

## Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 29 June, 2023  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Council Chamber  
Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue  
Whangārei

**In Attendance**

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo  
Cr Gavin Benney  
Cr Nicholas Connop  
Cr Ken Couper  
Cr Jayne Golightly  
Cr Phil Halse  
Cr Deborah Harding  
Cr Patrick Holmes  
Cr Scott McKenzie  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid  
Cr Phoenix Ruka  
Cr Paul Yovich

**Not in Attendance** Cr Marie Olsen

**Scribe** C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

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**1. Karakia/Prayer**

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

**2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3. Apology / Kore Tae Mai**

Cr Marie Olsen

**Moved By** Cr Carol Peters

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

That the apology be sustained.

**Carried**

#### 4. Decision Reports / Whakatauripoata

##### 4.1 2023-24 Fees and Charges

**Moved By** Cr Patrick Holmes

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That Whangarei District Council:

- a. Adopt the fees and charges listed in **Table A**, as follows and as per attachment 1: *Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges 2023-24*.

These fees were consulted on and deliberated as part of the 2023-24 Annual Plan process, as required under the Special Consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002.

**Table A: 2023-24 Fees and charges subject to the Special Consultative Procedure**

	<b>Refer Statement of Proposal</b>
Bylaw Enforcement	Page 7
Drainage (Wastewater and Trade Waste)	Page 4-6
Food Premises	Page 8-10
Gambling and Racing Act	Page 10
Health Act Registered Premises	Page 10-11
Public Places Bylaw	Page 12
Resource Management Act Resource Management Administrative charges Council Professional Fees Monitoring and Land Use District Plan/Private Plan Changes Abatement notices	Page 13-21
Rubbish Disposal	Page 22-23
Water Supply	Page 24-25

- b. Authorises the Chief Executive to make minor amendments, drafting, typographical or presentation corrections necessary to the 2023-2024 Fees and Charges document.

**Carried**

## 4.2 Adoption of the 2023-24 Annual Plan

**Moved By** Cr Simon Reid

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2023-24 Annual Plan.
2. Resolve to carry forward unspent capital projects as at 30 June 2023 (in addition to those already forecast) into the 2023-24 year and note these subsequent carry forwards will be part of a revised budget, which will be reported back to Council.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive to make any necessary drafting, typographical or corrections to the 2023-24 Annual Plan.

**Carried**

## 4.3 2023-24 Rates Resolution

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Paul Yovich

That the Council:

1. Having adopted the 2023-24 Annual Plan, including the 2023-24 Funding Impact Statement, resolves to set the following rates in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2022 for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024:

<b>a. General Rates</b>		
<b>Rate/Differential category</b>	<b>Basis of assessment</b>	<b>Including GST</b>
<b>General Rates</b>		
Uniform Annual General Charge	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit *	\$701.00
Residential category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0023326
Multi-Unit category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0046652
Miscellaneous category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0023326
Rural category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0033485
Commercial and Industrial category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0126144
<b>b. Targeted Rates</b>		
<b>Rate/Differential category</b>	<b>Basis of assessment</b>	<b>Including GST</b>
<b>Sewerage Rates</b> (Connected to wastewater system)		

Residential category**	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$902.00
Other – non-residential**	Per pan or urinal	\$584.00
<b>Water Rates</b>		
Consumption charge <i>Note: where an invoice for water by meter relates to a period that spans two financial years, the consumption over the period will be pro-rated (i.e. the amount of water consumed or supplied in the first year will be charged at the first year's amount per cubic metre, and the amount consumed or supplied in the second financial year will be charged at the second year's amount per cubic metre).</i>	Volume of metered water consumed per cubic metre	\$3.21
Supply charge (metered)	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the water is supplied*	\$38.00
Availability charge	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for which the water is available to be supplied*	\$38.00
Uniform charge (unmetered)	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the water is supplied*	\$527.00
Backflow preventer charge	Per water supply connection, based on the nature of connection	
	15/20mm connection	\$89.39
	25mm connection	\$90.61
	32mm connection	\$107.19
	40mm connection	\$109.70
	50mm connection	\$113.81
	80/100mm connection	\$286.65
	150mm connection	\$335.57
	200mm connection	\$555.77
<b>Hikurangi Swamp</b>		
Hikurangi Swamp Special Rating District	Per hectare of land in the Hikurangi Swamp Special Rating District based on location within that area***	
	Class A	\$223.18
	Class B	\$200.86
	Class C	\$156.22
	Class D	\$22.31
	Class E	\$11.16
	Class F	\$4.46

