government are fully known and then make an LTP. Reduce WDC Council staff numbers and personnel costs - does a small town need 7 General Managers and a CEO? Concentrate on projects that are 'need not want', get the infrastructure right and then look at 'nice to haves'. The town does not need a state of the art marina (on contaminated land, which everyone knew and spoke about before the project started), the infrastructure cannot cope. How many jobs will there be when construction is finished? No more borrowing for vanity projects, the level of debt is unsustainable, the repayments huge. Please remember this is a small town where the average wage (as mentioned at Tuesday's meeting is \$35K,). Stop and think about the community, that is, if you are REALLY listening.

Name:**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Whakatane Youth Council - Meheyla Delamere**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:****How should we manage foodwaste collection?****Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:****How quickly should we close our funding gap?****Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:****How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?****Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:****Supporting document**

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

MURUPARA YOUTH CENTER As a new rep for the Whakatane Youth Council, I would like to express my voice in this letter that in the hope someone hears the concerns from a youth perspective. A high priority for a new development of a Youth Centre is greatly needed for the community of Murupara to help provide an indoor-outdoor space for young people. The purpose is to have a positive place that helps kids reach their full potential and keeps them off the streets. Having a youth centre here would bring about many young people to socialising in a safe and welcoming environment through art, cultural and sporting activities basketball, volleyball, table tennis, including spaces for dance, music, job/life skills, recreation, and social interaction. Having a youth centre in place would build a space for young adults and rangatahi. We the youth of today believe that by having a voice can lead to a better future for tomorrow in saying this leading by example and setting long term plans for the future generation. With this being said a youth centre is a MUST because I believe this would promote a great sense of health and wellbeing for youth in the community, leadership development, community engagement, activeness, strengthen youth/whanau relations, personal growth through training activities, positive relationships and friendships, opportunities for young leaders to explore new interests and hobbies. The vision for us as representatives of youth today is to action our Korero. Kia Ora

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 1: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 35% external funding for major development works in 2028 and 2029.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

This is an important venue for our town. I support this project if it fits within our budgets.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Educate. Work with supermarkets and produce providers so we can provide discounted or free food to those who need it or those who can use it i.e preservers. Worm farms and compost bins initiatives have been popular in the past. I would prefer to see this than an additional bin. Mixing food waste with greenwaste makes sense. Compost the whole lot. Will reduce smell in bin, perhaps?

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

People are truly struggling. Increasing our rates should not be an option to recover debt right now. We have to look after our people first and unfortunately this is one thing that has to wait.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Again, our lower income whanau need support right now, not increased costs.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

The Rangitaiki still continues to feel left out. We use Whakatane and Ohope services but money continues to be pumped there whilst we struggle with flooding, lack of investment, etc. However greatly appreciate the support the WDC gives to the RCB, EDIT, our CERT, the walkway etc.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Spread to cost over a long time to minimize rate increases

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Keep the costs a low as possible

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Spread to cost over a long time to minimize rate increases

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Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Focus on funding the "need to have" projects that are councils main reason for operating e.g. water, sewage, rubbish collection. Don't spend rate payers money on want or nice to have projects if the need to have projects still need funding e.g. Heads tidal pool To the Mayor & Councilors - Thank you for your service to the community

Submission ID: 714

Date: Apr 12 24 01:13:05 pm

Name:

Pam Greenaway

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Pam

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Continue to encourage recycling , composting and don't give us larger general waste bins encouraging more waste.

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Continue discussions with central government urgent re three waters and their ongoing role and funding contribution to this . The 5 priority areas in the plan endorsed.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Name:

Jennifer Manning

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

NONE OF THE OPTIONS PROVIDED ARE ACCEPTABLE! I strongly disagree with all options council proposes. This project should be 100% funded by external sources, excluding borrowing. Now is not the time to spend money on projects that aren't focused on delivering core services. I never thought I would say that, as I have been an advocate for upgrading the space for years because as a user I have been frustrated with the facilities and I understand the benefits creating a more user-friendly space. However, we are in a cost-of-living crisis and a recession, and for the next few years many in our community are now, or will be, struggling to keep up with their own personal financial needs to ensure their families have enough food on the table, clothes on their back and a roof over their heads. This project was what the community asked for at least 2 long term plans ago, when the economic climate was better. That time has now passed and it would be irresponsible for Council to do anything other than wait until the economy turns around before moving forward with this project. Council has suggested we have to plan for it now because it will cost more if we wait – the reality is that any project you are proposing to raise our rates for now will be more expensive by the time you actually 'break ground'. Of the past 2 or more LTPs you have had it on plan but not progressed it. This suggests to me that you can still leave it on the plan, as is, and in 3 years at our next LTP look at the financials again to see what we can afford as a community. And, Council has suggested that people won't move here if we don't have the facilities or activities - people move here because of the location to the ocean, the bush and its distance from larger more populated centres. Facilities can be developed as funds become available versus increasing rates to pay BEFORE enough funds are available. The time for borrowing for projects is NOT NOW. Council has staff (at least one that I know of) with the experience of securing community sponsorship who are more than capable of bringing in the necessary funds to move the project into a space where the wider community can participate in its development, financially. Think creatively on how to get this project funded without putting more financial pressures on ratepayers through rates increases and further borrowing. Take the funds that are already tagged for the redevelopment (from the last LTPs) and get a physical model done of what the project could be and put it in the Council building with an old-fashioned fundraising thermometer to start encouraging community participation and show who has contributed in the fundraising. Actively support private and philanthropic fundraising to create 'legacy' community assets, such as fundraising initiatives from community groups (i.e., Lions, Rotary, facility users), residents purchasing elements of the build (i.e, bricks, blocks, seats, benches etc).

How should we manage foodwaste collection?**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

NONE OF THE OPTIONS PROVIDED ARE ACCEPTABLE! We have until 2027 to come up with a plan. Now is not the time to increase a service that does not need to be increased urgently. It would be irresponsible for Council to do so in the current economic climate. Further, it is not actually not something that Council is required to implement for another 3 years (the next long-term plan).

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

NONE OF THE OPTIONS PROVIDED ARE ACCEPTABLE! Now is not the time to try and reduce Council debt by increasing ratepayers' debt. Any funding gaps created by Council borrowings should be closed by Council reducing their own overheads. To avoid reducing its own spending because things cost more now is irresponsible. If council can't afford to pay its borrowing debt because of increases in interest rates, then council needs to do what every other council, business and personal household has to do – cut spending so the bills can be paid! It's not uncommon for households, both wealthy and poor, to live 'beyond their means' sometimes but at some point, it becomes unsustainable and we are all expected to look at things differently to take away the things that aren't essential...until we can afford to manage the cost of them again. Not proceeding or increasing the projects and unnecessary services will eliminate the costs involved in planning for those projects and delivering those services (consulting, staffing, special consenting processes etc). Further, Council is suggesting borrowing as a as a part of the Re Morpeth project. Any proposed borrowing should only be for essential infrastructure. Elected Members need to direct Council management via the CE to reduce operational costs, including staffing levels and freezing wage raises/promotions. There are non-essential departments that can be reduced as well as departmental projects that can be removed from their budgets. Anything more than a 10% rates increase will result in more people needing rebates, remissions or even not paying.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

NONE OF THE OPTIONS PROVIDED ARE ACCEPTABLE! Keep the rates affordable to your ratepayers, or you will have less of them. Other Councils are proposing more affordable rates increases and are cutting their own operational costs as part of their strategy to keep rates manageable during this cost-of-living crisis and recession. Our Council hasn't done this, or suggested any options that suggests they will be reducing their own operational costs. Other councils are acknowledging there is a large number of people in their community who would not be able to afford significant rates increases due to current struggles in managing personal household cost-of-living increases. Our Council acknowledges that there is an issue but suggests they have no other options. Further, every year council considers rates in its annual plan, so now rates could be adjusted based on affordability to ratepayers during this cost-of-living crisis and recession, then assess it at the next annual plan review. If council continues use "increase rates" as their strategy to pay for projects and services unrelated to core services then more people will be forced to move to affordable towns that align with their personal incomes and desire for work/life balance, and less people will consider moving to the district because our rates are higher than where they live now, for less benefits. This is not just about increasing ratepaying properties, it's about losing the ones we have because council is making it less affordable for more people to actually live here!

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

If Council was serious about finding ways to cut costs, they would firstly look at their operational costs, including staffing, contracts, projects and services. And, let the community know they were doing so. They would have asked the community in this submission process what areas should be cut. They have

done so in the past. Council has spent too much focus on projects that enhance Whakatāne township versus building a stronger district (rural areas). Further, Council has been aware for approximately 10 years that they would need to repair and upgrade infrastructure in order to meet new regulations. They focused on other enhancement projects instead. Yes, there have been some wonderful projects added to our community, but were they at the cost, and focus, of not doing the 'unseen work' needed. It is my understanding that there are many projects and expenses that you, as Elected Members responsible for governance, do not see. These include departmental staff increases and projects. You are only provided with details of what is going on, in some cases after they have been started, versus being given the opportunity to decide if these are necessary in the first place. On the surface they may seem insignificant on their own but add them as a whole and this may be where you as an Elected Member can take the lead and ask more of your CE to ensure departments are being fiscally responsible, which is a part of governance. There is blame on increases in costs, compliance and responsibilities put on councils, instead of acknowledging that there is money that been spent (and borrowed) for projects versus infrastructure (spending where it was wanted versus needed). The community is tired of seeing projects done that haven't been highly supported or considered necessary, or are delivered based on unrealistic budgets for ratepayers to take on. As elected members you do not have to support what staff present you. Ask the questions your supporters would want you to ask. You do not have to agree as a majority, have your own ideas, based on the people you represent and voice them at your meetings. You do have the power to change the focus and actions within council, by ensuring the mandate you give to the CE is clear. FURTHER FEEDBACK ON WHAT COUNCIL HAS IDENTIFIED AS FOCUSES AND PRIORITY PROJECTS. COUNCIL PRIORITIES: Enhancing the safety, wellbeing and vibrancy of communities – let the community lead this! There are many organisations in our communities who are focused on safety, wellbeing and vibrancy for the community and its residents (this includes many of the focus areas council proposes to invest ratepayers' money on). Council says you want to work with organisations to deliver these outcomes but council needs to simply support those organisations doing the work versus insisting on being the 'coordinator' of delivering these outcomes. Facilitating economic regeneration and responding to development pressures – let the community drive this! Council needs to diversify its focus areas with respect to economic development and the sectors it pursues. Encouraging growth in the rural townships by supporting those areas to secure businesses to develop or relocate there, resulting in sustainable economic benefits to that community as well as increasing council's rates base to support infrastructure needs. Tourism and events should be a component of economic growth, not a main focus to a sustainable economic development. Over the past 3 years we have witnessed what can happen when towns are too reliant on tourism/events economy. Let the community be more proactive in the tourism and events space, and take a supportive role versus insisting on a 'management' role. COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECTS: Rex Morpeth - Rex Morpeth has been on the projects list forever. When the community was asking for it, council kept delaying it saying we couldn't afford it. Now that the community is struggling and has accepted that it should not be a priority right now, council wants to do it and says we need it. The community was clear in its petition of over 300 people that they do not want council to spend money on the Rex Morpeth redevelopment right now. Separately, they mentioned a second bridge should take priority over any Rex Morpeth project. The main focus of that petition was advising that the community did not support redevelopment of Rex Morpeth. It was not intended to suggest that if the bridge could not happen then the community supported the Rex Morpeth project. No one will deny that redeveloping Rex Morpeth would create benefits for the community. I personally have advocated for it in the past, when it wasn't a council priority and should have been. It's the lack of acknowledgement of the realities of current financial pressures residents are experiencing right now that is unacceptable. If

Council has suggested that they needed to put it into the plan for future planning purposes, but at the same time are not confirming that there will not be any immediate financial impact on ratepayers for the project. If Council was simply adding it for future planning then there should not be any contributions coming from ratepayers until such time as Council has the capacity to pay for it. This is something that could be reviewed for financial capacity within the annual plan over the next 3 years, when more community sponsorship, donations and external funding has been secured. By council pushing this through now, when more residents are struggling to make ends meet, would create a negative impact on residents that live here now which would have a long-lasting effect on the community as a whole. You need to focus on what the wider community, and not just the users who would have immediate benefits or the staff who are paid to present you with projects like this. Consider our demographics. You may be able to manage extreme rates increases to pay for projects...but think about the rest of the community, can they afford it too and for how long?

Boat Harbour Project - The Boat Harbour Project suggests that no ratepayers funding is required to deliver this project. That funds are coming from external sources as well as the existing Harbour Endowment Fund. If this is the case, then Council needs to communicate that clearly. Further, Council needs to communicate why after 4 years nothing has been done and confirm what the status is and that ratepayers will not be paying for anything related to the delay or changes to the project. I still don't understand how the project was approved for the PGF without proof that the site was suitable to build on from an environmental point of view. How did the soil not get tested as a part of the feasibility and due diligence portions of the proposal?

Shaw Road - Mill Road Roundabout - This project was mentioned in the results of a recent petition by over 300 people that it should not be a priority. It is unfortunate that council was not forward thinking in considering this possibility when it approved the housing development. Even excluding Waka Kotahi's decision to construct a roundabout at Mill Road/SH30, Council should have logically assumed that once they approved the housing development it would not only increase traffic but it would open the potential for further growth in that area. If they had proposed having the entrance of the development at Mill Road because of the likelihood of future growth Waka Kotahi could have been prompted to consider the roundabout at the same time the development was being planned. Assuming Huna Road will be the next housing development, any Shaw Road – Mill Road roundabout should be left until there is a clear plan on where and how the entrance to that development will be incorporated into SH30. We do not want to be paying for upgrades and/or developing a new roundabout to manage Huna Road traffic flows. Since construction of any new roundabout would not happen until 2027 and it would realistically take the same amount of time for Huna Road to get approval, Council should not pursue this project, or costs related to it, until a Huna Road plan is being considered. This will mean Council can include it in the next long-term plan, when the economy may be in a better position financially.

Submission ID: 718

Date: Apr 12 24 01:29:46 pm

Name:

Sharnika Dowthwaite

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

I support upgrading the facility, but at the minimum end of the scale of what is absolutely necessary.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Food waste should be able to go into our existing green waste bins (like Christchurch City Council does as an example). That keeps our bin schedule the same as it currently is, with no additional cost to rate payers. I would assume this option has been investigated but haven't seen notes on this anywhere. It appears that the council is adding a collection, rather than swapping the collection cycles.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Cost of living crisis at the front of mind - People are doing it tough, and some people will find the approx \$31 per week additional costs too much to cope with when everything else is rising too.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Submission ID: 719

Date: Apr 12 24 01:34:15 pm

Name:

Paul Isaac / Gary Ball

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Whakatane Tennis club/Pickleball Whakatane

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

The Whakatane Tennis Club would like to be part of any discussion regarding the Proposed Rex Morpeth Park project. We are open to any discussion or proposals moving forward. We presently have a membership of around 250 players. What is of particular interest to the club is how the upgrades will impact the playing resources for Pickleball. We made a submission to the council last year highlighting the rapid growth of this sport and the potential economic and social benefits to the Whakatane community. Since our submission we have engaged with the community and ran regular Pickleball sessions in the Hall to gauge interest. The evening sessions have been so popular, we have regularly used all 12 courts for doubles with players patiently waiting for a court and an opportunity to play. At the time of writing 53 players have signed up for competitive matches with a similar number attending on a casual basis. At this stage we have resisted organising tournaments due to facility limitations. We are positive about the proposed upgrades to Rex Morpeth Park but with a caveat that Council seeks full funding for the upgrades from outside sources. The proposed 50% funding requirements should be regarded as a minimum not a target.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Submission ID: 720

Date: Apr 12 24 01:42:29 pm

Name:

Beverly Southee

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

Netball Whakatane Centre Inc

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Fund through ratepayers. Consultation should be considered as no Whakatane facilities house an indoor netball court which would be utilised all through autumn and winter and then mixed netball in summer.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

will go with majority

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

things have gone up so helping the burden now seems good for most people

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

im guessing people will choose cheaper option

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

We would like you to consider using the grass area at Eve Rimmer Park for carparking. We have been there 20 years and have grown exponentially since we were first put there. We also have photos and will put this in email as this online portal does not allow - saved OBJ REF A2650559



Phone: [REDACTED]

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President – Al Fenwick

Secretary – Mihiata Ruri

Treasurer – Mad Izett

Kia ora Whakatane District Council Mayor and Councillors

Netball Whakatane would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the critical support and investment Whakatane District Council offers to support sport, recreation, and play in the Eastern Bay. Without this support, many in our community would not have the great opportunities to participate.

We also acknowledge the challenges Council is facing, including a tough fiscal environment and many demands. These demands are not an 'either/or' situation, however, and investing in our people and the communities wellbeing must remain a priority. Long-term planning and investment is important of taking a long-term perspective in planning and investing in sport and recreation infrastructure. We support strategic planning processes that consider future population growth, demographic trends, and evolving community needs to ensure sustainable development over time. Sport, active recreation, and play create happier, healthier people and more connected communities. Active New Zealanders are 59% more likely have the highest level of wellbeing, with positive impacts on physical, mental and social indicators.

About us

We come from a rural community with Whakatane provided the Centre for many schools (23) and Clubs (14) to join as members to participate in our Junior & Senior competitions. **Our Centre covers teams who travel to us from, Matata, Edgcombe, Otakiri, Awakeri, Ruatoki, Waimana, and also towns like Kawerau and Opotiki so we cover a lot of Eastern Bay of Plenty in terms of netball, so we are aware that we need to ensure this Centre functions well and effectively for all our communities who contribute.** We are a Netball Centre that run both senior and junior netball competitions over the winter and hold a summer junior programme and umpire development programmes. Our core business is our members who play every Saturday, daughters/sons, sisters/brothers, mums & grandmums. We also have our junior secondary school programmes running throughout the week. So you could drive by most week day afternoons & Saturdays to see how busy we are while providing an inclusive, competitive and enjoyable competition for our Whakatane Community and surrounding areas.

Submission – Extra Carparking and Resurfacing of Existing Courts.

Over the past five years, our Netball Centre has seen a steady increase in membership, resulting in overcrowded courts & carparking area during peak hours. This growth highlights the urgent need for court upgrades but also what we really need is extra carparking. Our Netball Centre serves as a hub for social interaction and community bonding. Better courts and more carparks will offer residents of all ages, including seniors and youth, a safe and enjoyable space for recreational activities and tournaments. Our Netball Centre requires additional funding to improve court & carparking facilities, as current conditions hinder player experience and limit community engagement. Enhancing our the Eve Rimmer Park/Nita Shannon Netball Courts will not only attract more players but also boost local sports participation and the ability to hold the New Zealand U18 Netball Nationals. Additionally, improved facilities will encourage youth participation, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. We urge the Council to allocate additional funding to upgrade our netball courts and carparking in the upcoming Long Term Plan. This investment will not only benefit our Centre but also contribute to the overall well-being and vitality of our community.

