

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

File Reference ECM 9527217

Meeting Date Tuesday 1 July 2025 at 11am

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth

Members Present

Mayor Neil Holdom (Chair), Councillors Tony Bedford, Sam Bennett, Max Brough, Gordon Brown, David Bublitz, Anneka Carlson Matthews, Murray Chong, Amanda Clinton-Gohdes, Harry Duynhoven, Bali Haque, Te Waka McLeod, Dinnie Moeahu, Marie Pearce, and Bryan Vickery.

Non-Members Present

Christine Fabish (Inglewood Community Board Chair), Mike Baker (Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board member) and (via Zoom) Sarah Lucas (Inglewood Community Board member).

(Via Zoom) Jonathan Salter (Simpson Grierson Ltd) and Judith Cheyne (Simpson Grierson Ltd).

Staff in Attendance

Gareth Green (via Zoom), Sarah Downs, Helena Williams, Bernie O'Donnell, Carol Malpass, Yin Shan Welton, Matthew Thompson, Annabel Dennett, Julie Straka and Carol Allen.

Karakia

The hui opened with a karakia.

Late Item - Consideration of a nomination for a 2025 Citizens' Award

Section 46(A)(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, permits this late item be decided at this meeting.

Council Resolution

C/2025/82

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Brown)

That the report on the Citizens' Award nomination be considered, with the public excluded, at this meeting of the Council. This report was inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

Carried

Public Forum

- Tuhi-Ao Bailey Local Waters Done Well

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Correction of Rates in Accordance with the Adopted Annual Plan 2025/26

C/2025/83

ECM 9526874

The matter for consideration by the Council is correcting the rates resolution made on 13 May 2025 from GST excluded rates to state the GST inclusive rates in accordance with the adopted Annual Plan 2025/26

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Pearce)

That having considered all matters raised in the report Council:

- a) Notes that Council resolved to adopt and set the GST inclusive rates for the 2025/26 financial year at a Council meeting on 13 May 2025 (clause (e), Minute Number C/2025/33) and notes that due to a typographical error, GST exclusive rates were incorrectly presented to and set by the Council.
- b) Notes that the Council has power under section 46 of the Legislation Act 2019 to do any act to correct an error which was made in a previous exercise of a statutory power.
- c) Notes that the error to be corrected by exercising the statutory power again is the Council's power under section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to set rates by resolution.
- d) Revokes clause (e) of the 13 May 2025 resolution "Annual Plan 2025/26 Adoption and Setting of Rates" ((ECM9487857)minute C/2025/33).
- e) Sets in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (the Act) the rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026 as follows:

All rates below are stated inclusive of Goods and Services Tax.

1. Uniform Annual General Charge
Pursuant to section 15 of the Act, a Uniform Annual General Charge of \$99.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
2. General Rate
Pursuant to section 13 of the Act, a general rate on all rateable land on the basis of land value and assessed differentially against each property group as described below at the rate of cents in the dollar:

Group 1 – Commercial/Industrial	1.40228286c
Group 2 – Residential	0.46742762c
Group 3 – Small Holdings	0.37394210c

Group 4 – Farmland 0.35057072c

3. Targeted Rates

3.1. Roading Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Act, a targeted rate for roading, being a fixed amount of \$127.34 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

3.2. Refuse Collection and Disposal Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Act, a targeted rate for refuse collection and disposal (including kerbside recycling), being a fixed amount of \$302.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the Council provides the service.

3.3. Stormwater Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Act, a targeted rate for stormwater of 0.01849731 cents per dollar, based on all rateable capital values in the urban area of the district (map outlining urban area can be found on page 20 of the Annual Plan 2025/26).

3.4. Sewage Treatment and Disposal Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Act, a targeted rate for sewage treatment and disposal as follows:

- a) A fixed amount of \$815.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in respect of rating units (other than commercial and industrial rating units and schools) connected either directly or indirectly through a private drain to a public sewerage drain.
- b) An amount per water closet or urinal depending on the number in each rating unit for rating units used for commercial and industrial uses (including schools) connected either directly or indirectly through a private drain to a public sewerage drain as shown below.

Sewage Treatment and Disposal, charges per water closet or urinal:

One to two	\$815.00
Three	\$692.00
Four	\$611.00
Five	\$529.00

Six to 10	\$489.00
11 to 15	\$448.00
16 to 20	\$432.00
21 or more	\$407.50

- c) A fixed amount of \$407.50 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for the Sewage Treatment and Disposal part-charge for areas where a sewage scheme has been expanded to and is now available (including Ōākura) for rating units in the those sewerage scheme areas that agreed to connect to the sewer pipe and have not done so.
- d) A fixed amount of \$407.50 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit applied to all properties that are within 100 metres of a sewerage pipeline and are not included in assessments above and are not connected to a Council supply.

