



Where can I find out more about the Long Term Plan 2015-25?

Whakatāne District Council has produced a Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document "The Big Decisions" which provides an overview of the main issues, priorities and key decisions facing the Council over the next 10 years. Copies of the Consultation Document have been distributed to households and businesses and are also available at all Council buildings, and on our website www.whakatane.govt.nz.

Detailed information about the work that has underpinned the development of the Long Term Plan is also available on our website.



KEY TIMEFRAMES FOR THE LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

If you have any questions, contact your local Councillor, Community Board member, or the Council offices. Phone: 07 306 0500

12 MARCH – 13 APRIL
Submissions open

7 – 11 MAY
Public hearings

14 – 22 MAY
Deliberations

25 JUNE 2015
Adoption of final LTP

Your COMMUNITY BOARD

Community Boards provide a link between the Council and the Community and serve to represent and act as advocates for the interests of their community; consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Council or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board; and act as a channel of communication between the community and Council.

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GALATEA-MURUPARA FACT SHEET

The Big Decisions

Ngā whakataunga matua
LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

GALATEA-MURUPARA
Community Board Area

What is the Long Term Plan and why is it important?

We are currently developing our 2015-25 Long Term Plan, which sets out the Council's direction, priorities, work programme and budgets for the next 10 years.

Regardless of whether or not you are a ratepayer, the Long Term Plan affects us all. It is more than just a work plan for the Council. Our District faces a number of big decisions, which will have an impact on the services the Council delivers and the costs of those services. We need to hear your views so that we can work together towards the kind of community we want to live in and a future we want to be a part of.

Have your say Submissions close 5pm Monday, 13 April 2015



Our key proposals

Through the Long Term Plan 2015-25, Whakatāne District Council needs to make some big decisions about the future of our District. We need your help to make these decisions, so please tell us what you think about the following:



Redeveloping the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre



Developing the Whakatāne War Memorial Hall into a modern multi-purpose facility



Transferring pensioner housing to a Community Housing Provider



Increasing our focus on attracting jobs, investment, events and people to the District



Improving harbour facilities

For more detail on these and our other big decisions please see the Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document.



Find out more about your area

Project snapshot for the Galatea-Murupara Community Board area

Here is a snapshot of some of the key projects proposed for the Murupara Community Board Area during the next 10 years. For more information about these projects, and to find out more about what is planned throughout the District, please refer to our Long Term Plan 2015-25 consultation document. The LTP and supporting documents are also available on the Council website (www.whakatane.govt.nz/ltp-2015).

New Murupara community/school shared-use hall and gymnasium

The Council is working in partnership with the Ministry of Education and community funders to develop a full-size gymnasium for the Murupara Area School. The gymnasium/community hall facility will be used by the school during and straight after school hours and will be available for community use outside of those hours. Once the new facility is complete, the current Murupara Community Hall will be demolished and that area landscaped. This project was approved in the 2014-15 Annual Plan and the new gymnasium/hall is expected to be fully operational by 2016-17.

Mimiha Stream bridge renewal

The Mimiha Stream bridge is one of the oldest in the District network and a number of its structural elements are deteriorating. This project will replace the existing single-lane, steel/timber bridge with a two-lane bridge in 2022-23. If the bridge is not replaced, maintenance costs will increase and a lower weight limit would be required, resulting in increased transport costs for primary producers who rely on this route. A budget of \$987,000 has been set aside for this project.