We appreciate any support and hope to have your involvement in Netball in Whakatane.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Al Fenwick
President
On behalf of Netball Whakatane Centre Committee

Name:**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Takitimu-Morete whanau**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 1: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 35% external funding for major development works in 2028 and 2029.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Plans not innovative enough; where is the rangatahi engagement? Prefer that there is a critical look at the FUTURE needs of the community rather than entrenching existing needs and users - build the precinct for our future needs and as points of social intersection.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

We should have a strategy across all waste in the region to culture shift the community to more sustainable practices; we are hardly doing the bare minimum and shipping our waste out of the region is not a solution we need to be responsible for our own waste/culture around environmental integrity

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Costs are only going to increase over time, its not going to get cheaper to fund any of these initiatives. Regardless, the looming economic and climate crises will require us to have robust community infrastructure, we must prioritise

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

We should offer rebates to small business owners operating in this area, they are already struggling.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

BUILD COMMUNITY NOT ASSETS

Submission ID: 722

Date: Apr 12 24 01:54:10 pm

Name:

Chantal McLean

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Only absolutely necessary repairs should be undertaken as there simply is no money and none of us ratepayers can afford it

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

It's not essential and should be paid for by those that need the service

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Why do we have a funding gap?! Spend less

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

We haven't received correct figures and I cannot make a decision without them

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Spending is out of control and our council have enormous staff costs and numbers in comparison to other cities. We cannot afford these expenses and there are way too many chiefs and not enough cooks

Submission ID: 723

Date: Apr 12 24 01:55:15 pm

Name:

Andrew Watson

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

We agree that this upgrade needs to happen to ensure continued availability of the resource, however a longer term solution using corporate sponsorship could allow for options that move to a more modern convention centre closer to town, leaving Rex Morpeth as a sports / recreation hub.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

A lot of the foodwaste fits into either the green bin category (fruit / vegetable) with other foodwastes going with the general waste collection.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

We should be closing the gap as quickly as we can to avoid further interest payments at a time when interest rates are high.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Please see the attached submission document.



Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce

Submission to Whakatane District Council

Long Term Plan 2024-34

12 April 2024

About the Chamber

The Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce is a not for profit, membership-based organisation with a membership of 240 member businesses. We have a wide reach into the business community crossing a range of demographics in both business size, and industry sector. Our reach extends beyond our membership base through direct mailouts, social media, and interviews with local media (radio and print).

We are the region's largest business network, and we see our primary focus as representing the business community on issues and opportunities that affect its growth and development. We see the relationship with local government as a significant factor in this and with effective communication we can all achieve positive, beneficial outcomes.

Our contribution to economic development:

Business Support and Funding

- Regional Partnership for building business capability (as a subcontractor to Tauranga Chamber of Commerce). The scheme is a result of a joint initiative to provide support to small and medium size enterprises (SME's) funded by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) through Callaghan Innovation.

Advocacy:

- We compile submissions to both local and central government.
- We work with the New Zealand Chambers of Commerce and Industry for Central Government submission.
- We provide comment to local media in response to issues affecting the business community.

Networking, Training and Business Events:

We hold networking and training events, designed to be informative, connect business leaders, educational, and recognise business excellence. These events include:

- Business After 5 networking events
- Women in Business series
- Ladder Young Professionals
- Biennial Business awards
- Trainings / Workshops

The Chamber's revenue stream is through membership fees, sponsorship support and user fees for services supplied. The Chamber receives no public funding from local or central government other than through contracts which cover the operating costs for the contracted programmes.

Our Submission

The Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of its members, submits the following points for discussion on the WDC Long Term Plan 2024.

The business community is struggling more now than it has in many years. With the long tail of Covid still having an impact on businesses and residents, combined with the economic pressures both internationally and domestically, seeing proposed increases in Council rates, partially through insufficient funding in previous years, comes as a huge financial impact to all in the district.

This paper addresses the Council Identified Key Priorities discussed in the Council's LTP Consultation document. In addition to areas of concern, it is important to note that there are many positives about services provided by Council to the community.

What the Council does well:

- Green Spaces
 - The district, and particularly the urban areas, have fantastic green spaces for residents to enjoy. The gardens are well maintained and offer a colourful welcome for residents and visitors. It's great to have these facilities close to the CBD so that workers can enjoy them during their breaks.
- Waste Management
 - The collection of waste across the district is handled efficiently, there are plenty of waste bins around the area, and the town is relatively litter free. Whakatāne is a clean town compared with other towns across the country.
- Communication
 - I feel that the Council has improved its communication with the community over the past few years. The amount of communication, and the various platforms used has a greater reach, and I think gives the impression of a town that is fun, vibrant and wants to connect.

Council Identified Key Priorities:

- Enhancing the safety, wellbeing, and vibrancy of communities
 - Crime Rates
 - Crime appears to be on the rise, and many local retailers are feeling the impact of this. Although there has been some engagement in this area and CCTV has assisted in the monitoring of offenders, local businesses are still feeling vulnerable and are not able to protect their properties 24/7 with the most likely time for ram raids to occur being in the early hours when physical

security is at its lowest resource level. Capturing the offenders on CCTV is not necessarily preventing the crime from happening in the first place. I believe that more regular security patrols would be beneficial to local businesses to identify and deter potential offenders before they commit an offence.

- Safety Cameras
 - As mentioned above, the recent addition of cameras across the district is a good move to aid with identification of offenders. There are some members of the community who are concerned about their privacy, but overall, we must protect our businesses as they cannot afford to keep cleaning up after an event, and once they have been targeted several times are likely to just close their doors as it's not worth the stress.
- Transport
 - Getting around town is easy for people without mobility issues as it is a small town, but to go any distance, requires a car as the bus services are few and far between, and because the route taken by the buses, it can make a trip from Ōhope to town, or across town into a very long journey. This becomes a deterrent for people to make regular trips to town. The services don't seem to run often and perhaps smaller buses with a more frequent timetable would enable people to take public transport rather than their personal vehicle.
 - Congestion around town is an issue with limited options for roads in and out of town. When the Pekatahi bridge gets closed for maintenance, there is an increase in traffic along Landing Road or Hinemoa Street. Investigations into traffic flow and where the main congestion points are needs to be looked at. The McAllister St / Domain Road roundabout is a constant source of congestion. Providing alternatives may help to alleviate this and create better flow allowing business vehicles to access their clients quicker.
- Homeless and the less fortunate
 - This appears to be a growing issue, particularly in the retail areas of Whakatāne and Kopeopeo. Apart from the sight of bundles of blankets, sleeping bags, and mattresses that appear on the streets around 5pm, some business owners are finding that there is an increasing number of people with anti-social behaviour hanging around businesses, abusing customers and retailers, and generally causing issues for local businesses. Calls to the police say that it is a Council issue and calls to the Council say that it is a police issue. There needs to be better collaboration between

Police, Council, Central Government, Social Services, and the Business community to address this problem.

- Recreation activities
 - The Rex Morpeth refurbishment has been talked about and budgeted for the past 12 years. So far, very little appears to have been done during that time, and almost no maintenance has been carried out in anticipation of a possible upgrade / replacement project. What is the likelihood of action in the next 10 years?
 - The current facilities are outdated and no longer meet the requirements of the town. The War Memorial Hall is the only place in town where larger functions can be held, and although the heating has recently been upgraded, it is still primarily a sports venue that doesn't cater well to spectators.
 - As a function venue, it doesn't have facilities to cater for large numbers with the kitchen facilities being too small to cater for a large crowd, and there is no other lighting apart from the ceiling lights. This makes it extremely expensive for users to transform it into a professional function venue.
 - If the current expectation is that the main project will cost approximately \$107 million during the next 10 years, does this include a provision for contingency, and how much, as costs will likely continue to increase at a high rate during this period?
 - What are the plans for users of the venue while the refurbishment is taking place as this venue has a very high utilisation?
- Strengthening relationships with iwi, hapū and whānau
 - The Council should already have good links with iwi partners, and the aims of this initiative are important. How will achievement in this area be measured to ensure that money spent on strengthening relationships is effective and is achieving the desired outcomes?
- Building climate change and natural hazard resilience, including our infrastructure
 - Emergency Management
 - There is a lot to be done to prepare for a potential evacuation. We have seen from the tsunami warning and evacuation a couple of years ago, that this town is not prepared. Traffic management, and a structured evacuation did not appear to exist. Given that there are only a couple of ways to exit the town, and the different types of emergency will determine which routes are appropriate, the Council needs to work with emergency services, social services, residents, and businesses to create plans to effectively deal with whatever nature may throw at us. We were lucky to escape any

serious impact from Cyclone Gabrielle, but one day we may not be so fortunate.

- The 1987 Edgecumbe earthquake demonstrated that our main access to town can easily be disrupted. If the main bridge and the Pekatahi bridge were both damaged, there is no way for people to get from town to Coastlands, or the north / western areas. As more and more people build in these areas, not being able to get home will require additional temporary accommodation in the event of a major catastrophe. For this reason, the business case to Waka Kotahi needs to be expedited so that when the next event occurs, we have options.
- The Chamber would be happy to work alongside Council to help the Council and local businesses develop a Business Continuity Plan so that once the initial emergency is over, our business community can continue to trade and provide services while the town is in recovery mode. We saw through the first Covid lockdown that businesses were not as prepared as they could have been.
- Facilitating economic regeneration and responding to development pressures
 - CBD Regeneration
 - Back in 2020 funding was approved and a project established to regenerate and revitalise the CBD. The 2021 LTP committed to “unlocking economic potential and supporting job creation through the Whakatāne Regeneration Programme”.
 - It had the following themes:
 - 1 Create spaces for activities and events and encourage family-friendly activities.
 - 2 Create and encourage pedestrian-friendly streets, alternative transport options and improve disability parking.
 - 3 Connect to the river, create a wide promenade with hospitality and public facilities.
 - 4 Retain car parking and/or change car parking facilities (including parking building/s).
 - 5 Enhance natural environment connections, promote green spaces and parks.
 - 6 Greater recognition of local Māori culture and enhancing connections.
 - We haven't seen any movement on these projects, and they don't appear in the 2024 Long Term Plan. What is happening with this project and is it still part of the Council's plan to enable economic growth and attract new business and investment into the district through a regeneration / revitalisation of the CBD or have these

funds been redirected to the controversial Whakatāne Boat Harbour Development project?

- Council owned buildings
 - In the consultation document there is a paragraph referring to the Council having the option to purchase properties to facilitate economic regeneration. Several buildings were purchased over the past few years and are sitting idle which doesn't seem to be a great return on the investment. What are the plans for these properties? In particular, the Wally Sutherland area would be ideal for development as a convention centre, and with support from corporates may be a more viable longer-term alternative to re-modelling the War Memorial Hall and settling with completing minor upgrades so that it is more attractive to sports. A multi-use convention centre in town would attract more visitors to Whakatāne and into the CBD and make Whakatāne a destination rather than a place to pass through.
- Backing the economy, particularly tourism and events
 - While supporting tourism into the district has brought some investment, relying on tourism alone is not sustainable as we saw when Whakaari erupted and lost almost all visitors to the town. The Council should be planning how to support the economic growth of the entire district, giving us an alternative should there be another downturn in tourism due to unforeseen circumstances.
 - As mentioned in the previous section, the CBD Regeneration Project would have huge benefits to the town and the district and would create a much more vibrant business community.
- Encouraging and supporting growth in the business sector
 - The LTP refers to “enabling economic and employment growth and attracting new business and investment into the district”. What plans are in place to assist the district grow and to attract this investment? We find it difficult to attract new businesses without somewhere for their staff to live. How do we make it easier to develop new places to live without the general ratepayers having to cover the cost of building infrastructure for new housing developments?
 - Councils are needed to provide the necessities of the community, and from time to time should consider whether services should be provided in house or outsourced. In the interests of efficiency, are there services currently run through Council that could be outsourced to private sector to run? E.g. Whakatane Holiday Park?

Funding:

- Affordability and the impact on businesses:
 - Higher rates to consumers will mean less discretionary spending which further impacts the already difficult situation that small businesses are experiencing. Higher rates to businesses will result in further prices, again affecting consumers' ability to spend in the local economy.
 - Consumers and businesses alike would like to see investment and growth in the community, but need more transparency as to the true costs and whether the Council has indeed focused that budget on what was expected. There needs to be more transparency in the accountability of Council to prove that the increase in rates is being spent effectively. It appears that in some sectors, trust in Council is not high. We need to see these big-ticket projects (e.g. Three Waters, Rex Morpeth / CBD Regeneration) taking place rather than just being mentioned in consecutive LTP's with more funding allocated each time. Visible action will help to resurrect trust in Council's ability to implement the plan.
 - In the consultation document, we are asked to get used to higher increases in rates for the foreseeable future due to past issues and these cannot be remedied easily. Some of these issues appear to be a lack of foresight, and in the case of Three Waters, have been underfunded for many years. In the 2021 plan, it mentioned that there was increased investment for Three Waters. What has happened to those funds? What does the Council plan to do to keep on top of regular maintenance activities so that we don't find ourselves in a similar or worse situation going forward?
 - What alternative funding options are there for providing services without additional rates? What services would work well with a user pays approach, and which wouldn't?
 - What projects could legitimately be deferred for a short period of time? This will allow the community to recover from the recession and perhaps we will be in a better position to commit resources to these projects.
- Closing the funding gap
 - In the relatively short term, Council should look to reduce the funding gap. With the uncertainty of interest rates, we should look to reduce the funding gap as quickly as is reasonably possible.

Summary

It is evident that a lot of effort has gone in to producing the Draft Long-Term Plan and that Council has endeavoured to spread resources across a lot of projects that will benefit the residents and businesses across the district.

At a time when the country is facing higher inflation and interest rates than we have in a very long time, the Council needs to be fiscally responsible when creating this plan.

The plan needs to consider the priorities of each proposal and closely question whether this is the best time to implement some of the “nice to have” options or whether we should defer them slightly to allow time to recover and rebuild finances before embarking on big spend items. Investing in a thriving business community will have a flow-on effect on the rest of the district, improving outcomes for all.

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Position:	General Manager
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Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 1: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 35% external funding for major development works in 2028 and 2029.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

I think there is an error in the options to answer this question - Options 1 and 2 are the same. I think it's really important that this work goes ahead as soon as possible. The cost to ratepayers is a very small portion of total increases to rates and the benefits to the town of having better sporting and recreation opportunities are overdue and very important, especially to younger members of our community.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Makes sense to start as soon as possible. I wonder about costs of managing the methane emissions of food waste - I don't know enough to comment properly. Rural properties have other options for managing food waste - eg bigger gardens, pigs etc

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

I thought there should have been a fourth option - to close the funding gap in the long term. We know that these significant rates increases are on the table now due to long-term underinvestment by successive councils in infrastructure, and by the short-sighted decision of the current government to scrap Three Waters. It therefore makes sense to me to lengthen the time to pay off the debt, given that it was created over the longer term.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

I support any proposal that increases equity and better responds to growing wealth inequality in NZ.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Good work for clearly articulating the difficult decisions on our community's hands. It's been frustrating to follow the community discourse around the proposed rates increases; discussed as if they are a result of poor financial management by councilors and council staff when the reality is that these costs have been incurred by previous mismanagement and lack of foresight, as well as the terribly short-sighted decisions being taken across the board by the current government.

Submission ID: 725

Date: Apr 12 24 02:01:02 pm

Name:

Ruth Gerzon

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Some of the service clubs might help with the children's playground.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 3: Separate foodwaste collection for all properties.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Can we have a worm farm or composting process that recovers the potential of food waste and keeps it in our communities

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Right now there is a recession and the current government is likely to make things harder for people already struggling so we need to reduce costs now as much as possible

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

maybe community housing trusts such as the Tawanui one are charged less than other major landowners.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

This consultation has been so well produced and easy to understand. Congratulations to all who worked on it.

Submission ID: 726

Date: Apr 12 24 02:07:31 pm

Name:

Delany Brunsdan

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Do only what is needed to keep it workable

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Yeh the new mariner is a waste of time

Name:**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)****How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

I feel it is important in the current economic climate for Council to actually do what needs to be done and defer the nice to haves. If any redevelopment was to be proposed in the future there should at least be a MOU in place for external funding to provide ratepayers with some level of comfort.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Mixed could still be recycled as mulch or garden fertilizer

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Give consideration to closing the gap but ensure that through effective budget monitoring that no overspends occur that require undertaking additional unexpected debt.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

I understand that there should be another option that Council can provide UAGC up to 30%.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Yes I think it is really important that Mayor and councillors listen to the opinions of the ratepayers and ensure that staff are held accountable for the budgets they are responsible for and that achieving delivery of KPI's within budget should be one of their KPIs. Also that there all reporting of financial and KPI delivery is open and transparent and not lost in massive documents that no one has time to read and find the detail as it's been well camouflaged

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Do the basics, ensuring that buildings for public use are safe before embarking on the "nice to haves". Note that the soccer club building is owned by the Whakatane Town Soccer club. Present rates and those proposed for the following year are eye-wateringly high, especially for those on fixed or limited income.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 3: Separate foodwaste collection for all properties.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

I oppose the proposed rates increase. Just cannot afford it. You're right, times are tough.

Name:**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Murupara**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

No

How should we manage foodwaste collection?**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

NO This is an unnecessary additional rate charge . The council should be finding ways to educate and encourage communities to compost their own wood waste.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

NO Unfortunately this is very unrealistic as closing the funding gap will never happen.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

NO. Consider imposing cost cuts on yourselves.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Personal Costs Staff costing of \$34 million is an absolute joke and is an unnecessary use of funds for a very small district such as ours. Where exactly are you imposing your own cost cut as we are aware that there is over staffing. Dog Rangers There is no need to employ a further two dog rangers. The costing per annum of \$200,000 for this is not justifiable. Instead offering the option for employment have opportunities for de-sexing animals and dog education. Murupara Swimming Pool As a frequent user of this service, I feel that the Murupara swimming complex should be kept open until Labour weekend and be heated during this colder period. Murupara Transfer Station Fees The Murupara transfer station should become a user pay service and not be an additional cost to the rising rates we have for our small community. A suggestion that rate payers receive a rate payers card which entitles them to 4 free concessions trips to the dump, with an unlimited amount of trips for all locals to discard of green waste. Green waste can be mulched and sold being used as form of revenue to go back into the transfer station. The suggestion of having a bulk verge collection for all residents each year would also be beneficial. Community Hui for Chlorinated Water in Murupara When is this hui going to take place? The Whakatane District council need to be held accountable and meet kanohi ki te kanohi with the Murupara community to address this issue. Rate Increases Once again consider imposing cost cuts on yourselves. I want my council to be responsible for maintaining the infrastructure of our district, for upholding consultation with communities where applicable.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Optional choice for not having a food waste bin!

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Council needs to make savings to help cover funding gaps, stick to necessary infrastructure expenditure, and suspend new projects in the short term in these difficult economic times.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

I do not agree with the increase of annual rates

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Many rural properties have own composting facilities but a drop off point for those who don't would be good.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Please do not progress marina development until the cost for all three stages is fully known and council is satisfied there is means to manage contaminated soil.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

It is fine how it is. Dont blow money we dont have. Its has and will continue to work if we maintain it correctly

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Not 100 percent sure here. But a structural like Swedens recycling allows 99% plus recycling (6 different recycle bins) and and use for power generation and all. We need to buck up our waste.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

The gap, stop making the gap and there wont be one.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

I am not a fan of any of these options, its ridiculous!!! Options of 16 to 24%, maybe look at getting someone who knows how to run a business to do your books, because Whakatane thinks your cooking them!