3.5 Water Supply Targeted Rate

Pursuant to sections 16 and 19 of the Act, targeted rates for Water Supply as below:

Rating units connected to a Council supply that are not volumetrically charged and do not have a restricted flow

- a) A fixed amount of \$676.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, and

Rating units connected to a Council supply as an on demand supply of water by meter that are volumetrically charged and do not have a restricted flow

- a) A fixed charge of \$74.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit

- b) A consumption charge of:

Standard rate for consumption up to or equal to 50,000m ³ (per cubic metre)	\$2.662
Rate for consumption in excess of 50,000m ³ per annum (per cubic metre)*	\$2.685
Waitara industrial untreated water supply (per cubic metre)	\$2.259

* Large users are charged the standard volumetric charge rate to 50,000m³ and the excess rate for amounts in excess of 50,000m³.

Rating units connected to a Council supply that have a restricted flow

- a) A fixed amount of \$418.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit applied to all properties that are within 100 metres of a serviceable pipeline and are not included in assessments above and are not connected to a water supply.

Rating units not connected to a Council supply

- a) A fixed amount of \$338.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit applied to all properties that are within 100 metres of a serviceable pipeline and are not included in assessments above and are not connected to a water supply.

3.6 Swimming Pool Compliance Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Act, a targeted rate for swimming pool compliance being a fixed charge of \$85.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit which has a swimming pool/spa pool.

3.7 Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu (New Plymouth Sustainable Homes Voluntary Targeted Rate) Scheme Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Act, a targeted rate for Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu per rating unit which has been granted funding assistance for household improvements as below:

For borrowers who applied on or before 17 June 2020; and for borrowers who applied after 17 June 2020 who elected to pay over a nine year period	11.11 per cent of the service amount (the cost of borrowed funds)
For borrowers who applied after 17 June 2020 who elected to pay over a five year period	20 per cent of the service amount (the cost of borrowed funds)

4. Due Dates and Penalties

Rates other than volumetric water charge rates

- 4.1 Resolves that the Council's rates (except volumetric water charge rates) for the 2025/26 year (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026) will become due and payable by four equal instalments on the following dates:

Instalment 1	27 August 2025
Instalment 2	26 November 2025
Instalment 3	25 February 2026
Instalment 4	27 May 2026

- 4.2 The Council will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any part of each respective instalment (except volumetric water charge rates) that remains unpaid after the instalment due date in clause 4.1.
- 4.3 The Council will charge an additional penalty of 10 per cent on any rates (except volumetric water charge rates) that were assessed in any previous financial years prior to 1 July 2025 and which remain unpaid on 8 July 2025. The penalty will be applied on 30 September 2025.
- 4.4 A further additional penalty of 10 per cent will be added to any rates (except volumetric water charge rates) that were assessed prior to 1 July 2025 and which remain unpaid on 31 March 2026.

Volumetric water charge rates

- 4.5 Resolves that the Council's rates for volumetric water charge rates will generally be invoiced on a quarterly basis. However, rating units may be invoiced monthly if the unit has previously been invoiced monthly or the ratepayer has notified the Council before 30 June 2026 to be invoiced monthly.
- 4.6 Resolves that the Council's rates for volumetric water charge rates for rating units invoiced on a quarterly basis for the 2025/26 year (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026) will become due and payable by instalments on the following dates:
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| Instalment 1 | 26 November 2025 |
| Instalment 2 | 25 February 2026 |
| Instalment 3 | 27 May 2026 |
| Instalment 4 | 26 August 2026 |
- 4.7 The Council will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any rates for volumetric water that remains unpaid after the instalment due date in clause 4.6.

- 4.8 Resolves that the Council's rates for volumetric water charge rates for rating units invoiced on a monthly basis for the 2025/26 year (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026) will become due and payable on the following dates:

Instalment 1	20 August 2025
Instalment 2	22 September 2025
Instalment 3	20 October 2025
Instalment 4	20 November 2025
Instalment 5	22 December 2025
Instalment 6	20 January 2026
Instalment 7	20 February 2026
Instalment 8	20 March 2026
Instalment 9	20 April 2026
Instalment 10	20 May 2026
Instalment 11	22 June 2026
Instalment 12	20 July 2026

- 4.9 The Council will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any rates for volumetric water that remains unpaid after the instalment due date in clause 4.8.

Carried

Exclusion of the Public from the Remainder of the Meeting

C/2025/84

ECM9527837

This report details items that are recommended should be considered with the public excluded, and the reason for excluding the public.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Bennett)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council hereby resolves that, pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

a) Citizens' Awards

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, include that of deceased persons, this particular interest being protected by section 7(2)(a) of the Act.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Carried

The hui closed with a karakia at 12.04pm