Joint Study with Ngāti Manawa into Murupara business area redesign

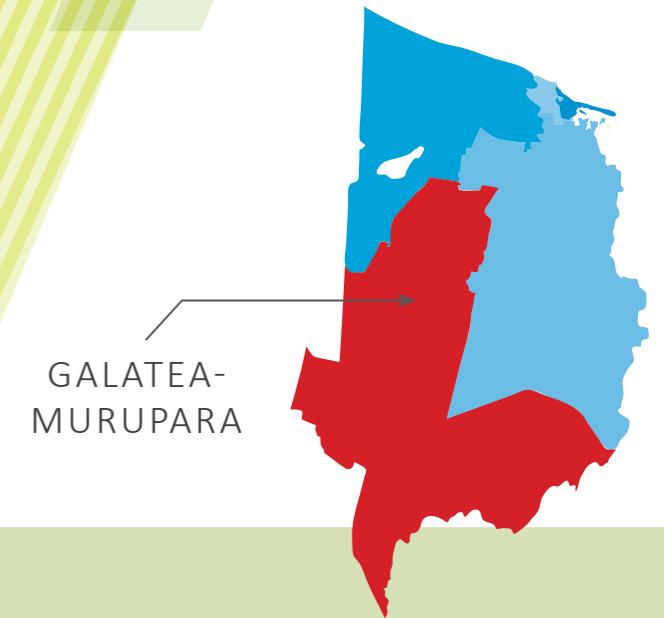
Council is looking to work with Ngāti Manawa to investigate potential options for reinvigorating the Murupara CBD. We are proposing to set aside \$30,000 for this project in 2015/16.

Murupara Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade

The resource consent to discharge treated effluent from the Murupara Sewage Treatment Plant is due to expire in 2026. To obtain a new resource consent, we may have to carry out upgrades to the existing treatment plant and improve treated effluent quality. Council has proposed a budget \$3.35million for the upgrades in the 2019-23 years of the LTP.

Rerewhakaaitu Freight Route Feasibility Study

The study is being carried out to establish the feasibility of a Rerewhakaaitu Freight Route which would reduce the State Highway journey for south-bound traffic to Taupo and beyond by 16km, offering a potential 20-minute time saving. If sealed, it is anticipated that traffic volumes utilising the route would increase significantly. It would also contribute to improved network resilience/route security, as this offers a viable alternative route linking to the central and southern North Island. The route crosses into the Rotorua District and the study is therefore being undertaken jointly with the Rotorua District Council. Under the new NZ Transport Agency Business Case Approach framework, we will be developing a Programme Business Case. The projected cost of \$50,000 has been included in Council's operating budget.



GALATEA-MURUPARA

MURUPARA URBAN

The average urban Murupara property (\$53,000 Capital Value) would see a 7.2% decrease in its 2015/16 rates. This is significantly lower than the district average of 3.20% and equates to a reduction of approximately \$134 per household on the annual rates cost. This is primarily due to a decrease in the water and sewerage targeted rates, as a result of decreased depreciation funding.

MURUPARA LIFESTYLE

An average Murupara lifestyle property (\$180,000 Capital Value) will see a 2.9% increase (around \$44 more in 2015/16). This is below the district average of 3.2% and is mostly due to increases in the General Rate requirement and the Uniform Annual General Charge.

RURAL HIGH

The average high value rural property (\$2,370,000 Capital Value) will see a 2.3% rate increase, which is about \$156 more in 2015/16. This is below the district average of 3.2% and is principally due to an increase in the general rate requirement, which is partly offset by a decrease in the capital value-based roading rate.

Key services provided in the Galatea-Murupara Community Board area

Whakatāne District Council is responsible for delivering a wide range of essential services and facilities including water supplies, sewage treatment and disposal, solid waste management, roads and footpaths, parks and reserves, libraries, economic development and animal control, to name a few. Additionally, many key services located in the Whakatāne township also provide services to the communities of the Galatea-Murupara area such as the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre, Whakatāne Aquatic Centre and Whakatāne War Memorial Hall.

Some examples of key services located in the Galatea-Murupara Community Board Area include:

- Murupara Water Scheme
- Murupara Sewerage Scheme
- Murupara stormwater system
- Weekly rubbish and recycling (and fortnightly greenwaste collections for urban Murupara and some rural areas)
- Murupara Transfer Station
- Extensive road network
- Multiple reserves, sports fields and play equipment
- Murupara Town Hall and Murupara Sports Pavilion Community Halls
- Murupara Library and Service Centre
- Murupara Swimming Pool.

Proposed rate changes for 2015/16

The following average rates increases would apply if the Long Term Plan is adopted with no significant changes.