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Guys, you will be booted fastest than you can say jack if you increase rates and conduct more unnecessary spending like you did on the council, how many showers do you gave there? Live within the means, open up opportunities to all other than preferential treatment to maori and the likes, we are a great community and we all want to live a good life. If rates go up, we will all go broke, people wont pay rates, and your time in the positions you hold will be ill spoken for the rest of time. Think wisely, the government spent alot if money trying to change a flag, a legacy does not have to be a building, it can be living in reality and helping people

Submission ID: 735

Date: Apr 12 24 02:23:36 pm

Name:

Sharon Moore

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Weeds - the presence of weeds on private property should be liable for a hefty fine - thus the spread of weeds would be curbed and revenue could be gathered if weeds are not eradicated. Your council has been warned continuously about the spread of invasive weeds -exotic, non-endemic plants dry the soil more than the endemic nz natives, thus causing erosion, loss of habitat for kiwi & glow worms (which affects tourism income to the area, since there is a tourism business reliant on sighting glow worms, and hearing, possibly spotting, kiwi), plus all other endemic species . Your council needs to employ better skilled mowing contractors, that have contributed to the erosion by removing native vegetation. Landslide on the Whakatane-Ohope road is imminent. Stormwater - another massive disaster waiting to happen. Piping stormwater into the natural tributaries is contributing to ocean rise, and causing pollution to the oceans. Your council needs to work with government in a nation-wide plan to reservoir, and treat/filter all stormwater, that can then be used for irrigation, drought relief, fire-fighting, possibly for consumption - the reservoirs could be used for recreation - possibly a series of reservoirs of varying water quality. Incineration of waste - hospital, rest home, nappy waste & all toxic & plastic waste, ie all landfill waste needs to be incinerated as cleanly as possible - double burning of particulate emissions. the Whakatane Mill is looking for a method of producing heat - that could be a solution.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Only upgrade for necessities. To be safe in earthquakes etc. and a safe place for our community when they can't be in their own homes. not money poured in to make it look pretty

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

I'm not bothered. My food waste goes to my chickens.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Control your spending on things that aren't needed!! Super unfair for our rates to rise every single year. There are struggling families out there.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Submission ID: 737

Date: Apr 12 24 02:31:40 pm

Name:

Shane McLean

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Only essential repairs should be done at this time until the economy is in a better state

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

If people want to use the service they pay

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Why is there a funding gap?! Why don't you spend within our means???

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

There shouldn't be any increases

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

I want truth and transparency from council members as the figures don't add up as per Alan Whyte's mention at the meeting Tuesday night. We need to suspend any decisions until true facts and figures are released. Way too many staff for a small town and the CEO salary is absurd and unjustified

Submission ID: 738

Date: Apr 12 24 02:32:13 pm

Name:

Peter and Katherine Craig

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

It's a great asset but is tired and in need of a spruce up

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Get more people using compost and having a garden

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 1: Close the gap quickly (in one year) so we pay less in the future.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

And try not to borrow again

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

That's hefty enough at this time

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

As much development should occur here for the long term benefit of the community. More additional funding sources should be explored.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

The communication styles of the LTP process can be improved. Information should be succinct and concise. There are supporting documents to the LTP that is substantial in length, which Council should aim to consolidate for future LTP cycles. Staff salaries being below market expectations and CPI is a significant concern, and staff turnover is a matter that should be explored by Audit and Risk Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity for lodge a submission on the Long Term Plan 2024 (LTP) and Fees and Charges Schedule from Whakatāne District Council (WDC).

It is a difficult time for WDC in the face of financial pressures, such as WDC's Consumer Price Index (CPI) changes, inflationary pressures and the need for staff pay to match or be above inflation for those earning less than 100k, and the complexities that legislative change is bringing. These pressures are passed to our communities and whanau.

Ensuring that information is as accurate as possible and takes into account learnings and known data is important to guiding policy.

Below are matters which I believe may be useful for WDC to consider.

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- Support for the Rangitāiki Community Board submission

I support the submission made by the Rangitāiki Community Board, except where it differs or is modified by this submission.

- Funding for grants to adjust with CPI

That funding levels for all grants and from Community Boards are to adjust with CPI or inflation from the time of their last adjustment.

- Living wage employer

I strongly seek that Council is to become a living wage employer. Doing this will improve the brand of Council, improve staff productivity and motivation at work, improve staff retention and be a tool to attract staff.

Having high staff retention will mean that there is less costs associated with hiring and retraining new staff.

- High staff turnover

I strongly seek that Council reviews staff turnover and retention rates compared to market averages and those of other councils, particularly that this matter is explored thoroughly, comprehensively and regularly by Audit and Risk.

I have had discussions with a large number of current and former staff who expressed discontentment with the way they and other staff are valued within the organisation. This is a significant risk factor, and means remaining staff are continually stressed filling the roles of staff that have left and are being replaced, and their replacement is trained and adjusted to the role. There are significant cost expenses to this practise, and this would be significantly offset by appropriately valuing staff to ensure that staff turnover is low.

- Staff remuneration

I strongly seek that Council reviews staff remuneration and position salary methodology. This is a factor of staff turnover, as salaries do not appear to be keeping in line with CPI (Consumer

Price Index), nor are they in line with market expectations. In comparing the salary I had while I worked at WDC, to the job offer I have recently accepted, there is a 35% gap.

If remuneration does not keep in line with CPI or market salaries, it shall be difficult for WDC to attract suitably qualified or experienced staff, let alone retain them. This is a significant risk factor to WDC as an employer. For existing staff, their living situations will become more and more unpleasant or difficult, resulting in poorer work quality, and increased dissatisfaction. This is particularly concerning for those staff earning less than 75k per year.

Budget should be made to ensure that salaries can adjust with CPI and market rates. This may mean increasing staff charge out rates and user pays services (set via Fees and Charges Schedule).

- Staff hourly charge out rates to align with Western Bay of Plenty District Council

I STRONGLY support that staff hourly charge out rates to align with Western Bay of Plenty District Council. This will mean that Council has increased cost recoveries for user pays services, such as resource consent and building consent processing. This will then mean that there is less subsidies from rates for private developments / that there is additional funds for staffing numbers, salaries, training, etc. This will mean that there is a better working environment for staff, and mean there is higher staff retention. As there is local precedent that these charge out rates are acceptable and this is in line with market charge out rates for local and private expertise in this field, so this should be implemented.

	Notes	2023/24 (\$)
Various charge out rates		
Group Manager		280.00
Environmental Consents Manager, Building Services Manager, Compliance and Monitoring Manager, Senior Managers (engineering, property, reserves), Land Development Engineering Manager		250.00
Team Leader Inspections, Team Leader Processing		225.00
Senior Consents Planner, Senior Building Control Officer, Senior Land Development Engineer, Professional Engineer, Senior Engineers (includes site inspections)		220.00
Building Control Officer, Consents Planner, Environmental Health Officer, Compliance Officer, Land Development Engineer		205.00
Building Warrant of Fitness Officer, Compliance and Monitoring Officer		180.00
Building Administrators, Consents Officers, Compliance Administrator Officers, Legal Property Officers, Property Officers, Reserves Officers, Engineering Officers/Technicians		150.00

Figure 1: Current WBOPDC staff charge out rates (ending June 2024)

- Fees and Charges Schedule to align with Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Council should explore and adopt changes to the Fees and Charges Schedule 2024 to align with those from Western Bay of Plenty District Council. Both Councils are undertaking the same services and therefore should be incurring similar costs. However, Western Bay of Plenty District Council is able to remunerate their staff at better rates, partly because of their Fees and Charges Schedule. As a user pays service, this affects developers, and typically isn't matters that should be subsidised by rates (e.g. building consents or resource consents).

- Climate change adaptation

Adaptation to climate change is one of the most pressing challenges that WDC is facing. There appears to be changes planned to the Whakatāne District Plan in response to this, and few actions budgeted for.

- Procurement policies

A revised procurement policy is needed to be completed by WDC. In such a policy, exploration of cross council activities (i.e. between the Eastern Bay Councils) should be explored on operational like matters. This may mean the expansion of Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services Limited (BOPLASS Limited), and their approach. Further, there should be an emphasis on circular economies, or breaking down contracts to provide for multiple smaller local players to be able to complete a contract, rather than a single large out of district provider, where possible. I also believe that staff contractors and consultants acting as staff should go through this process. It is disappointing to see significant numbers of contractors or consultants acting on Council matters which are not locally based, meaning that revenue is leaving the district. The revised policy should also take into account factors relating to climate change.

- Homelessness, and housing availability

In 2022 WDC produced a report titled “Homelessness in the Whakatāne District – A Situational Overview” which found 480 persons identifying as homeless in the district. Based on the estimates of this Draft Development Contributions Policy of 2.7 persons per HEU, there’s a current need for approximately 180 HEUs without any population growth.

There is a need for additional housing capacity within the Whakatāne District to meet this immediate need. This is legislatively required by Section 31(1)(aa) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), and Clause 3.2 of the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD).

WDC may wish to seek adopting the MDRS (Medium Density Residential Standards) to apply to the current “urban living zone” in the Whakatāne District Plan. As a way to encourage infill residential developments at a higher density.

- Whakatāne-Kawerau District Plan

I strongly advocate for increased collaboration between councils in the Eastern Bay, including the possibility of a joint District Plan between WDC and KDC. This collaborative approach can yield significant benefits and streamline processes for both councils and the community. This would include joint eplan services / costs and remove the need for plan changes when district boundary adjustments occur. This is timely to explore with both Councils nearing full plan review times. Unification of a number of the services would also provide good footing as we head into the future for local government review’s recommendations, and what that may look like.

- Increasing levels of service for building and resource consents

The levels of service should be increasing to ensure that the vast majority of consents are processed inhouse by local expertise that is employed by Council. A target of at least 80% of all consents should be processed inhouse, and that 80% are within timeframes. Council frequently uses external consultants for this, which is an entirely cost recoverable exercise, effectively justifying hiring additional staff.

- Defibrillators and Community Halls

It is desirable to see a small investment into existing Community Halls to ensure that access is available to an AED / Defibrillator, particularly in our remote communities.

- Matatā rail bridge beautification

That WDC seek a joint project with KiwiRail and the local community to paint and beautify the Matatā Rail Bridge.

- Macrons or tohutō on road signs

That Council updates the legal names and road signs (and any other applicable signage) to include macrons or tohutō, where appropriate.

- Te Tiriti to be shown within Council chambers and Civic Centre

That both Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi to be shown within the Council chambers, and within Council's Civic Centre for staff, as a visual reminder of their obligations to uphold Te Tiriti as agents of the Crown.

- Autonomous lawnmowing on restricted access Council reserves

Council should explore a small capital investment on restricted access reserve spaces, such as waste water treatment plans, or the Whakatāne Airport, to establish autonomous lawnmowing. This has the benefit of freeing staff time, while (machine dependent) may include reducing maintenance and petrol expenses with electric machines. Staff will still be required for maintenance, but will be otherwise freed up for other projects, increasing the level of service provided by our Parks and Reserve staff in the field.

- No levels of service are decreased with LTP 2024

Quality of Life: Dropping levels of service provided by the Council could significantly impact the quality of life for residents. Services such as parks maintenance, waste management, and community facilities play a crucial role in enhancing the liability of our neighbourhoods. By preserving and enhancing these services, we ensure that our communities remain vibrant and enjoyable places to live.

Meeting Community Needs: Each level of service provided by the Council is designed to meet specific community needs. These services are often essential for the well-being and safety of residents. Dropping levels of service could leave certain segments of the population underserved or disadvantaged, leading to disparities in access to essential resources and amenities.

Safeguarding Public Health and Safety: Many Council services directly contribute to public health and safety. For example, maintaining clean water supplies, repairing infrastructure, and enforcing building codes are all critical for ensuring the safety and well-being of residents. Dropping levels of service in these areas could jeopardise public health and safety, putting our communities at risk.

Protecting the Environment: Several Council services are dedicated to protecting and preserving our natural environment. These services include waste management and District Plan enforcement. By maintaining or enhancing current levels of service, we demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

Supporting Economic Growth: Adequate levels of service provided by the Council are essential for supporting economic growth and development. Infrastructure maintenance, transportation services, and planning initiatives all contribute to creating an environment conducive to

business growth and investment. Dropping levels of service could hinder economic development efforts and impede the prosperity of our communities.

Fostering Trust and Confidence: Residents rely on the Council to deliver essential services effectively and efficiently. Dropping levels of service could erode trust and confidence in the Council's ability to fulfil its responsibilities. By maintaining current levels of service, we demonstrate accountability and responsiveness to the needs of our community members.

I appreciate the opportunity to lodge a submission on this process and hope that my submission and content is taken fully into account.

Ngā mihi nui,



Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

sell named bricks

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

dont waste funds on the nice to have things Spend on water sewerage roads and waste

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

the bare minimum each year on increase to ease all ratepayers financial burden

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

abandon Marina plan as this scheme will cause extreme fincial burden on council not only in estsablishment costs but in prohibiively expensive ongoing running costs which should be met by the Marina users who will never be able to pay fees high enough to cover expense

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

No big spending

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

No big spending

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

No big spending

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No big spending

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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Date: Apr 12 24 02:41:34 pm

Name:

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Definately DO NOT contribute any ratepayer money to a local marina in Whakatane. Boating and marine people can fund it. It would really piss me off if council contributes to this, for a minor section of locals.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

I do not use the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as I live in Edgecumbe. I know that this requires an upgrade but I pay a lot of rates already where I live and I am very annoyed that I have been asking the Council for the last 6 years to sort out the railway line at the side of my property as the rubbish and slips from the bank have ruined my fence and still nothing has been done except for the fallen trees being taken away.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

I already recycle everything that I can, and already have a compost bin for my food scraps the only thing I put in my greenwaste bin is rubbish that cannot go in the recycle or bones.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

There is a recession on at the moment and everyone is struggling, if you continue to increase the rates people will be forced out of their homes.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

I pay a lot of rates for my property and do not feel I get the service. My bottle bin has broken handles (through no fault of my own) and requires replacing. My fence is falling over from the trees and debris on the railway banking which adjoins my property, you have actually propped it up with stakes to stop it from falling over and then not been back AGAIN. You look after the side that everyone sees when they drive into Edgecumbe but not the other side. We are doing our best to keep onto of the weeds and to make the front of the property nice but it is a struggle.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

I am a rural property owner and dispose of all my own greenwaste apart from unwanted weeds. As long as we can be assured the mixed green/food waste is being disposed of in an environmentally responsible way ie commercial composting ? then I agree it should be separated out, A lot more ongoing community education can still be done in this space, particularly at mass events etc regarding what can and cant be composted.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

the fixed rates rebate amount should be increased proportionally to any rates increases to ensure there is no widening gap of those less able to afford the increases with no support

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Need to ensure equity across ALL sectors of our community to benefit from any plans, not just wealthy and businesspeople or 'loudest' contributors, but the quieter, less visible or even silent ones still need to be fairly represented. Congratulations on the high level of in person engagement in recent weeks around the district including your recent engagement with polytech students, look forward to more of this in future. Although it is not on this 10 year plan I would like to see future investment in a network of cycle trails for commuting and tourism purposes extending out to Awakeri and Edgecumbe areas, and e-scooter/e-bike hire networks (around town at least) for people to have alternative, safe, environmentally and healthy options for getting around. This was on the cards or in discussion when I first moved to the district 15 yrs ago and unfortunately I have not seen it advance much further since, except for the e-bike library which is a great initiative. More of that please! My kids have now grown up and almost all grown up and left in the meantime but would have loved to be able to cycle safely along cycle paths (along re-

developed old railway lines?) to Awakeri school from outlying rural areas if they could have done so. Lets hope future generations of kids will get the chance.

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Date: Apr 12 24 02:46:12 pm

Name:

Vonnie Schoneveld

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

With financial situation as it is in NZ (and world wide) there is a need to keep spending at a minimum.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

We need to discourage unnecessary food wastage some people already have composts, worm farms etc. Education is needed to reduce wastage.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

We need to be realistic many people are on FIXED incomes so there needs to be time taken

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

We are all going through hard times - we all have to cut back and spread costs over a longer time span

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name*: Yonnie Schoneveld

Town/area of the district*: Whakatane

Organisation (if on behalf): —

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Submission ID: 746

Date: Apr 12 24 02:50:03 pm

Name:

Wayne Norman

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

All options offered are to do what the Council wants, just enough detail on funding. Just a warning that rates will increase more.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Totally dependant on what to Council will do once collected if there is no added value just mix all together

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

The funding will be a lot of people on fixed incomes they need ti live while funding some peoples wish lists.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Isn't it more prudent to check current costs and minimise wasted money do it once and get it right.

Supporting document

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Reduce consultants or make them responsible for under valuing initial budgets.

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name*: WAYNE NORMAN

Town/area of the district*: WHAKATĀNE

Organisation (if on behalf):

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REDUCE CONSULTANTS, OR MAKE THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDER VALUING INITIAL BUDGETS

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

public fundraising, sell bricks like done for Awakeri event centre

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Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

provide what is essential, keep the bridge roundabout concrete and flat don't plant and obstruct visibility, in fact do that to all roundabouts, keep visibility and costs way less in upkeep

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Keep to the basics NOT what looks nice. Think of the ratepayers not what visitors think. Do every thing as economically as possible until there is extra available to be extravagant with. Maintain essential services first and foremost, to try and keep rates as low as possible

Submission ID: 748

Date: Apr 12 24 02:54:32 pm

Name:

Jan

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

These options are not democratic not real choice as there is no options to do nothing We can't afford these massive expenditures people just can't stretch their \$\$ any further

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Status quo. Really! What are you going to do with all this waste? Throw it in with general rubbish?

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

People are hurting young and old alike people have fixed incomes and upward moving costs.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Outrageous! rate increase must be minimal fair less than 16%

Supporting document

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

What are you doing to save costs to rate payers? No unnecessary spending only spend on essential basic services.

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Name*: Jan

Town/area of the district*: Hillcrest

Organisation (if on behalf):

These options are NOT democratic NOT real choice as there is no options to do Nothing!

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what are you doing to SAVE costs to rate payers?

No unnecessary spending only spend on essential, basic services!

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Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Ngati Rangitahi Marae Committee

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Access external funding from government departments

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 3: Separate foodwaste collection for all properties.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Encorporate local food waste systems within each rural community, utilising WDC whenua and resources to maintain.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

continue to Lobby central governments, BOP Regional council for their support.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

It should be based on economical status of each area

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

SUBMISSION BY RANGITIHI MARAE COMMITTEE ON THE WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2-34

SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

The draft long-term plan clearly highlights the need to close historical underinvestment in water service while balancing rates burdens to ratepayers. The draft plan also gives strong signaling on the need for an alternative water services model and arrangement, without which, Whakatāne District Council will be unable to meet existing and future demands on water services provision to communities.

INTRODUCTION

1. This submission is provided to the Whakatāne District Council on behalf of Ngati Rangitihī Marae.

GENERAL COMMENT

Whakatāne District Council Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

2. We wish to make the following comments on the Whakatāne District Council Long-Term Plan 2024-2034...

(Potential Impact on whānau, hapū and iwi; including as ratepayers both existing and future)

Closure of Council Funding Gap

3. *Regarding closure of councils funding gap, We wish to support option three and oppose options one and two.*

We wish to point out, While the draft plan proposes project investment for environmental monitoring & analysis on wastewater challenges faced by Matatā, this does not include financial commitment to upgrades across the area;

“We’re working with partners to prepare a cultural narrative and scientific analysis to support land-based options for the treatment and disposal of wastewater. The scheme will also enable further housing to be built in Matatā.” - Pg. 18

We also wish to make the following recommendations, Promote existing work, models and examples that demonstrate alternatives. Continue to lobby central governments and seek new avenues.

Distribution of Rates Increases

4. Regarding distribution of rates increases across the properties in the district, We wish to support option three and oppose options one and two.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

5. *We do not wish to be heard orally on this submission*

Matata Waste Water

We are all well aware and acknowledge the ongoing pollution of our whenua and awa and other waterways surrounding Matata resulting from poor sewage systems. There is historical korero within our iwi of health issues that are a direct result of the pollution to our awa and whenua, along with written documentation backed up by scientific testing, analysis and reporting.

We acknowledge these issues and understand that it is imperative we solve these issue to prevent any sickness illnesses due to the factors.

We acknowledge and support the mahi of the Te Niaotanga o Mataatua o Te Arawa, We support the roopu and their mahi to establishing realistic and affordable solutions to the Matata waste water issue.