Hikurangi Swamp Drainage Rating District	Per hectare of land in the Hikurangi Swamp Drainage Rating District based on location within that area*** Class A approx 5,592 ha Class F approx 11,974 ha	\$22.58 \$2.26
<b>Roading seal extension rates</b>		
Attwood Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Brooks Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Glenmohr Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$1150.00
Massey Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Nook Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Tahunatapu Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00
Waiotoi Road	Per rating unit within the area of benefit ***	\$920.00

\* The definition of a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2023-24 Annual Plan.

\*\* The definitions of these differential categories can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2023-24 Annual Plan.

\*\*\* The definitions of these specified and defined area of benefits can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2023-24 Annual Plan.

2. Resolves that the due dates for payment of rates and imposition of penalties are as follows:

**a. Due dates and penalty dates for rates other than metered water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges)**

The due dates for rates other than metered water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges) are set out in the table below. Pursuant to Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be added to the amount of each instalment which remains unpaid after the due date for payment with penalties to be added on the penalty dates specified in the table below:

Instalment	Due date for payment	Date penalty will be added
One	20 August 2023	23 August 2023
Two	20 November 2023	22 November 2023
Three	20 February 2024	22 February 2024
Four	20 May 2024	22 May 2024

**b. Due dates and penalty dates for metered water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges)**

Water accounts are processed monthly, two-monthly or six-monthly. The due dates of these accounts will be relative to the consumer's cyclic billing period and will apply as specified in the table below:

<b>Month water rates invoice issued</b>	<b>Due date for payment</b>
July 2023	20 August 2023
August 2023	20 September 2023
September 2023	20 October 2023
October 2023	20 November 2023
November 2023	20 December 2023
December 2023	20 January 2024
January 2024	20 February 2024
February 2024	20 March 2024
March 2024	20 April 2024
April 2024	20 May 2024
May 2024	20 June 2024
June 2024	20 July 2024

Penalties will be added to water rates (volumetric, supply and backflow preventer charges) not paid by the due date under Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. A penalty of ten percent (10%) will be applied to any portion of water rates unpaid after the due date, at the penalty dates specified in the table below:

<b>Month water rates invoice issued</b>	<b>Date penalty will be added</b>
July 2023	23 August 2023
August 2023	22 September 2023
September 2023	24 October 2023
October 2023	22 November 2023
November 2023	22 December 2023
December 2023	24 January 2024
January 2024	22 February 2024
February 2024	22 March 2024
March 2024	24 April 2024
April 2024	22 May 2024
May 2024	24 June 2024
June 2024	24 July 2024

3. Resolves that additional penalty charges will be applied in accordance with section 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, with a penalty of ten percent (10%) being added to any unpaid rates (including penalties previously added and water rates) from previous rating years that remain unpaid as at 6 July 2023. This penalty will be added on 6 September 2023.

**Carried**

## 5. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata

**Moved By** Cr Deborah Harding

**Seconded By** Cr Gavin Benney

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
1.1	Property Matter	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

Item	Grounds	Section
1.1	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities	Section 7(2)(h)
	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)

**Carried**

## 6. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

His Worship the Mayor closed the meeting with a karakia/prayer at 9.46am.

Confirmed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Chairperson)