How ever one of the option's that the council is considering in terms of a solution, For WDC to purchase and remove a significant number of houses in Matata, For the whenua to be utilised as a disposal area of the discharged waste water from existing septic tanks.

We the Ngati Rangitahi Marae Committee does not support this option due to:

- *Further exacerbating housing shortage of our iwi.*
- *The potential smell it will cause especially during summer time. Whakatane hub is a perfect example.*
- *Large cost of such project will further impose on our rates.*

Food Waste Collections

Food waste is a big contributor to waste, which can result to people throwing into the local creeks and dogs getting into peoples bins on a Monday morning. As you can imagine there is high food waste generated from the marae

Creating a space in Matata utilizing WDC land to create a recycle center and food waste composting area would be beneficial. It would reduce the amount of litter around Matata as we have limited bins available.

Recommendations

- *WDC continue to advocate to central government for greater financial support.*
- *WDC formally acknowledge the pollution cause due to poor waste water systems.*
- *Support the mahi of the Te Niaotanga o Mataatua o Te Arawa*
- *Incorporate a recycle, reduce composting area in Matata support by WDC*

DETAILS FOR CONTACT:

[REDACTED]

Ngati Rangitahi Marae Committee

[REDACTED]

(Email Address)

Submission ID: 750

Date: Apr 12 24 02:57:00 pm

Name:

Margaret Underwood

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

In these financial times to anything other than the bare essentials would be considered as funding a 'vanity' project as it is not necessary Plan for the wish list, nice things to be in place in 15 to 20 years time as it is a huge ask to expect ratepayers of today to fund this with the cost of interest rates, food, electricity, etc. I could go on but basically there are many people in all age groups that simply can't afford this as nice as the dream is Think outside the council square, do ratepayers have to fund everything? How about considering user pays options? Approach all sporting bodies using the venues with regards to an area wide fundraising project that includes the whole township. Be inventive, fundraise, as a lot of money has been, and can be, raised this way Look at the richer sporting bodies for money. The rugby union, football association, etc Consider how often places such as rugby park are used. Should the grandstand be dismantled as we haven't a home team therefore the grounds are generally / mostly only used for very minor games Consider what else the town has to offer such as Marist. Could their facilities be used for bigger events? This would still see the same revenue coming into the town

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Perhaps consider free compost bins, or discounted compost bins, for the urban areas as well as rural The use of compost bins greatly reduces the actual food waste going into the rubbish

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Easing the burden now for ratepayers is imperative An average 17.1% rate increase is huge when looking at the current rates and yearly increases that compound. Young families with mortgages cannot be burdened with huge increases, nor can a lot of the elderly or low income earners Another aspect is to consider those organizations who don't pay rates or who have their rates reduced. I am unsure of who these ratepayers are but if, for example, churches are exempt from paying rates why? Most churches are wealthy, extremely wealthy as are rest homes, Kianga Ora, other housing providers such as Accessible Properties to name just a few Stop this now, why should we as ratepayers subsidise these organizations? Staffing is another area that needs to be considered. We are a small area with a council who in all honesty are 'top heavy' with regards to the amount of staff employed. The government are having to drastically prune back staffing in the public sector therefore it may be time for you, as elected representatives, to consider that as an option here in the Whakatane District. The amount earned is also excessive in a lot of cases therefore careful consideration should be given to the necessity of replacing those who leave

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

On looking at option 3 it is pleasing to note that the smaller and often less wealthy areas are paying less with the people in the top end properties paying more, this is fair

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Please, please listen to the people who elected you. We elected you as we trusted you. I doubt that trust such as that is alive today as all we hear are Rate Rises, Sports Facilities, Marinas, Employment of Staff and the list goes on All we are asking for as a people is for you to ensure that we as a district live within our means. That we cover the necessities and leave the things that would be 'nice' to have for another day

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Keep as is and carry out maintenance only. The \$100million plus should be spent on infrastructure and areas affected by climate change plus a second bridge which urgently needs to be prioritised at number 1 scrap the marina.

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Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Hold a referendum on these issues and follow the wishes of the ratepayers who pay your wages this works well in Switzerland and is called true democracy.

Supporting document

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How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

I agree with doing something as soon as possible, to the buildings facilities only as this is urgent. I would not like to see any loss of green space (fields) to having additional car parking put in, I think what we have is sufficient. If we lose any green space (fields) this will affect the ability for sports codes to cater for activities which is a stretch already from some sport. From a Whakatane Annual Touch tournament committee point of view we use every bit of green space available to ensure we can run a quality event, our event sees thousands of participants and visitors attend (including international visitors). This has huge economic benefits to town and district and if we have limited space due to a reduction in field space we may no longer be able to run our tournament in Whakatane.

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Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

I agree to ease the burden on families.

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Supporting document

N/A

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I would like to support the proposed projects in the pipeline (pg 18) especially as these projects provide support for communities to address issues and also opportunities for them to seek support for the delivery of the plans.

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:02:47 pm

Name:

Bert Schoneveld

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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How quickly should we close our funding gap?

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

If the funding is principally from the need to upgrade 3waters then that should take priority. But if this is from neglect from the last 30yrs why can't the funding be spread over 30 yrs into the future. Also within inflation money decreases in value as a result of inflation over the long term. National Government is irresponsible.

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Whakatane District Council
Private Bag 1002
Whakatane 3158

Long Term Plan 2024-34
Submission Plan

Whakatane

- At a time of recession and economic hardship, it is inappropriate for the Council to prepare a Long Term Plan (LTP) with such significant levels of expenditure and increased debt beyond what seems fiscally prudent. The budget is too expansive with a mismatch with the economic times that we are in. Further, ratepayers do not have the capacity to live with significant rate increases, nor to have a long term debt which appears to be at historical levels.
- Historically Council's track record for managing budgets and projects to result in desired outcomes without significant delays and expenditure has not always been successful. This means that as a community there is mistrust and doubt over whether the Council is capable of delivering on the sizable capital expenditure projects.
- I have found that there is a lack of clarity around the LTP communication document both in terms of the manner of communication, as well as in the understandability of the figures provided. To put it simply, some of this did not seem to add up. For example, the entire section on 'Closing The Gap', made very little sense, and I felt may have been inaccurate.

The LTP calls for a 10 year capital spend of \$618.2M, which results in an increase of debt to levels unlikely to have been seen before in this district. I do not believe that taking the net debt to revenue levels up to a potential 300% at Year 10 is fiscally sound. The level of debt that will be held over a long period of repayment, together with the significantly increased level of interest cost leaves no room for resilience for changing conditions as a result of natural disaster, climate change impacts or indeed just an underestimation of actual capital works costs compared to budget.

I believe it is incumbent on Council to review all capital expenditure together with its operating cost to see what can safely be delayed or deleted.



To address some of the specific capital expenditure items;

A. Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

I would prefer the minimum upgrades to be undertaken and for the proposed works programme to be broken into segregated items of expenditure which could be scheduled and staggered over a longer period. In addition I would prefer Council secure a minimum of 75% external funding for any major development above the \$12M basic spend.

B. Food Waste Collection

I agree with the preferred option of mixed food waste in the green waste bin.

C. Closing the “Gap”

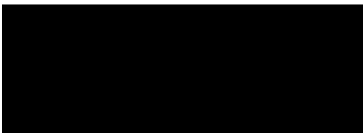
With respect to the question of the level of rates rise, my preferred solution would be the quicker the better but the reality is that very few people could commit to that level of increase. Therefore, I believe that the initial increase in rates must be limited to no more than 17% at Year 1.

D. Fixed Charge - UAGC

In my opinion the preferred option is Option 1 - Status Quo - 24%.
The capital value of properties does not always reflect the ability to pay by the occupants, so leave as is.

My request to Council is to please use a red pen on the capital works programme so that we include only the absolute necessities for the next 3-5 years in recognition of the real financial constraints being felt in the community. A maximum net debt to revenue level of 175% should be the objective.

Thank you for your consideration.



Name:

Peter Christophers

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Undertake any necessary upgrades to ensure that buildings meet earthquake standards - source all external funds (grants) to undertake this work so not burden on ratepayers

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

But only if this involves no additional cost to ratepayers - otherwise defer introduction (good chance the current government will repeal this requirement) Separate foodwaste bins elsewhere has been problematic - rotten food spread over verges and co-mingled with other waste makes very difficult to separate

How quickly should we close our funding gap?**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Seems to anticipate that this means increasing revenue (mostly rates) - Any thoughts on reducing costs?

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Dropping UAGC may assist with those owning lower valued properties that are doing it hard

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

WDC has one of the highest average residential rates in country - need to investigate why is this (NB this is just residential rates) How about reintroducing general rate differentials based on locality - so each region/community contributes same proportion to General Rate regardless of re-valuation changes. Also a differential for commercial/industrial properties (1.5x) as they can claim rates as tax expense. Retain same LOS for activities (as 2023/24) apart from water & wastewater (*). * If this is for Matata wastewater scheme, then don't proceed as OSET schemes will suffice and be a lot less expensive for district (can raise septic tank in low lying areas) - See Mangawhai sewerage scheme debacle If want to increase LOS for animal control then incorporate cost into dog fees as they are the exacerbators. If these suggestions are followed then hopefully the overall rate increase won't be much more than 11.5% = as reported DCS

Submission ID: 756

Date: Apr 12 24 03:09:02 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

10th April 2024

10 APR 2024

A submission by [REDACTED] to:
Whakatane District Council on their Long Term Plan 2024-34 regarding:
**Lack of reporting on the Finances and activities of
The Whakatane Harbour Fund.**

A significant amount of public interest has been shown over the last two years on the subject of Council having committed to subscribe \$9.8 millions of Harbour Fund money to the Boat Harbour project (said to be completed before the end of 2024) on Keepa Road, Whakatane.

I am a ratepayer in the Whakatane District and have some basic knowledge of the history, activities, and purpose of the Harbour Fund. I certainly wish it to progress and succeed in whatever enterprises it chooses to participate after proper processes of public consultation have been entered into.

The Boat Harbour project is running nowhere near its forecast timeline and has many (seemingly insurmountable) hurdles to clear before any significant progress can be made. Many experienced commentators on and users of the Whakatane River regard the project as a "dead loss".

Given the foregoing, I have been seeking to make an accurately informed submission on the viability of the Boat Harbour project and how the WDC approved contribution of up to \$9.8 million might be impacted by the possible failure of that project. Since there has already been an actual part-payment, will the remainder of what was promised, be later disgorged to a failing enterprise?

I've found no helpful reports or suggestions in LTP submission documents that come close to providing an actual set of accounts for the Harbour Fund. Indeed, although Whakatane District Council elected members are, apparently, empowered to make investment decisions (such as the Boat Harbour Project) there is, I'm assured, NO set of accounts published or approved by anyone.

I can't imagine why there appears to be such a "veil of secrecy" drawn over the activities and finances of the Harbour Fund.

My Submission therefore is in two parts:

If there is a really good reason to withhold public access and scrutiny of the Harbour Fund, make and publish a statement that informs the citizens of the Whakatane District and include that in your Annual Reports for as long as needed.
or

If not, immediately commence completing comprehensive annual reporting of the activities, policies, and finances of the Harbour Fund. I suggest an appropriate start date may be for the WDC reporting year of 2023. [REDACTED]

Pease regard this as a personal submission by [REDACTED] E-Mail: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Cell phone: [REDACTED] Landline: [REDACTED]

I DO wish to make an oral statement to the Mayor and Councillors on Hearings Days.

Submission ID: 757

Date: Apr 12 24 03:09:40 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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What is the Whakatane Council doing to reduce costs?

Roading – Too much inventory stored at Kepa Road. (Dead money). Better inventory management.

Reduce costs and staff at Liberia – Books and information now on line.

Reduce costs and staff at museum – as all artifacts are stored and archived or make it into a paying tourist attraction.

Reduce council staff

Sell off council buildings and properties

Do not buy electric cars – for feel good

No new developments eg (Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub) for now.

Strict budgeting – no overruns

Rate payers are not a never ending cash cow as their incomes are finite, who can no longer carry and sustain the never ending expanded expenditure of 20%. (Way above CPI). By bureaucrats who need a serious reality check? On how to work with in a restricted budget.

Yes, we are paying our rates, but increases like this comes at a cost to our families who are already belt tightening.

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:10:28 pm

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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SUBMISSION 1 – REX MORPETH RECREATION HUB

This proposal needs to be broken down into increments as to what is the most urgent down to what is the most wanted. From what I have read there is an asbestos feature in the War Memorial Hall, which if left alone will cause no harm or health and safety issues. THEREFORE LEAVE WELL ALONE. By all means make some minor changes that may be required, but do not spend huge amounts of borrowing when this facility will only be used spasmodically. Another gripe that I have is when there is an event which brings in much traffic, parking and pedestrians, often for the benefit of a Charity, WDC is charging huge amounts for “traffic maintenance”, which is an added cost and does nothing for the sports/charities trying to raise funds for their purposes.

I would suggest that with the proposed sports and recreation facility that is mooted for the old Te Teko Racecourse, that WDC errs on the side of much caution and does not burden ratepayers with something that can be managed and upgraded more prudently.

THEREFORE I DISAGREE WITH ALL THREE OPTIONS PROVIDED.

SUBMISSION 2 – FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

We are presently in a technical recession and the thought of food waste is abhorrent and is something that education and other means of what to do with food scraps should be instilled in everyone that eats food. The extra cost of bins, plastic liners, separate collections is unnecessary and costly. I live rurally and do not have a rubbish collection. Food scraps go into my worm farm, compost and chooks and cattle. Urban people can easily have worm farms, composting and kitchen disposal systems. Reading about Auckland ratepayers problems with their recently introduced food waste disposal is proving to be a disaster and costly exercise and not serving what it set out to do (ie the bins are made of a light plastic and get blown around, the plastic liners are disintegrating, the carbon foot print for the end product is defeating the purpose). Make food waste a personal responsibility not a Council problem. Having a special weekly rubbish collection will enable food waste to become very putrid especially in the summer. Most of us will not want a bin of waste food which is one week old anywhere near our homes. It will encourage vermin, flies, dogs and cats to seek out and scavenge. All ratepaying properties

(not just rural properties) could be supplied with compost and /or worm farms instead of food waste collections by Council. What happens to the existing old wheelie bins. Expected costing for this collection service from \$35 to \$80 is excessive. FOOD WASTE SHOULD NOT BE A COUNCIL PROBLEM. Hospitality venues should be encouraged to give away coffee grinds for free and uneaten food to the food banks.

SUBMISSION 3 – THE FUNDING GAP

I am not a mathematician and have limited knowledge regarding high finance. But I do know that living beyond ones means can only make a deficit. It seems that the exorbitant borrowing (regardless of low interest borrowing rates), have impacted on our Community and the wool has been pulled over our eyes. The overkill of the WDC office buildings is an embarrassment in this time of need. It is pretentious and as rate payers we should not have to be penalised for something that we never asked for. Most of us were under the illusion that there was “earthquake strengthening” this quickly morphed into a structure which might benefit those who work there, but it certainly doesn’t do anything for me or my fellow rate payers. The ongoing saga of the tidal pool are costs that should have been curtailed years ago. The titivating of the town CBD by painting the road and planter boxes was a waste of funds and not fit for purpose, the painting of red strips that mean diddly squat are confusing for road users and pedestrians . Staffing levels should be curtailed.

What assets does council own? Can some of those capital assets be sold to repay debt? How much income do those assets make? Current rates are not covering the cost increases because your costs are way out of whack. Do you all run your households in a similar vein? Of course not because you are using “your” money. By your borrowing to fund part of “asset renewals”, you have put your rate payers in a vulnerable position. I do not want to be repaying a debt that I had no control over for the next 10 years.

SUBMISSION 4 – DISTRIBUTION OF RATES

It is a total anomaly to state” the higher the capital value the greater the ability to pay! “Many ratepayers may be asset rich but cash poor and their income fixed pa. If qualifying for a rates rebate this will not balance out the proposed increases whatever the option. It is unfair for those with a high capital value to

subsidise those with a lower capital value. For those who get incomes from their land (commercial, farming, horticulture etc), their costs have continued to increase and income has reduced. To further burden with rates increases which have no perceived benefits is not equitable.

In Closing we have an amazing town (not a city), which has wonderful amenities for everyone to enjoy. We must not get ahead of ourselves and try to be big and buxom. We are in a recession and must curb all unnecessary spending and borrowing until a time when production, inflation and economic climate is kinder. Put those "wants" to the back burner and only have the "needs" . Use local knowledge rather than costly consultants and consider staffing cuts, council vehicles useage , and trim the bureaucracy and red tape.

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Ion 
21th April 2024

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Whakatane District Council on their Long Term Plan 2024-34
regarding:**

**The Format and Inclusions of the
Consultation Document for the Long-Term Plan 2024-34
Whakatane District Council (40 Pages)
together with the
Draft Financial Information (39 Pages) Consultation Document**

Earlier this week I sent individual e-mail messages to all elected members of Whakatane District Council regarding the abovementioned two draft consultation documents. I received just one acknowledgement and one phone call.

Essentially, I expressed my disappointment and criticism of the inclusions and wording of the two main Consultation Documents mentioned in the heading of this Submission.

But first, I wish to thank and congratulate whoever it was who made a late decision to conduct an "Eleventh Hour" consultation event at the Whakatane District War Memorial Centre on Tuesday 9th April 2024. That was a brave move from someone on high after there had been a firm no to many suggestions by people who attended a daytime consultation meeting at the Knox Church only a week or so before.

The fact remains that two hundred or more people were present in the Reception Lounge to absorb the verbal opinions and stories of (mostly) well-spoken and behaved ratepayers many of who made valid and well-reasoned points.

Staff were given a hard time by many financially qualified speakers; probably ten or more of them. Their most repeated criticisms were that **the narrative of the publications failed to 'mesh' with the actual figures**. To make matters worse, it was often necessary to have both of the subject consultation documents (plus an Accountancy Degree) on hand to get to really understand (local government) monetary concepts.

Unfortunately, one has to assume that would have been beyond the time available and patience of all too many potential submitters. Hopefully they will still have conveyed the simple message that: We just can't afford such a steep increase.

Page 1

I believe the language, layout, and other inclusions in these two consultation documents was too difficult for many people to work with.

It was below standard and should have undergone rigorous fact and logic checking before distribution. Senior Council staff should have spent more time and effort in proof-reading at the highest in-house level.

I respectfully suggest and submit:

- 1. My prime Submission is as easy as changing the specifications of your “Long Term Plan Workbook” so that it demands the highest Quality Controls of Numbers Readability and Overall Logic of your Consultation Documents.**

Do it now!

Put it in your WDC workers diary for around September 2026.

- 2. Secondly, but certainly at least as important as the first part of this submission: Diarise to give your front-line staff a very good grounding in the Titles and basic content of all Consultation Documents. I suggest that they also be given a list of Managers who they may contact who might best deal with the many different subjects contained within the Draft LTP 2027-29.**

Pease regard this as a personal submission by:

[Redacted]

e-mail: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Cell phone: [Redacted]

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:14:19 pm

Name:

Rowena Hayes

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

None of the above. Basic maintenance only. I was appalled at the recent public meeting to see damaged ceiling tiles. Who is in charge of maintenance? Why hasn't it been fixed? Given the huge public use of the facility (as per Georgina Fletcher's presentation), why was the money wasted tarting up council offices not spent on Rex Morpeth instead??

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

None of the above. I recently learned that this indication from central govt may not, in fact, be required until 2027. If at all. So don't go spending on something we don't yet need to do

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

The funding gap can be closed by reducing council spending. Given the incompetence demonstrated in councils inability to fix a kiddies pool, or properly research the pitfalls of a new marina, it seems to me there is a lot of dead wood at management level. Get. rid of unnecessary management and save money that way. We do not need a fulltime manager for warm fuzzies, or iwi relationships, or half the staff these ridiculous creations require. Perhaps all the "general managers" could take a pay cut? Dump the dead wood and put savings toward paying off YOUR debt. Don't expect the ratepayers to do it. And on that subject....what does council use as security for their borrowings? Please advise

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Rates increases should be indexed to inflation. Nothing else. Learn to live within your means like other businesses have to. Join the rest of us in the real world

Supporting document

N/A

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I spent some time on a street corner recently handing out submission forms (plus other pertinent information gathered from your LTP). Overwhelmingly the response was: "why should we do this? They don't listen" "council don't care....they will just do what they want anyway" "I contacted council about (.....their issue) and they never got back to me" " they just spend what they want and we have to pay for it". "if we don't pay our rates they can fine us and take our homes".....it went on and on. Might I remind council staffers/ councillors that YOU work for US. Not the other way round

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In the current economic climate, we shouldn't be doing any upgrades to Rex Morpeth, essential maintenance only until such time as the Council finances are in a healthier state. Essential not nice to have.

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Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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Again, WDC needs to cut its cloth accordingly. Essential services and expenditure only in the short - medium term.

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Supporting document

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Mayor Luca comes across as having a good understanding of how tough ratepayers are finding things at the present time. Its a pity more of his fellow Councillors don't share that understanding. Similarly management, they need to get out into the community and discuss with regular families how tough things are at present. WDC needs to cut its cloth accordingly and if that means some redundancies and pruning back of some services then so be it. A district of this size having a staff of over 300 seems out of balance. Any rate rises will be difficult to manage for many households. The decision on this LTP and limiting any rates rises to absolute necessity, will give the ratepayers of this district, confirmation as to who is in charge, the Councillors or management.

Submission ID: 763

Date: Apr 12 24 03:16:57 pm

Name:

Susan Christiansen

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Necessary repairs only. If we did get a tsunami the hall would be of no use as it would be under water. If a tsunami reached us it would go as far as Te Teko.

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If a Tsunami reach Whakatane, Scientists have said it could go as far as Te Teko, the Hall would not be of any use as a Safety Centre. Money would be better Spent of a New Bridge as at least some more people can escape.

There's only one reliable way out of Town and thats to Waimona or Taneatua. Pekatahi Bridge cannot be counted on as its poor condition, but its better than what we have now.

I'm totally against the rates rise. My Partners is 80 I'm 73 both on fixed pension. How can we afford that let alone the young families. We pay 2 lots of rates as we have a business here in Whakatane, that I earn diddly squat but it gives me an interest.

What has this Council given me as a business. Nothing.

After the debacle of the Awakevi War Memorial Hall, John Pullars toxic Dump on the main State Highway across the paddock from a school, the tidal pool. There is NO trust in the Council at all. Just remember its our money Youre Spending

not yours.

My Grandfather always said if you haven't got it you can't spend it.

The marina is a joke, if the kiddie pool is any indication the same thing will happen to the marina.

In my job I deal with a lot of boaties and not one of them has said they will use it.

What will you do with the toxic soil. Have you got a place for it or just give it to John Pullar he can still sort it there's still some paddock there by the Primary School.

There are no assets to sell I don't think.

They sold the AWMH at below valuation, And they sold the pentioner flats at below market value.

How's that for a responsible Council.

NO TRUST AT ALL for you at all.

Victor heng in there, you may win yet.

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Go Team! Love your mahi... and as a frequent flyer at our beloved yet beleaguered Little Theatre, I'm SOOOOO excited about the prospect of a fit-for-purpose facility that will enable more much-loved arts and culture action in our rohe. Fingers crossed others see it that way too! :)

Submission ID: 765

Date: Apr 12 24 03:18:14 pm

Name:

Peter Flowerday

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

Matata Residents Association

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The Matatā Residents Association acknowledges and thanks Council for their continuing support of our work. We look forward to further maturing our partnership in the future. (Peter Flowerday - Chairperson Matatā Residents Association)

Submission

To: Chief Executive
Whakatane District Council

Submitted by: Matatā Residents Association 12.04.24

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION

The Matatā Residents Association presents this submission to Whakatāne District Council's (WDC) Long-Term Plan (LTP) to gain your endorsement and support for our community's development.

We acknowledge the support we receive from Council to assist us in engaging with our community and we seek to develop a stronger partnership with Council and all key stakeholders for the development of our community and surrounds.

Key priorities and recommendations that we would like Council to consider in the LTP process for Matatā are:

1. Matatā Wastewater Project

There is a long history of councillors, community members and other partners working hard to try and find achievable solutions for the Matatā wastewater issues over many years. Many Councillors before yourselves have contributed much time and effort, and significant Council funds have already been spent.

The ongoing pollution and contamination of the soil and waters ways around our community are well documented and backed up by scientific testing, analysis and reporting.

We all acknowledge this is an issue that is imperative to solve, to protect the health and wellbeing of our community, environment and visitors. Establishing an effective wastewater solution will also enable the community of Matatā to progress and develop more sustainably in the future.

We support the continued efforts of Te Niaotanga o Mataatua o Te Arawa (the co-design Governance Group made up of Council Elected Members and hapū representatives) as they work together to find a solution for the management of wastewater for Matatā.

Coupled with the wastewater issues, it is recognised that land for housing is scarce in the Whakatane District, and there are ongoing housing shortages and affordability issues facing people wanting to live within the district. Regularly there are posts on the Matatā Locals Facebook page, from people seeking urgent accommodation in and around Matatā.

One option currently being considered by Council for the solution to address the poor take up of wastewater into the soils around Matatā, is for WDC to purchase and remove a significant number of houses in Matatā. This is designed to create a larger intake area for the disposal and take up of the discharged wastewater from the existing septic tanks.

The Matatā Residents Association does not support this option due to:

- Significant cost of such a buy out and further impost on ratepayers,

- Additional erosion and disruption of the Matatā community profile, as was experienced during the recent retreat buy out of homes; and
- Further exacerbating the housing shortage and availability issues faced by many people. It is vital in the current housing crisis, to not only maintain the current housing levels in Matatā but enable further growth and housing to be developed in the future.

Recommendations

- Te Nīatanga ō Mataatua ō Te Arawa continues to work towards establishing achievable solutions for the Matatā wastewater issues and maintains close engagement with the Matatā Residents Association.
- WDC continues to formally acknowledge the extent of the pollution and contamination issues being experienced by Matatā residents, visitors and the environment.
- WDC not to further progress the option of buying out existing homes in Matatā.
- WDC continues to advocate and lobby Central Government and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for their support and funding to implement a sustainable solution and keep the Matatā Residents Association aware of the responses obtained.

2. Matatā- gateway for the Whakatāne District

Matatā is the gateway to the Whakatāne District and is the right place for a stronger welcoming message for all entering the district.

Currently the entries to the township appear overgrown, in disrepair and do not convey a strong sense of the iwi cultural, historical or environmental values the community and district represents.

Recommendations

WDC works with local iwi and community groups including the Matatā Residents Association, to lead the design and establishment of meaningful entries into Matatā and the District.

The entrances to include carvings and/or artwork, sculptures and signage which convey a strong sense of the iwi culture, historical and environmental values that the Matatā community and the District represents.

3. The Matatā Lagoon (Te Awa o Te Atua) and surrounding environmental concerns.

The Lagoon is a focal point for community members and visitors to walk around, hold picnics alongside, learn about the local iwi cultural significance and history, watch birdlife as well as providing access to the beach and further walking tracks.

Maintaining the Lagoon and its surrounds, keeping our beaches clean, and regular maintenance of our walking tracks are priorities that require a coordinated approach by all interested parties (WDC/BOPRC/Iwi/DOC) and stakeholders.

Recommendations

Council to develop a stronger coordinated approach with BOPRC, iwi, DOC, Matatā Residents Association and other community groups to manage and improve the Lagoon and its surrounding areas, and to address local environmental concerns.

These partners to further:

- Develop agreed management plans to address known environmental concerns.
- Seek opportunities to improve and maintain recreational use around the Lagoon, including picnic and seating facilities.
- Explore options for further developing and showcasing the walking tracks to include local history and significant iwi cultural sites through information boards along the tracks. Promote and support the use of both English and Te Reo signage.

4. Matatā Safer Roads

Council and partners have been working in a consolidated manner to improve the road safety issues throughout the Matatā community.

Given there are safety concerns to access schools, beaches, shops, and recreation facilities when navigating and crossing main roads and highways, there are additional identified issues which still require addressing.

Recommendations

Council to continue developing a stronger coordinated approach with key partners and the Matatā Residents Association to establish:

- Reviewing speed limits along Pakeha Street, especially advocating for the areas around school and recreation areas.
- Safe crossing for pedestrians on main roads (Pakeha Street and Arawa street), including safe crossing points to key town facilities ie. playground to rugby club and at both schools.

Thank you for considering our submission. The Matatā Residents Association is looking forward to receiving your feedback and working in a stronger partnership with Council to address these needs and aspirations for our community.

Submission ID: 766

Date: Apr 12 24 03:18:51 pm

Name:

Vladimir Archipow

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

As long as possible

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

The best deal to ratepayers

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

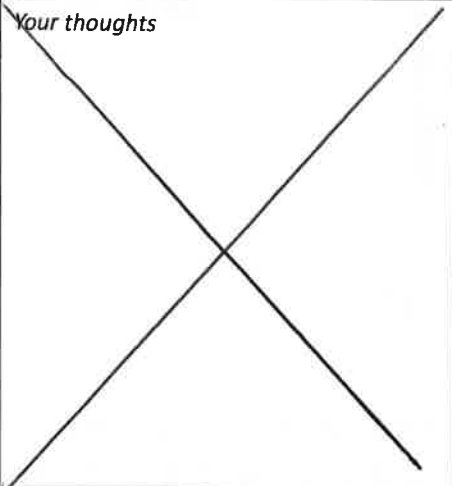
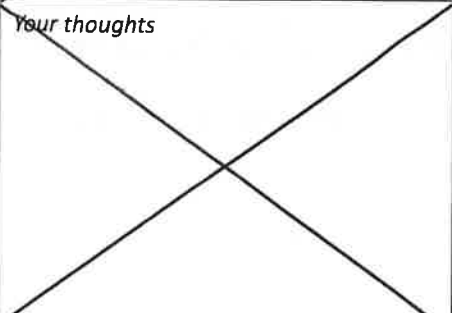
WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name*: Vladimir Aschipo

Town/area of the district*: Edgewater

Organisation (if on behalf):

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Vladimir Archipow

Re- Rex Morpeth Park Upgrade Proposal,

Unaffordable for me. Rates already very difficult to pay. Necessary maintenance only due to fiscal situation at the present time. Time to show financial restraint and refrain from borrowing to fund a "nice to have facility"

Ratepayers resources are not bottomless and Council needs to stop thinking that this avenue of funding is an easy option

The mental wellbeing of ratepayers should be a primary consideration at all times

The Rex Morpeth Park Upgrade plan needs to be put on the backburner at this time, many people are under serious financial pressure!

The Marina project needs to be totally shelved as it benefits relatively few people, and to expect the greater community to fund it is quite simply Arrogant!

I wish to speak in support of my submission

Name:

Tim Proot

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

None of the proposed options. Redevelop the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub in such a way that it aligns with your strategic priorities while becoming a healthy, profitable, cash-flowing asset. The current inefficient usage of space, investments, and lack of economic benefits for a recreation hub that has a solid commercial core is mind-boggling. How are any current proposals a project supporting the community 30 or 50 years from now? If the WDC's funding context is broken, fix that first before raising rates. (Think of <https://stadiums.world/ghelamco-arena-ghent/> but fit-for-purpose for our community)

How should we manage foodwaste collection?**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

None of the proposed options. I'm not knowledgeable about how the current waste streams are managed within the Whakatane district, so please accept my apologies for possible ignorance. Here are my thoughts on this subject: When I first visited Whakatane 5 years ago, I was impressed that the waste was not picked up manually (as it is in many countries worldwide). However, the fact that people here are still burning waste and their waste is not weighed at each pick-up (so users are paying for the amount of waste disposed per waste stream) was also surprising. I am not sure what your plans are with the food waste once collected, which is my first question, but if you are unable to do something valuable with it (e.g., creating gas to power/heat certain production plants) and make the whole process at least paying for itself, and be profitable, are you once again, just adding more operational costs to the district? The same goes for the other waste streams. Have you found a way to recycle, upcycle, and use all the different terms that go with these processes to turn this public service self-sustaining and profitable? Why not prioritize that first instead of asking how we want our waste to be collected? Also, if this is currently an outsourced service, is that the best way forward?

How quickly should we close our funding gap?**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

None of the proposed options. I believe you should revisit your business model of public services and restructure and reorganize your setup so you are less dependent on current rates, more efficient, and only have healthy debts (debts that are creating more cash flow, opportunities and wealth) instead of bad debt that is not only costing rate payers more but also increasing ongoing operational costs while not fixing the current funding system.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

None of the proposed options. What if you could not increase the rates across the properties in our

district, and you would not be able to use that as an option for the next ten years? Could you come up with an LTP plan that would inspire and engage as much or even more of our community to find solutions aligned with your strategic priorities? Instead of taxing your ratepayers more (with all the consequences this will have in a context that is already very tough on everyone) and making the people you serve feel powerless, why not empower them as much as they want to empower you to lead their district? Why fix the funding and get this district into a more vibrant democracy?

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

These past weeks, I have been able to join some of your public council meetings. As someone who has been a business leader for +20 years, I was surprised at how proposals are brought to the council and how they make their decisions. I understand that a public organization might work very differently than a business, but when a group of people makes decisions without benchmarking how the received proposals are a good fit with the current strategic priorities or how these options are in line with the economics and financial constraints that are strategically agreed upon... how then can the WDC compose their documentation and pitches in such a way that they align with those priorities and constraints? And how does the council have the right approach to exploring the possibilities and making effective choices when these basics are not (correctly) presented to them during their meetings? I'm happy to formally present my submission to Council if this gives me the opportunity to receive their answers to my above 4 questions.

Submission ID: 768

Date: Apr 12 24 03:22:49 pm

Name:

John Langley

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name*: John Lavalley

Town/area of the district*: WHAKATĀNE

Organisation (if on behalf of): W.A.G.

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My Biggest Gripe is THE RIVER / HARBOUR!! I came here when I was 6 yrs old now 76 lived at BOARD MILLS and saw all the BOATS UP THERE Picking UP LEARDS THEY TRAVEL UP RIVER WITHOUT TROUBLE IN THAT TIME NO COUNCIL HAS SPENT MONEY DRAINAGE THE HARBOUR IT HAS JUST SITIONED UP TO WHAT WE HAVE NOW ONCE THERE USED TO BE AN ISLAND OPPOSITE THE INFO CANOE CALLED SCOUT ISLAND only way to get there was BY Boat now you can walk all over it.

Need more space for your feedback? P.T.O.

IF IT WAS DREDGED THE SAND CAN BE STACKED ON THE
PERIPI SIDE Facing town if that is done then
we will get more water coming in that in turn
will help with the flushing of the BAR.

YEARS ago 50s - 60s we used to have an Annual
Rowing Regatta from Evers Rd Beach (used to be
WHITE SAND BEACH) to where the ARMY HALL WAS
Big crowds, likewise the ~~YACHT~~ YACHT CLUB
held lot of sailing events here because we
had plenty of WATER.

Now my next GRIPE PROPOSED MARIA AT KEPPARD.

THIS IS THE MOST STUPIDISH THING TO HAVE
COME OUT OF COUNCIL EVER SO FAR UP THE
RIVER AND IN AN AREA THAT IS CONTAMINATED.

WHY DIDNT THE COUNCIL JUST GO AHEAD WITH
THE ~~YACHT~~ YACHT CLUB PROPOSED EXTENSION THAT
THAT WE ALL FOR UNTILL THE PROVINCIAL FUND
came along and DROPTON THEM LIKE A HOT
POTATOE.

IF YOU WANT TO SPEND MONEY ON SORT OUT
THE MILL ROAD / SHAW RD MEET A NEW BRIDGE OVER
KOPE DRAIN OPPOSITE MILL RD.

Finally tidy up the ENTRANCE TO OUR TOWN
all these ugly trees from MILL RD to ENTRWAY
RD. DRIVE. AND WASH THE TOWN BRIDGE AND
PAINT IT AS WELL AS REMOVE THAT SILLY FENCE
ON BRIDGE ITS A JOKE.

your John Langley.

Submission ID: 769

Date: Apr 12 24 03:23:52 pm

Name:

Trevor Good

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) na

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Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

during the meeting at the hall on 9 April it was mentioned that the memorial hall was a district asset, what contribution are the Opotiki and Kawerau councils making for this district community asset? What contribution are user organisations making? I acknowledge that the hall is an asset however it's not that important to develop to the extent that the council would like until we can afford to.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

N/A as I live rural however I do not want a food waste bin, mixing any waste with my general rubbish ok.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

There is too much unknown external cost related issues going on at the moment and living is going to be quite difficult, mortgages, rents, food other compliance costs that we cannot forecast mean the council should take all that into account before finalising the plan.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

I think option 2 could be the best however it was highlighted at the community hui that the summaries in the LTP document are wrong. Once the correct detail is available then we will know which is the best.

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

I think some councilors need to get rid of their ego and show the Mayor more respect and support. We need agreement on the LTP

Trevor Good LTP Submission additional comments

Second Bridge:

I do not agree with any proposal for a second bridge at this time, LTSA should be the key agency for this issue.

I am concerned with some feedback concerning some managers and councillor's suggestions that make the route through the Poroporo area. This was a suggestion some years ago and was not followed up on.

This type of discussion is premature and should be stopped.

I agree it is not an either/or issue, I have supported the Recreation hub option 2.

Boat Harbour/ Marina:

While a boat harbour/marina could be good for our community in the long term, I do not support the idea until we have the substantive results of the testing of the land that is contaminated, it is my understanding that the contamination is a lot worse than thought, this should be communicated to all of the community, the trust and other stakeholders are aware of the depth of the contamination so why are they not declaring?

It is a given that any slight breach of the land will allow the contamination to leech into the river which will destroy an already delicate river environment. Whitebait, Herrings, Trout/Kawhai traditional hereditary food for the people of Poroporo would be further destroyed.

This potential hazard should be thoroughly investigated but the question is who pays?

The council has committed to some substantial funding from the Harbour fund, I suggest this is premature and that money could be spent or committed to other projects.

Animal Control

Major issue in our area, roaming dogs and more recently cats, in fact cats are becoming a bigger issue than dogs. Agree that there should be some increased investment in staffing and responses to community needs.

Relationships with Iwi, Hapu and Whanau:

There is a high need for better relationships with Māori. An example would be this LTP document, it's very heavy on jargon, graphs, summaries that are hard to understand. I think the issue and misunderstanding is not helped by councillors making statements like 3c increases, it's rubbish and confusing to most readers.

I also think there are a lot of issues that are not included in the plan and people don't have the facility to search the online reports etc. The council needs to have a better communication strategy with the wider community.

This section could also apply to the older community, if it's not simple then there will be no response, maybe that's what the council wants.

Communication with the district Māori needs to be a lot more holistic and connecting. It all well and good upskilling the staff but if documents like the LTP are not simple and clear the communication is flawed and the message has not been delivered. The method of delivery should be more interactive so constructive feedback can be obtained.

General Comment

After submitting several letters via the beacon and having attended three community meetings regarding the plan I find the attitude of the senior management and the councillors quite arrogant. In particular the last hui at the memorial hall, I felt that all the speakers were being brushed off, one speaker who raised a major issue around trust was talked down to and it was suggested she should put her words into a submission.

Why, as the meeting was recorded could her and the other speakers talk not be accepted as verbal submissions. I too have an issue with trust and I firmly believe that decisions have been made re the memorial hall and boat marina. I guess time will tell and I look forward to the summary of what councillors voted for.

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

The recreation facilities for both arts and sport are essential for a vibrant, healthy and well community. Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub (RMRH) is so long overdue for a redevelopment and it is such a core part of the social fabric of our town. A redevelopment will see more arts touring companies consider Whakatane as a place to visit, and bring additional energy to our town. An upgrade to the theatre could also bring in revenue from business events/conferences. We need to future-proof this vital asset and take seriously the role that RMRH plays in connecting the wonderful people in our rohe.

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Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Spend bare minimum on maintenance and repairs to the hall financed by fundraising and grants fully... also the person who has been in charge of the past maintenance should be FIRED as obviously nothing has been done for many years..was that deliberate to force a big spend? If you continue with this major development it should be done with money again raised by fundraising, sponsorship, and grants NOT ratepayer money...NOT borrowings... we do not have enough of a ratepayer base to service the interest on such a loan let alone the principle.. any councillors who are insistant it needs doing are welcome to put their money where their mouth is and PAY for it themselves! Also the refurbishment could have been done with the \$13+million you wasted on tarting up the Whakatane district council offices (under the lie that it needed earthquake strengthening) had your priorities been with ratepayers in mind not your own comfort..so yeah..go for it if it doesnt involve any cost to ratepayers..

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

dont waste money on this as it has only had the govt indication it may be a requirement in 2027 ...better things to spend money on before that MIGHT be a consideration

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Stop borrowing beyond ratepayers means will close that gap...ONLY CORE SERVICES that need funding should be identified and then the money to do that should be found via outside funding/grants etc...no more borrowing! No more glory projects..they are not affordable! Trim staff especially at the top, tighten belts and reduce services just like property holders with mortgages have to

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

user pays... i dont have the use of hardly any services so im not happy about paying for them in the uniform charges..why should i? And cut back on expenses so we dont have rates increases...cut staffing levels..there are way too many top end staff getting way too much \$..far too many staff as a whole..these are tough times and belts need to be tightened.. There are alot of ratepayers whose income is well below the "median" wage and struggling to survive... alot of these are pensioners who have paid for, and built the assets you are caretakers for and should now be in their golden years and dont deserve all this stress or being forced out of their lifetime homes because you cant work within a realistic budget.. Just because your govt valuations say a property is worth x amount doesnt mean it is...the rates should be linked to income...lots of rich people out there who could afford to pay alot more without it

even affecting their lifestyles..including dare i say some out of touch councillors judging from your decision on the extravagant and unnecessary spending on the office revampthese are already extremely high rates demands..3rd highest in NZ? There is alot of wastage going on..Stop wasting \$ on consultants...there is a proposal to spend \$500 thousand on a business study into the 2nd Whakatane river crossing...i think you will find there have been quite a few studies done in recent history...why not use them?we need fiscal accountability ...as your ltp paperwork doesnt even have correct figures an extension and correction should be offered ...how can we as ratepayers make an informed decision when you havent even got the correct figures available..

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

It is my firmly held view that communications to date about the LTP and proposed 2025 rates hike are insufficient for the community and council to make informed decisions. I feel, just like in most corporate environments, information is being suppressed (perhaps unwittingly) by council management. I am not proposing any delay in the LTP process – I am only asking councillors to step up to the mark, to review the contribution that they are making, to be more questioning, to dig a little deeper and to force spending proposals put in the front of them to be better considered, more explicit, clear, well written, with robust financial information and definitely shorter..also for only core services to be financed at this time ...we are already in more debt than can be serviced by the existing ratepayers .. I would like to know how much \$ is spent on "climate change" and what studies etc are behind it? i would like to know what happens if the council cannot pay back the huge loans it has already taken out...are our properties collateral for these loans? if not what is? Why are you continually spending on projects that arent core services? they take priority and when they are all up to date THEN you can think of more fanciful projects... Why did the council not invest in piping water from the Paul Road spring or the Cresswell spring instead of wasting money cleaning up the Whakatane river water that is regularly salinated and is below the outlets for the (Treated?)sewage from Taneatua, Waimana, Ruatoki etc? Why are there so many staff at the top and why are they paid so much? Why is there a CEO who isnt elected by the ratepayers and why does she have so much power?.. This council and its representatives need to do alot of work to build back the trust of the ratepayers.. mistrust that has been proven valid again and again..do the right thing and get the rates amount reduced and concentrate on core services for all the people who live in the Whakatane district area..that includes Waimana, Wainui, Taneatua, Ruatoki, Edgecumbe and TeTeko! Also please reconsider the 80km limit heading out past the blueberry corner...it will just cause more frustration like on the SHwy to Rotorua, and is not needed...common sense and better driving skills is what is needed ... This isnt a polished submission as i have limited access to both computer and the ltp but just wanted my annoyance and horror at these continuous rate rises noted...final note..i believe you promised a cap of 6.8%? or less was it? for this year and the next couple after stinging us with the last couple of rate rises..what happened there?

Submission ID: 772

Date: Apr 12 24 03:25:05 pm

Name:

Matt Barr

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Te tiringa Farms

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Keep the upgrades to basic

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

People in rural dont need foodwaste, make urban pay for this service

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Avoid debt

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Submission ID: 773

Date: Apr 12 24 03:25:08 pm

Name:

Heather Tootill

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Leave Rex Morpeth as it is

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

No need for council to do food waste collection. Ratepayers can create their own compost or combine with green waste.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

The council debt needs to be reduced ASAP, Council needs to stop making up ridiculous ideas go back to basics.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name*: Heather Footill

Town/area of the district*: Ohope

Organisation (if on behalf):

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One thing we have noticed after living in this area for 5 years is the HUGE number of Council owned vehicles driving around, more than any other town I have lived in. Perhaps the number could be reduced?

Continually to borrowing more and more money is dangerous - the servicing of an ever increasing debt is not sustainable when running something like a District Council - which is a Community Service organisation. It feels like our Rates are just going into servicing debt.

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:26:22 pm

Name:

John Mackintosh

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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repairs only

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ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION

ASSET DEPRECIATION , \$315 m, IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE OF COUNCIL.

MY SUBMISSION IS THAT I BELIEVE COUNCIL IS WELL OVER INVESTED IN ASSETTS, VEHICLES FOR EXAMPLE, AND THEREFORE THE ANNUAL ASSET DEPRECIATION EXPENDITURE IS MUCH HIGHER THAN IT SHOULD BE.

THIS IS ANOTHER INDICATION TO ME THAT COUNCIL MANAGEMENT IS MORE INTERESTED IN ENLARGING THE SIZE OF THE ORGANISATION THAN PROVIDING AN EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE RATEPAYERS WHO FUND IT.

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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LTP

1 message

Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 3:12 PM

To: submissions@whakatane.govt.nz

Address: [REDACTED]

Area: Awakeri

This is an individual submission

I wish to speak to it.

Rex Morpeth proposal

I **disapprove** of and reject the three listed options. Do only routine maintenance and essential repairs. The stated options are grossly biased and the costs disguised by quoting a weekly figure. No-one pays rates by the week. The alleged concern for ensuring availability of facilities for youth activity is inconsistent with doubling or quadrupling fees for using sports fields, way beyond the resources of many clubs and players. Don't wave the credit card. Get out of debt first.

Which brings me to

Finance

Over the last decade Council has repeatedly committed to grandiose but unnecessary projects. Members and staff should learn (that's in the plan) and show evidence of learning. Make PRUDENCE our watchword. Is it not insane to have invested millions in a Council HQ in the middle of a flood zone, more Titanic than emergency capable.

The whole financial plan (p.21) shows that we are scraping the ceiling in debt, and claiming to be building resilience. Resilience for individuals and communities means having money in the bank for a rainy day - in our case floods and earthquakes; Whakatane is near top of the list in NZ for both; at least one natural disaster is odds-on over a 10-year horizon... massive and increasing insurance costs could be controlled by having funds to support accepting a higher excess. Instead we envisage spending \$140m and getting absolutely nothing to show for it (finance costs). Goal should be set to "pay as you go" as soon as possible, like any prudent family or business with an eye on stability and resilience. Council should not be contemplating any show-off expenditure (Rex Morpeth, Boat Harbour) while admitting there is no money for infrastructure and simply leaving it out of the budget (esp. Three Waters but also road improvements).

I would accept one exception: Solar Panels. These will pay for themselves in 5 years, then provide almost free power for 25 years. Whakatane appropriately boasts of its sunshine hours and should act conspicuously to demonstrate the attraction of living here - esp. in light of projected very slow population growth. Promotion should be by solar farm at the airport and by incentives for installing solar panels on home roofs; Australia has reached 35%, NZ is at 2%.

Funding Gap

Again I **disapprove** of all three options. The logic above says that the gap should never have happened. It comes not from bad luck but from imprudent, ill-thought-out grandiose schemes. It should be resolved not by increasing rates but by reducing expenditure.... specifically by reducing staff numbers. Keep an eye on that \$340m; just make it \$300m, and we are in surplus. I forgive the omission of this option; it would be demanding excessive altruism to expect staff in drafting the options to include it. Resource consents are declining, that suggests a starting point (esp. in light of the tiny homes saga).

UAGC

I **approve** Option 3, 16%. Have regard to those with least ability to pay.

Boat Harbour

I **disapprove**. "Vision" was prompted by Wellington lolly scramble (PGF). 60 charter boats is absurd, sadly doubly absurd since the Whakaari tragedy. The project is unlikely ever to be completed, and, if so, - worse- will be an ongoing black hole for Council (and our) money. I am sorry \$5.7m is gone with nothing to see and presumably not recoverable. Let's not chuck another \$4m at it - and don't claim it is not a cost to the Council and the community. Will the Council pull the plug when cost escalates to \$50m ? or \$100m ? When ?

Waste disposal

I **disapprove and reject all three options**. I agree with diverting organic input from landfills, both for costs involved and for consequent methane generation. All three stated options include distributing new 140 litre bins to every household;

that is an utter waste of money and creates hundreds of tons of unwanted plastic. Our 100 litre bin is more than adequate for two weeks; we probably average one-third full per week; more load occurs only when we have polystyrene packaging - which should really go back to the vendor or (better) be banned by Government. Some successful cities offer a choice of 80/120/ 240 litre bins with different charges. That should be adopted. Option 1, mixing green and food waste, is not just nasty but is truly fanciful both as to cost and to practicality. There is no plan as to where to compost it and who volunteers to have the smellies next to them. I believe the best plan may be to use 23 litre bins as in Auckland, also Adelaide and Vancouver, two leading cities in diversion of organic waste. 23 litre bins minimise the quantity of smellies and might enable a compact enclosed processing facility.

Keepa Road

This is the largest Council roading improvement by a wide margin. **I emphatically disapprove of it.** It is part of the Boat Harbour scheme and no more money should be thrown that way. Refer next para,

Shaw Road roundabout, opposite Mill Road.

This should be top priority. It is the scene of many accidents and frequent near-misses with very high traffic flows, maybe 100 times that of Keepa Road. Council could evaluate extending Shaw Road by a few hundred metres to link into the back of Coastlands to provide a second avenue of escape to higher ground in emergencies.

Summary

Reduce focus to a single item, a future-ready district, i.e. with resilient infrastructure and financially strong. Cut out the glamorous ambitions and go for prudence.



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Submission ID: 776

Date: Apr 12 24 03:27:55 pm

Name:

Gloria Taylor

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

NO

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

No. Encourage home composting where possible.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Get real. We're not putting our rates to closing the gap.

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

No investigation for second bridge.

Supporting document

N/A

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They need to consider the rate payers

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Regarding Q1

The upgrading of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub preferred option Number 2 , requires Council to raise a total cost of 107.5 million which will prove to be an excessive cost on the ratepayer, especially when you recognize Council 's already serious funding problems identified in the funding gap and the Infrastructure sections of the proposed plan.

Upgrading needs to be restricted to maintaining the existing facilities so that they function effectively.

Any extensions or major alterations need to be principally funded by funding raised by the community for that specific alteration or extension.

Regarding Q2

I agree with the first option being the addition of food waste to the urban properties green bin. This would enable a composting disposal system which should result in a farm of worms to grow and breakdown the food and green waste. This should produce composted material and worms both of which have retail value.

I have been combining my food waste with green waste(principally grass clippings) in my compost bin which together with turnover control results in the forming of a healthy worm population and eventually a bin of composted material. This I use in my garden for fertilizer.

Regarding Q3 and Q4

Economically speaking NZ is at present suffering from a period of depression that is putting a lot of cost pressure on our community. As many of our ratepayers are in the lower income bracket the issue of a proposed 17.5% rate rise is totally unacceptable simply because it is difficult to find the money. I recognize the issue of an ever increasing cost demand needed to meet the rising Infrastructure costs. These being the essential services Local Authorities must provide to their community to enable them to function effectively.

These costs are being passed to the ratepayer who somehow must find the money to meet it.

A continually rising rate demand (17.5%) is well in excess of the cost of living rate of 4.6% for this year. Any continual rise in the rate demand must be kept within the cost of living rate otherwise it will put too much pressure on the ratepayer.

As many of the services previously done or assisted by Central Government have been passed to the Local Authority to enforce or provide more effort needs to be made by Central Government to assist in the provision of operation cost.

There seems to be no recognition of this issue by Government that local Authorities need funding to enable them to provide all the required services to their community. Many of these required services have been changed by legislative change that has not been followed by funding assistance. eg Food Standards, Noise, Issues relevant to climate control.

I have two other issues that should be encouraged by Council for home owners to have.

As we live in the Bay of Plenty area known to have high sunshine hours house owners should be encouraged and assisted to put in a Solar power system which when connected to their power supply will result in a substantially reduced power account. I already have such a system and my power account has been estimated to be 30% less.

Often the rainwater from your roof catchment area can be difficult sometimes to dispose of on your property . The use of a rainwater holding tank can prove useful in supplying water for garden or lawns , car washing or other water source services that do not have to meet a potable water quality. This reduces the demand on your metered system to the town water supply which we pay for as an extra charge on our rates. I have installed such a system and find it very useful.

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Council could save a lot of money by

Doing a better job in first place - the lowest tender is not always the best value for money

The quality of work done is often a patch up!

Maintenance - any asset built needs to be cared for.

- bus shelters lichen growing on roof - destroys material.

- foot bridges going rusty - need painting etc the list goes on.

- repairs to water system often done with wrong fitting

A burning question on many minds -

How can a document with 314 signatures become regarded as 1 submission - why???

The public consultations are often used to promote a forgone conclusion.

Why has the pool at the heads lingered on for so long consults cost many - council staff should be able to do it.

Submission ID: 779

Date: Apr 12 24 03:32:45 pm

Name:

Reuben Araroa

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Te Runanga o Ngāti Awa

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

The current cost of living challenges, uncertainty with government policy combined with low medium income across our whanau unfortunately means our priorities are closer to home. If we wait for a more friendly economic environmental conditions where the cost of capital is lower and wealth improves for all of our people, upgrading would be easier to support.

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Lessen the impact on our people.

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No comment

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Kia kaha to the Mayor and all Councilor's. Its a tough job in very tough times post COVID. Thank you all for your support with Iwi and Māori Wards. Keep it up.



TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI AWA

12 April 2024

Whakatane District Council

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI AWA

SUBMISSION TO WHAKATANE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34

Introduction:

We represent Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa. We are the post settlement entity that supports the interests of our 22 affiliated hapū. Our primary rohe encompasses Rangitāiki, Whakatāne, parts of Kawerau, Edgecumbe, Te Teko and parts of Matata with two urban taura here to Auckland and Wellington. We are descendants of te Tini o Toi the original inhabitants of the region and the people of Mātaatua waka.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa recognises the significance of engaging with the Whakatane District Council's Long-Term Plan (LTP) for 2024-2034. This submission paper aims to advocate for key points within the LTP that are of critical importance to our iwi, hapū and surrounding communities, and to influence decision-making processes to align with our values and aspirations.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa wishes to acknowledge the renewed relationship with Whakatane District Council by acknowledging the commitment to its Te Toi Waka Whakareī Strategy – we can see and feel the efforts of Council to enable stronger relationships with us as Ngāti Awa to deliver for our iwi, hapū and surrounding communities.

Our respective contexts are increasingly challenging and complex, requiring innovation and strong relationships now more than ever to find solutions and take advantage of opportunities.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa continues to focus on our strategy of revitalising our culture and language, and lifting the prosperity of our people through economic, spiritual, mental, and physical well-being whilst protecting our land, waterways, and marine spaces from the errors of the past.

Our leadership, governance and strategic refresh seeks to further unlock opportunity for Ngāti Awa to activate our role in finding solutions, curating innovative problem solving and developing partnerships which ensure the success and sustainability of ngā uri o Ngāti Awa and indeed the wider communities.

It is therefore incumbent on us, to understand and strategically partner with Council on its LTP, as we understand this is the key driver of long-term planning and resourcing within the Local Government context. Acknowledging the challenges of 'the now' and these are not easy or simple, we make our submission with key intent of expressing, agreeing, and locking in our medium to long term objectives we want to achieve with you as our partner.

Individuals may change but it is our leadership responsibility to ensure that long term goals and objectives are agreed, and we maintain momentum and commitment toward them.

Key Submission Points:

To that end, the specific areas of interest we wish to submit on are as follows:

Partnering to ensure Resilience and Community Safety

To ensure the resilience and safety of our community in Whakatane, it is imperative to prioritise strategic partnerships that foster collaboration and consistent decision making that is aligned to best practise and common sense before profit. By embracing a forward-thinking approach, we can future-proof our communities against potential challenges while leveraging opportunities for sustainable urban development and design. Specifically, initiatives such as the Project Future Proof, the repositioning of the Fishing Club area, the Marine harbour and responsible property development within the CBD hold significant potential to enhance the vibrancy and functionality of our urban landscape. By actively engaging with stakeholders and collective expertise, we can co-create solutions that not only address current needs but also lay the foundation for a resilient and thriving community for generations to come.

Partnering to Unlock Housing Opportunities

You are working with us in various projects and long-term opportunities to unlock Iwi led housing solutions for both iwi members but also the wider community. We want to secure Councils partnership commitment to this over the next 10 years. This will require us both to work in different ways to the past and take advantage of both central government and private sector opportunities. We wish to acknowledge the work of Council in this space to date, including the work on the Kawarehe Trust Development, the Opihi Whanaungakore landscape protection challenges, and other Papakainga developments across our rohe.

Spatial Plan and Climate Change – Policy Hub

We recognise the critical importance for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa to maintain its focus and cognisance on behalf of Ngāti Awa when it comes to key policies, particularly in relation to the Spatial Plan and Climate Change initiatives. The establishment of a Policy Hub signifies an innovative step towards effective collaboration between the Council and Iwi, providing an avenue for early and continuous engagement in key strategy development processes. Our collective voice and vision are integral to addressing the pressing issues facing the Eastern Bay of Plenty (EBOP), and we applaud the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to these discussions.

However, to ensure the sustainability and success of these endeavours, it is imperative that adequate resources and funding are allocated in the Long-Term Plan (LTP). This includes provisions for comprehensive research, consultation, and implementation of policies that address spatial planning challenges and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment. By prioritising investment in these areas, we can empower both the Council and Iwi to collaboratively shape a resilient and prosperous future for Whakatane and the wider EBOP region.

Unlocking the Potential of Ngāti Awa Land Development

As representatives of Ngāti Awa, we commend the Council's efforts in supporting our community's aspirations for land development. We urge the Council to further develop its capacity to assist Ngāti Awa in unlocking the potential of Māori Multiple Owned land across our rohe. While we acknowledge the challenges ahead, we believe that by fostering strong partnerships with key stakeholders such as Te Puni Kōkiri, the Māori Land Court, and the Council, we can overcome these obstacles and realize the full potential of our land for the benefit of Ngāti Awa and the wider community.

Unlocking the potential of Māori Multiple Owned land holds immense promise for our community's overall wellbeing. Through collaborative efforts, we can achieve greater cultural connection, enhance social outcomes, and stimulate economic growth. The primary sector activities enabled by land development will not only generate economic stimulation but also create employment opportunities for our people. Additionally, the best and most appropriate use of land will ensure sustainable development that preserves our cultural heritage and natural resources for future generations.

We recognize that realising this vision will require dedication, resources, and expertise. Therefore, we urge the Council to continue investing in its capacity to support Ngāti Awa in land development initiatives. This may include providing technical assistance, facilitating access to funding and resources, and streamlining regulatory processes to remove barriers to development.

By working collaboratively with all partners, we can unlock the potential of Ngāti Awa land development and create a legacy of prosperity and wellbeing for our community and the wider region. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Council and other stakeholders to achieve these shared goals. Together, we can build a future where our land is a source of pride, prosperity, and cultural vitality for generations to come.

Unlocking Commercial Opportunities for Ngāti Awa

As advocates for the economic advancement of Ngāti Awa, we recognise the immense potential that lies within commercial opportunities across our rohe and with land and assets held and managed by Council. The Ngāti Awa Holdings Group Limited plays a pivotal role in supporting the development of tourism, property, and various commercial ventures that not only contribute to economic growth but also enhance social and recreational infrastructure within our community. We urge the Council to partner with us in realising these opportunities for the benefit of Ngāti Awa and the wider region.

Tourism presents a significant avenue for supporting economic development, and Ngāti Awa is well-positioned to capitalise on this sector. The Ngā Tapuwāe o Toi has the potential to be a nationally recognised great one-day walk and stands as a prime example of our potential to attract visitors seeking unique cultural and outdoor experiences. By further investing in infrastructure and marketing initiatives, we can increase visitation, generate revenue, and create employment opportunities for our people.

Moreover, we see immense potential in developing recreational facilities such as mountain biking trails and riverfront properties. These initiatives not only promote physical activity and wellbeing but also enhance the attractiveness of our region for tourists and residents alike. Through strategic partnerships and investment, we can create vibrant spaces that foster community engagement and social cohesion.

Property development also presents lucrative opportunities for Ngāti Awa. By leveraging our land holdings and expertise, we can embark on commercial ventures that generate sustainable revenue streams and contribute to the growth of our economy. Whether it's developing commercial spaces, residential properties, or mixed-use developments, Ngāti Awa is poised to play a leading role in shaping the built environment of our rohe.

In pursuing these commercial opportunities, we remain committed to principles of sustainability, cultural integrity, and community benefit. We believe that by working collaboratively with the Council and other stakeholders, we can unlock the full potential of Ngāti Awa's commercial ventures while ensuring that they align with our values and aspirations.

We urge the Council to support and partner with Ngāti Awa in realising these commercial opportunities. Together, we can create a future where our people thrive economically, culturally, and socially, leaving a lasting legacy of prosperity for generations to come.

We support: Councils proposal to have an urban redevelopment fund for Kopeopeo and Small Towns across the District

Marine and Coastal Area Act 2011 Development & Implementation

The Marine and Coastal Area Act 2011 (MACA) legislation presents a nuanced and multifaceted framework that requires careful navigation and robust implementation. As key stakeholders deeply invested in the outcomes of the MACA settlements, we acknowledge the complexities inherent in this legislation and the ongoing collaborative efforts between our organisation and the Council.

We seek commitment to ensuring that sufficient resources, skills, and capacity are allocated to effectively support the implementation of these critical settlements. It is imperative that the Long-Term Plan (LTP) recognises the importance of the MACA settlements by prioritising the necessary resourcing and capacity-building initiatives. This includes provisions for comprehensive stakeholder engagement, legal expertise, and program management to facilitate the successful inclusion of MACA settlements for iwi.

This investment will ensure we can uphold our commitments to justice, reconciliation, and sustainable coastal management. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Council to navigate the complexities of MACA settlements and advance our shared goals for the marine and coastal areas of our community.

Acknowledging and Supporting Cultural Heritage Across Ngāti Awa Rohe

We extend our gratitude to the Council for its ongoing support in acknowledging and preserving key landscapes and sites of cultural heritage within our rohe. As guardians of our cultural heritage, it is essential to secure continued recognition and celebration of these wāhi tapu and taonga. Our submission seeks to ensure that this support remains steadfast and that these significant sites are appropriately honoured and protected. Specifically, we highlight the following initiatives:

1. **Return of Title of Pōhaturua to Ngāti Awa:** We seek joint advocacy between Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa and Council to government agencies and stakeholders for the return of title of Pōhaturua to Ngāti Awa, recognising its significance as a sacred site integral to our cultural identity and history.

2. **Acknowledgement and Support of the Protection of the Opihi Whangaungakore Cultural Landscape:** We seek the Council's acknowledgment and support in safeguarding the Opihi Whangaungakore cultural landscape, preserving its cultural and environmental significance for future generations.
3. **Acknowledgement and Support of the Recognition of Mataatua Wharenuī as a Wāhi Tipuna by Heritage NZ:** We celebrate the recognition of Mataatua Wharenuī as a Wāhi Tipuna by Heritage NZ and call for greater support and funding for preserving this iconic symbol of Ngāti Awa heritage.
4. **Key Site Acknowledgements and Appropriate Arrangements as per our Treaty Settlement and Wider Cultural Objectives:** We emphasise the importance of honouring key sites outlined in our Treaty Settlement and wider cultural objectives, ensuring that appropriate arrangements are in place to protect and celebrate their significance.

By securing ongoing support and celebration of these cultural heritage sites, we reaffirm our commitment to preserving our cultural identity, strengthening community ties, and promoting understanding and respect for Ngāti Awa history and traditions. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Council and other stakeholders to uphold the mana and integrity of our cultural heritage across our rohe.

Hapū Support, Engagement & Development

We urge Council to underscore the critical importance of supporting, engaging with, and developing hapū within our district alongside Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa. As representatives of our hapū within our rohe, we recognise the significance of meaningful and effective partnerships and collaboration with the Council to ensure the well-being and empowerment of our communities.

Support for Hapū: We call upon Council to demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting hapū in their various endeavours. This includes providing resources, funding opportunities, and technical assistance to strengthen hapū capacity and capability. By investing in hapū development, the Council can contribute to building resilient and self-sustaining communities that thrive economically, culturally, and socially.

Engagement with Hapū: We advocate for proactive and inclusive engagement practices that prioritise the voices and perspectives of hapū in decision-making processes. This involves establishing clarity on hapū te ahi kaa and tangata whenua status that leads to appropriate, timely and regular channels of communication, fostering open dialogue, and valuing traditional knowledge and practices. By engaging with hapū as partners alongside Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, the Council can ensure that policies and initiatives are informed by local expertise and reflect the aspirations of the communities they serve.

Development of Hapū: We emphasise the importance of fostering the holistic development of hapū, encompassing cultural, social, economic, and environmental dimensions. This has been demonstrated by supporting initiatives such as language revitalisation efforts through Reo Rua, cultural preservation projects, economic development initiatives, and environmental stewardship programs. By empowering hapū to lead their own development agendas, the Council can contribute to building stronger, more vibrant communities that are rooted in their cultural identity and values.

Capacity & Capability Building for Ngāti Awa

We urge Whakatāne District Council to continue its commitment to assisting Ngāti Awa in building our capacity and capability to effectively respond to the demands placed on us by Council's business operations. This ongoing support is critical for the mutual success of both parties across our rohe. Through collaborative efforts, particularly at the Executive Team level, we have developed a deeper understanding of the extensive work program required of Ngāti Awa across various business groups within the Council.

The geographical complexity of our rohe adds an additional layer of challenge to fulfilling these requirements. However, the partnership resourcing and collaborative approach that we have cultivated thus far have proven beneficial for both parties. Council has already begun to see the positive impacts of this new approach, and we are encouraged by the progress made in various areas, including significant strategy development, key projects, and programs such as spatial planning, climate change adaptation, property development, cultural heritage protection, resource consenting, and infrastructure projects like roading and open spaces.

It is imperative that this momentum continues and that our partnership remains responsive to the ever-evolving demands of local government. The challenges we face are real, and the solutions must be equally tangible. By continuing to invest in capacity and capability building initiatives, we can ensure that Ngāti Awa is equipped to navigate the complexities of Council business while also advancing our own priorities and aspirations for the betterment of our community.

We appreciate WDC's ongoing support and commitment to this collaborative endeavour, and we look forward to continuing to partner to build a stronger, more resilient future for Ngāti Awa and the wider community.

We support: Councils proposal to continue to partner with Ngāti Awa through innovation in capacity and capability building.

Iwi Chairs Forum

We strongly advocate for the continuation of the Iwi Chairs Forum, a vital platform where the Iwi of our district come together to discuss strategic issues and key matters of importance. This forum serves as a cornerstone for fostering collaboration, understanding, and meaningful engagement between the Council and local Iwi.

We commend the Council for its flexibility and willingness to explore opportunities to refresh and renew this important relationship forum. It is essential that the Iwi Chairs Forum remains dynamic and responsive to the evolving needs and priorities of both the Council and Iwi.

By maintaining this forum, we can continue to strengthen relationships, build trust, and work together towards shared goals for the benefit of our community. We urge the Council to prioritise the ongoing support and facilitation of the Iwi Chairs Forum, ensuring that it remains a cornerstone of partnership and collaboration in our district.

Conclusion

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa urges the Whakatāne District Council to consider these points in its Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. By incorporating these recommendations, the Council can foster stronger relationships with our iwi, hapū and communities, promote cultural inclusivity, and work towards sustainable and equitable development for all.

We welcome the opportunity to place a submission to the Whakatāne District Council Long-Term Plan. We would like to speak to this submission at a formal hearing.

Ngā mihi,



Reuben Araroa
Manahautū - CEO
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa

Submission ID: 780

Date: Apr 12 24 03:34:28 pm

Name:

Stuart Hickman

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Timberlands Limited

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Please see attached submission.

Supporting document

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?



12 April 2024

The Chief Executive
Whakatāne District Council
Private Bag 1002
WHAKATĀNE 3158

LONG TERM PLAN 2024 – 2034

1. Timberlands Limited (**we, us, our**) welcomes the opportunity to provide this brief submission on your Long Term Plan 2024–2034 (the **long term plan**).

About us

2. We manage the Kaingaroa Timberlands forest estate on behalf of the Kaingaroa Timberlands Partnership. The estate comprises over 210,000 ha of land, including over 189,000 ha of forest plantation. Approximately 28% of the Kaingaroa Timberlands forest estate (circa 57,934 ha) is within the Whakatāne District.
3. Further information about us and the Kaingaroa Timberlands Partnership can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Closing the funding gap

4. We note the funding gap Council is facing in order to meet current and future demands of the district. We acknowledge the work Council has undertaken to develop options to bridge this gap. While we realise that this issue may not be 'of Council's making', we do not support the substantive rises in rates proposed for the district in the consultation document.
5. We value being a part of the district and believe in playing our part to support the communities our employees and their families call home. However, the direct benefit we receive from Council activities is limited and not proportional to the amount of rates paid. In our view, alternative sources of funding need to be found to fund the services and infrastructure required to sustain communities.
6. We note and concur with Council's comments about the broken funding system for local government. In the short term, before committing to the rate rises proposed in Council's consultation document, we ask that you reexamine your budgets and levels of service to determine whether the rate rises proposed are justified. We also strongly urge you to use the local government channels available to you and work with your colleagues and government to collectively identify more appropriate sources of revenue and a better model for funding local government.

Changes to general rates differential

7. We do not support raising the threshold for the differential on general rates from \$15 million to \$30 million. Council has argued that this change is more equitable as 16,000 properties with capital values below \$15 million will effectively get a rate reduction as a consequence of the change proposed.
8. As we have previously noted, the direct benefits we receive from Council rates are limited and not proportional to the amount we pay. In our view, we are subsidising the services of other ratepayers and that rates should not be used as a tool for income redistribution. We seek that Council retain the current threshold for the differential of \$15 million as property values are not a driver of the need for Council service.



Lowering of UAGC

9. We do not support the proposal to lower the UAGC to 20% for year one of the long term plan. Lowering the UAGC transfers these costs to the portion of the general rate struck on capital value which means higher value properties paying a greater share of services regardless of benefit received.
10. Council states in its consultation document that “*fundamentally, Council believes that the rates burden should be spread equitably across all rateable properties and this proposal helps achieve that*”. As noted above, in our view, property rates should not be used as a tool for income redistribution.

Formal hearings – 18-19 April 2024

11. We do not wish to formally present our submission to Council.
12. We wish to thank Whakatāne District Council for the opportunity to submit on the long term plan.

Nga mihi,

Yours faithfully
TIMBERLANDS LIMITED



Stuart Hickman
Group Legal Counsel



Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Essential repairs only.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Leave as is.

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Extend the term for the lifetime of this LTP and the next.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Fairly across all properties.

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

The current rates bills are too high. To close your eyes to this reality is creating more and more hardship. Whether you're a Council or an individual you should spend within your means. This is clearly not happening. It is inexcusable and unjustifiable given that the economy is on a downward trajectory with recession and war imminent.

Submission ID: 782

Date: Apr 12 24 03:35:58 pm

Name:

Hayden Read

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Vanity projects at the expense of doing the basics well is problematic. Our community require income streams alongside rates demands.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

What's the cost, what's the motivation? And What's the benefit?

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Financial instruments? Capital? Interest vs Principal Inter-generational equity

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What's the rational for the change?

Supporting document

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Is it possible to speak at the LTP?

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name*: Haydn Read

Town/area of the district*: Wairangi

Organisation (if on behalf of): Bay of Plenty Aquaculture Group et al.

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Is it possible to speak at the LTP.

Submission ID: 783

Date: Apr 12 24 03:38:56 pm

Name:

Alan Swanson

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

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Name*: Alan Swanson

Town/area of the district*: WHAKATĀNE

Organisation (if on behalf):

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:40:25 pm

Name:

Diana Baynton

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:41:25 pm

Name:

Debbie Swanson

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Town/area of the district*: Whakatane

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:42:19 pm

Name:

Nick and Viv Gladstone

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Supporting document

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Submission ID: 787

Date: Apr 12 24 03:42:22 pm

Name:

Richard Claydon

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Take the low cost option with minimal cost on ratepayers. Bring maintenance work up to scratch immediately and properly maintain existing structure. As far as grandstand goes it withstood the Edgecumbe Earthquake. I go with Auckland Mayor Brown's view on this upgrade as unnecessary.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Spend money on essentials Not on feel good stuff which is not necessary.

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

N/A

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

Cut work to the basics. Support the Mayor. Understand that a second bridge will eventually access Whakatane South/West and hook into the general Bridge street area so do not waste money on any fancy road works that will hinder traffic on what become a main traffic road in a few years.

Submission ID: 788

Date: Apr 12 24 03:43:15 pm

Name:

Ria de Ruiter

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Supporting document

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WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name*: Ria de Ruiter

Town/area of the district*: Okope.

Organisation (if on behalf): _____

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Name:

Cynthia

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I do not consent to any of these options (hence none are selected) and feel that the way you have listed them, only provides the options that YOU want us to choose from. I am struggling to pay our household bills and consequently have to make tough financial decisions about what my family can AFFORD vs what we might LIKE to have. Council, you need to do the same. Focus on the necessities, like water - NOT fancy pants upgrades to redevelop Rex Morpeth park and surrounds. If you can't afford it then you can't have it!!! Stop thinking you can expect the rate payers of our community to pay for your want list through ever increasing rates. Trust is a huge issue and I believe that trust in the council is at an all time low. You might all want to start asking yourselves why.Think back to the decision you made to spend big on the civic building, after the majority of submitters asked for lowest amount spent. You led us all to believe that you cared about our 'feedback' then did what you wanted anyway. That is not democracy. You, the council are elected to represent us, the ratepayer. Don't just ask for "submissions" on projects/plans/ideas - to tick off your consultation box for Government, actually listen to what we have to say and act accordingly. I am angry at your seemingly arrogant approach to handling our hard earned money. In this tough economic climate the way you spend our money needs major restraint. I do not consent to option 1. I do not consent to Option 2 I do not consent to option 3 - what does council exactly mean by "necessary upgrades"? This is rather open to interpretation. I consent to the bare minimum spent to upgrade the war memorial hall and theatre. Improve the heating, lighting and fix water damage. If the building had been properly maintained it shouldn't be in such ill repair!

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Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

If Government has only 'indicated' that councils will need to introduce kerbside food-waste collections to urban properties by 1 January 2027, WHY do we need to start this in July 2026? The government could well change their mind by then. We know as ratepayers that any changes or additions to our waste collection will in all probability, mean an increase to us. To that, I do not consent!

How quickly should we close our funding gap?**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

I really believe that you will all vote on whatever you like, regardless of what "submitters' say. I choose that you stop spending money on 'nice to haves' so that we don't end up with big funding gaps. Focus on the necessities like water, waste and infrastructure NOT the 'nice to have' items that seem to keep pushing up our rates. Have more consideration of those you are supposedly representing. People are doing it tough. Affordability is on everyone's mind - it should be top of the list for council. Also on our mind is the lack of trust we have in you all. Prove yourselves and vote with your conscience. Really think

about how the rate increases will impact your ratepayers. We cannot afford for our rates to be increasing at proposed levels.

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So, you think that based on the location of a property, that the ratepayer is more 'able to afford' a larger increase in their rates than a property in a less 'desirable' area? This is incorrect for a large portion of households. Everyone I have spoken to is angry about the proposed rate increase and the "plan" for the huge spend-up on the Rex Morpeth redevelopment hub (which Georgina Fletcher is pushing). Whakatane is a small place, house prices are expensive everywhere. Most people are struggling to meet their basic financial obligations, whether they are a large family, a pensioner or single homeowner.

Supporting document

N/A

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Earn our trust back. Make decisions that show us that you are listening to what we say. Don't count a petition (such as the one presented by Raewyn Kingsley Smith) signed by over 300 people, as 1 vote and re-categorise its purpose as something it was not. That is fraud. Show some respect. We see you. Would you have done the same if there were 300+ people signing in favour of the Rex Morpeth Hub redevelopment? I think not. Curb your spending. Focus on the essentials. Focus on affordability. Be honest. Remember it is honourable to admit when you are wrong. Remember that rate increases do not just impact property owners. Rate increases also impact those people who either own a business or rent a building for their business. Be mindful of that when you discuss rate increases. Limit your staffing levels - stop increasing your staffing. Cut the fat. A large portion of our rates already contribute salaries. Be sensible with our money. Many business owners have been forced to cut their staff as a result of the poor economic climate. It is real and it is happening here in Whakatane. It is distressing and is an insult to hear that the council are looking to increase their staffing levels - on the back of our hard earned money. I do not consent to my property being used as collateral for any loans taken by WDC. And to Stephanie O'Sullivan - you hide behind the councillors but we all know you try to pull the strings. Be accountable to us ratepayers, reply to letters you receive, front up to meetings and answer our questions. You receive the highest salary in council but remember that YOU have NOT been elected by ANY of us. Earn your money that comes from us ratepayers. Your reputation in the community is very poor.

Submission ID: 790

Date: Apr 12 24 03:44:25 pm

Name:

John de Ruiter

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Town/area of the district*: Ohope

Organisation (if on behalf):

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Planetary Accounting Network

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Submission:

Whakatāne District Council Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034

12 April 2024

At PAN our mission is to help people, businesses, and governments to operate within the planet's limits - because we believe that living well requires a healthy planet.

Submission

We recommend Whakatāne District Council uses Planetary Accounting to measure and report its progress against its strategy, key priorities and goals in one central dashboard combining system-wide reporting and outcome focussed decision making and measurements.

Why?

Planetary Accounting aligns with Whakatāne District Council's strategic direction and key priorities, particularly:

- *Building climate change and natural hazard resilience,*
- *Facilitating economic regenerations and responding to development pressures; and*
- *Shaping a green district.*

It also aligns with the draft *Whakatāne District Climate Change Strategy 2024-27* and associated targets.

Planetary Accounting is used to quantify the impacts of a district. It translates critical global environmental limits (the Planetary Boundaries) into an accountancy framework which compares impacts to these limits. It aligns with other global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals, Doughnut Economics and Nature Related Financial Disclosures.

It brings existing metrics in your strategy into a central set of indicators to help track progress of the strategy as a whole and at a glance. It distills various reporting metrics into core indicators and evaluates impacts of various decisions from strategies, policies, projects.

Planetary Accounting is a scientifically peer reviewed framework that translates mission-critical environmental limits (Planetary Boundaries) to local scales to enable science-based decision making, beyond carbon, at any scale.

It derisks planning and decision making as it defines how far and how fast the district needs to go to align with environmental limits. It also provides a mechanism to support multi-criteria decision making, balancing sometimes conflicting environmental goals (e.g. carbon vs water vs biodiversity).

The output is holistic impactful measurement and reporting for the community and a decision-making framework supported by science. This is a pragmatic leading solution delivering value for money, improving effectiveness of systems and supporting Whakatāne District Council's vision.

How do we work with you?

The Planetary Accounting dashboard (examples on following page) is developed with Whakatāne District Council, Councillors and other community leaders through steps involving context gathering, co-designing targets, interventions/actions, programme delivery and reporting.

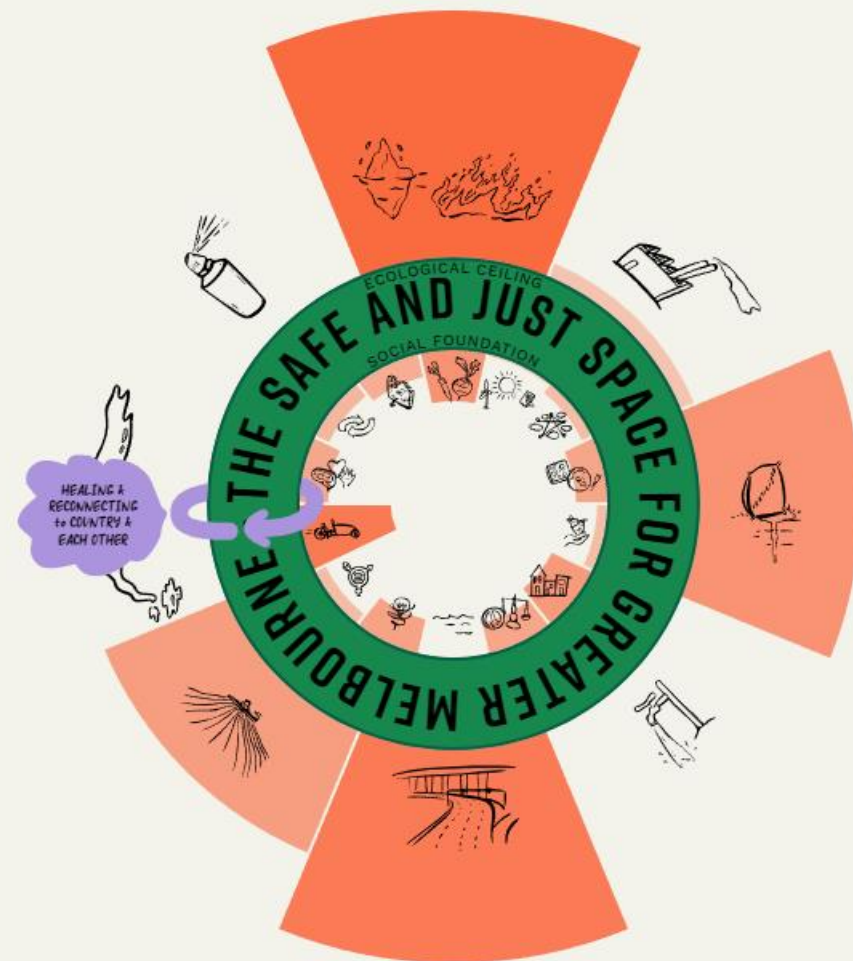
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Examples

Regen Melbourne

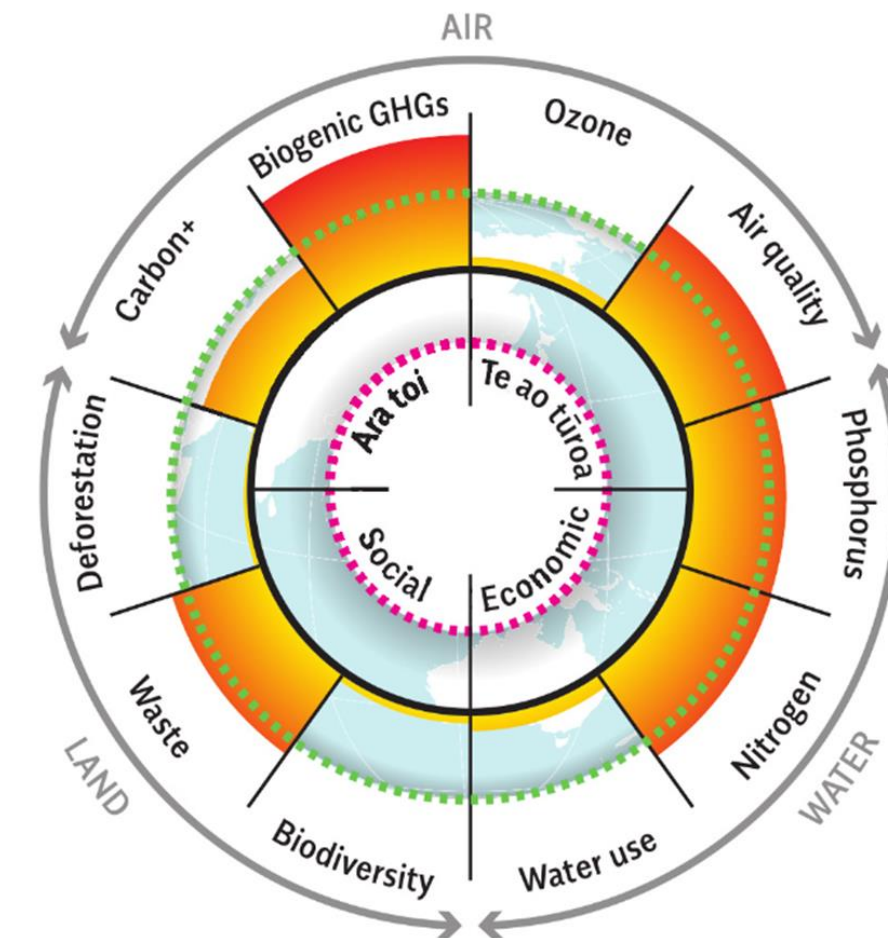
GREATER MELBOURNE CITY PORTRAIT

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Outside safe space

Ōtepoti Doughnut



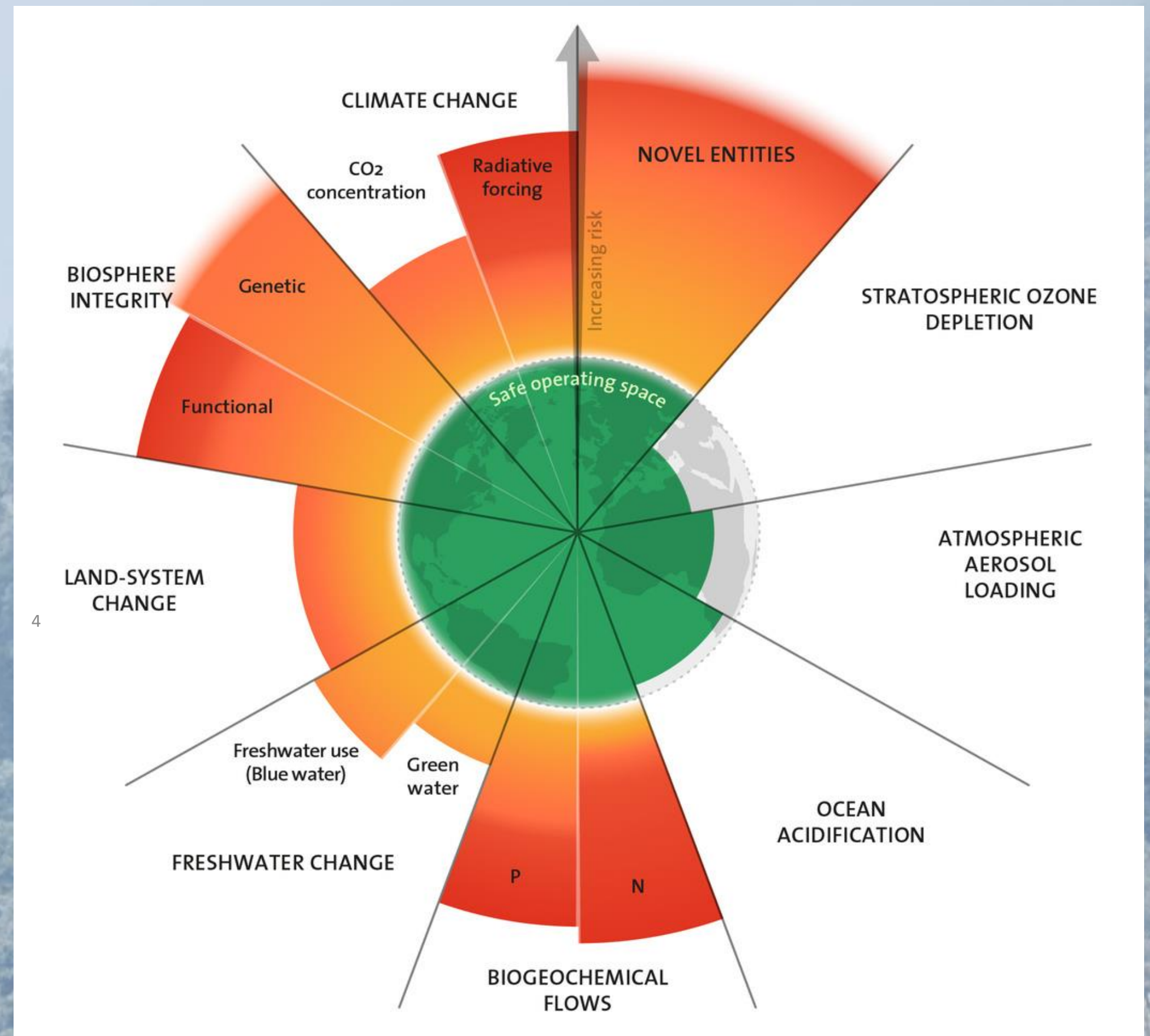
Green dotted line = Ecological ceiling
Above this line we exceed the planetary boundaries risking permanent damage to earth's life support system.

Pink dotted line = Social foundation
Below this line we are not meeting the needs of people-housing, health, cultural.

Planetary Boundaries

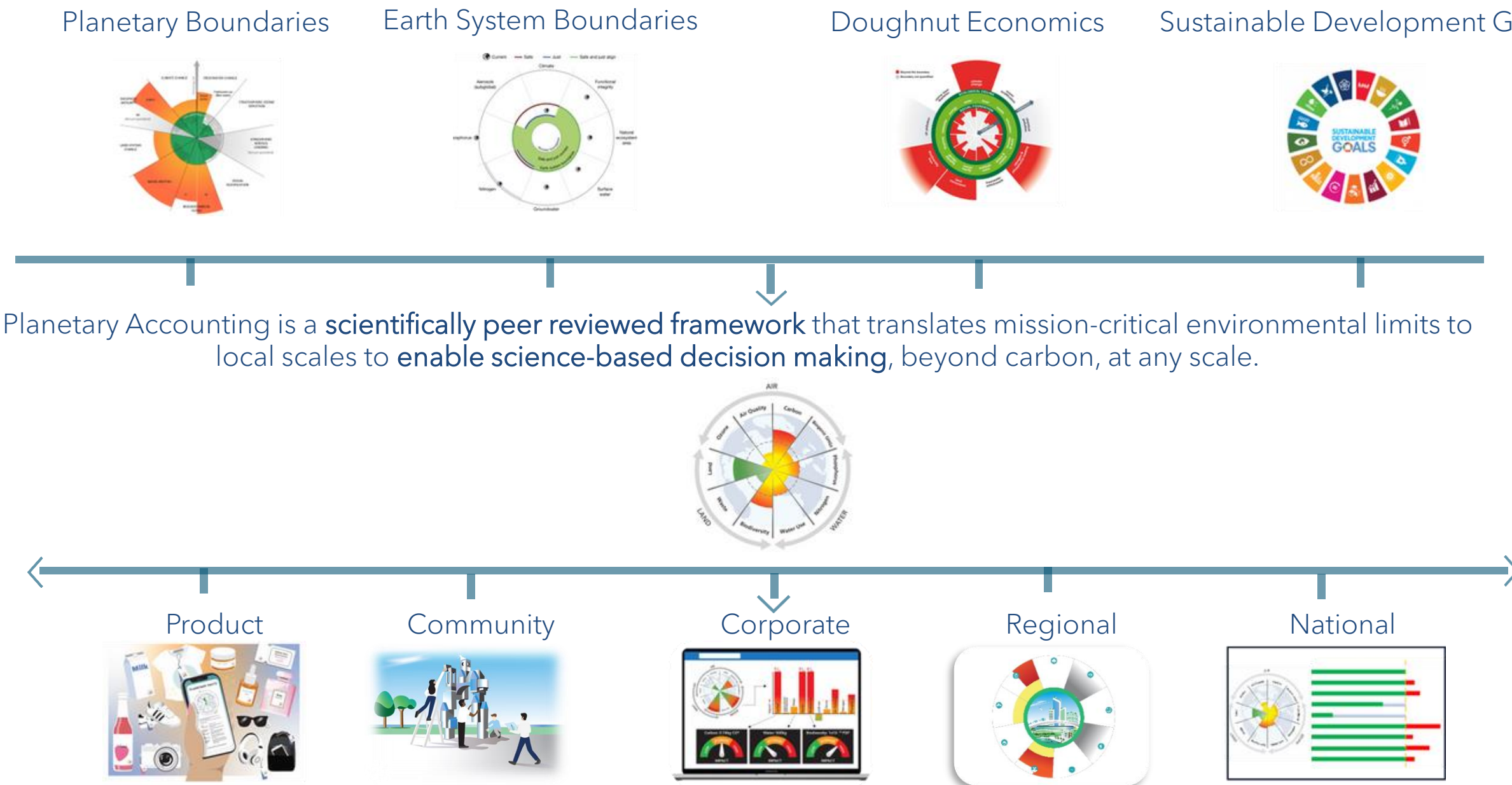
Planetary boundaries are the crucial thresholds that define the safe operating space for humanity.

We are living beyond critical global environmental limits; the risk of fundamentally, irreversibly, and catastrophically altering the state of the planet is high.



Planetary Accounting

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Planetary Accounting is fundamentally the **quantification of the environmental footprints** of human activity that consider impacts on air, land, and water, and comparing these against global limits - to provide **easy to understand data, in context**, for decision making.

Why Planetary Accounting?



Underpin environmental goals & decisions with **ROBUST SCIENCE**
Leverage science and data to keep ahead of regulation and community expectations by aligning strategic goals with what is necessary for a healthy planet.



Look beyond **CARBON**
Gain a holistic view of the environmental impacts of your region considering our treasured taonga; whenua (land), wai (water), and hau (air).



Enable **COLLECTIVE** action
Engage community, business, and government stakeholders through the adoption of this scalable framework that supports collaborative action for systemic change.



Connect to **GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS**
Align your strategy and actions with international frameworks including Doughnut Economics, Planetary Boundaries, and the UN-SDGs



INNOVATION and **TRANSFORMATION**
Set absolute sustainability targets to establish a design brief for the future to enable a shift from incremental improvement to transformative change



ILLUMINATE priority opportunities
Easily identify the highest impact activities in the region, and opportunities to generate the greatest environmental outcomes.



COMMUNICATE future vision
Simplify the communication of complex environmental challenges to inspire action towards a future people want; people living well on a healthy planet.

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“We’re big fans of using simple, clear language to help people understand sustainability – and take action! Planetary Accounting does this.”

- Jeff Vickers | thinkstep-anz



www.planetaryaccounting.org

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Submission ID: 792

Date: Apr 12 24 03:48:12 pm

Name:

Tarnya Ledbetter

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Was at meeting on Tuesday. Your totals do not make sense (the numbers guy)

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Supporting document

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Submission ID: 793

Date: Apr 12 24 03:50:40 pm

Name:

Deborah Mander

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:55:52 pm

Name:

Hendrick & Anne Volmuller

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Town/area of the district*: Whakatane

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Date: Apr 12 24 03:58:36 pm

Name:

Suzanne Williams

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Another playground? Car Parking? Need more walking!! Only absolutely necessary please.

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

But no mention is made of meat waste (bones etc) which must be separated. Nappies/continence pads are also stinky

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

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Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Name*: SUZANNE WILLIAMS

Town/area of the district*: WHAKATANE

Organisation (if on behalf): _____

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Date: Apr 12 24 04:00:08 pm

Name:

Bryan McNaught

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

But external funding 50%

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

Not until required

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Option 4 - must be a better way

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

status quo

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Town/area of the district*: Town

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Thoughts from within. Outside the box mentality as a local contractor currently working around the North Island within the Waste and Civil sector. I feel our focus within local communities around NZ should be our local transfer stations, within these facilities we have the space and capacity to think outside the box regarding our waste streams, low carbon emissions focused to reinforce innovation. The opportunity is to create biproducts to therefore reuse within our network to reestablish, maintain and create new infrastructure, easily achieved with the right structure. We need to narrow the gap, start looking at ways to make the connection with the task at hand to create value for communities, ultimately with consistency cost savings will follow for the organization/s also. There's no reason why we can't train our youth within this space to re-educate new modern sustainable mythologies which reinforces the next 10 years of well needed change, its also the culture change needed when it comes to good work practices. The marketplace is forever changing at an accelerated pace, our problems are all the same when it comes to surviving these challenges we are currently facing. Potentially these challenges have always existed and now with increased volume/s across the board they have become more evident within the last 5 years. Once our country gets back into the swing of things we are only going to fall further behind these challenges and will forever remain reactive instead of proactive. A collective model is needed to create the shift for sustainability and change.

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I would like to be counted as a ratepayer for many years in whakatane . The rise in rates appears to be due to astronomical spending by the council with disregard for those ratepayers that have worked to provide a home for family(whanau) . The extravagant ideas and proposals regarding the Rex Morpeth Park and Hall deliver to a small number of the community and yes the Hall may not meet the standards but it has certainly stood the tempestuous history . The park appears to be suffice to its purpose . The marina ?? Who is this for seems like delusions of grandeur to me. What boats will be in the mariner. Seems already the bar is continually being dredged at what cost ? See what people want ? I do have to say in a positive note the gardens in Whakatāne as you drive through town are a credit to the gardeners . It's a struggle for a part of the population and I think we all need to consider each other . Hope this submission can contribute to rethinking of overspending .
