



AGENDA

EXTRAORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 8 February 2011 at 10.05am

Notice is given of a meeting of Horizons Regional Council to be held on
Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 10.05am in the Tararua Room,
Horizons Regional Council offices,
11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North

Business to be discussed includes:

- Election of Chairperson – Procedures and Election

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cr PW Rieger QSO (Acting Chairman)
 Cr LR Barrow
 Cr LR Burnell
 Cr VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED
 Cr GL Cox
 Cr EB Gordon

Cr MC Guy
 Cr GM McKellar
 Cr MW Plowman
 Cr CI Sheldon
 Cr RG Walker JP
 Cr J White

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PART ONE

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Apologies
2. Public Speaking Rights
Notification to speak is required by 4pm on the working day prior to the meeting. Further information is available on www.horizons.govt.nz or by phoning 0508 800 800
3. Late Items:
To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Committee to consider any further items relating to items following below which do not appear on the Order Paper of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.
Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:
 - (i) The reason why the item was not on the Order Paper, and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.
4. Members' Conflict of Interest
Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.
5. Election of Chairperson – Procedures and Election
Report No: 11-03 (Incl. Annexes A and B)
File No: GGV 2 01

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M J McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A Significant decision? If Yes	N
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

Item No: 5
Date: 8/02/2011
Report No: 11-03
File No: GGV 2 01

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – PROCEDURES and ELECTION

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend the procedures as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) to be adopted for the election of the Chairperson, Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons Regional Council), following the resignation of Cr Murray Guy from the role of Chairman of Horizons Regional Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2. There is no financial impact.

BACKGROUND

3. At the Inaugural meeting of Council held on 26 October 2010, Cr Guy was elected as Chairman in accordance with Clauses 21(4) and 21(5)(b) Schedule 7 of the Act.
4. On 19 January 2011, the Chief Executive received a letter of formal resignation from Cr Guy from his role as Chairman of Council. Cr Guy has stated he will vacate the Chair on 31 January 2011.

COMMENT

5. From 1 February 2011, until the election of a new Chairperson, Cr Paul Rieger will be Acting Chairman as a consequence of his election as Deputy Chairman at the Inaugural meeting of Council.
6. It is proposed that the election of a new Chairperson of Horizons Regional Council takes place as soon as appropriate, and the procedures for this election are set out below.
7. The procedures for the election of the Chairperson of a Regional Council are outlined in clause 25 Schedule 7 of the Act (attached as Annex A). Councillors must first determine by resolution, which system of voting they will use.
8. **Under System A** for the election of the Chairperson of a Regional Council, Councillors may determine that the person be elected by a system of voting that requires that the person to be elected receives the votes of a majority of the membership of the Council present and voting. Where more than one round of voting is required, the least successful candidate in a round of voting shall not be a candidate in the next round of voting. This system ensures that the successful candidate has the support of a majority of Councillors.

When there is an equality of votes in any round for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

9. **Under system B**, there is only one round of voting and the person is appointed if he or she has more votes than any other candidate.

When there is an equality of votes for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

10. Under both systems, the most common procedure for 'resolution by lot' is for the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes to be placed in a container, and the name of the person drawn out by an independent person is deemed to be elected.
11. Once the procedural questions have been decided, nominations for Council Chairperson will be called.
12. Following election, the new Chairperson of Council will be requested to make a declaration (attached at Annex B).

RECOMMENDATION

13. It is recommended that Council:
- a. **resolves** that either System A or System B of the procedures as set out in Clause 25 (3) and (4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 be adopted for the election of the Chairperson;
 - b. **elects** (*name to be inserted*) as Chairperson of Horizons Regional Council.

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ANNEXES

- A Clause 25, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2004
B Declaration by the Chairperson of the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council

25. Voting systems for certain appointments—

- (1) This clause applies to—
- (a) the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a regional council; and
 - (b) the election or appointment of the deputy mayor; and
 - (c) the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a committee; and
 - (d) the election or appointment of a representative of a local authority.
- (2) If this clause applies, a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:—
- (a) the voting system in subclause (3) ("system A");
 - (b) the voting system in subclause (4) ("system B").
- (3) System A—
- (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and
 - (b) has the following characteristics:—
 - (i) there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and
 - (ii) if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and
 - (iii) if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and
 - (iv) in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.
- (4) System B—
- (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and
 - (b) has the following characteristics:
 - (i) there is only 1 round of voting; and
 - (ii) if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.



**DECLARATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
MANAWATU-WANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL
(Horizons Regional Council)**

I,

declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Manawatu-Wanganui Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as the Chairperson of the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons Regional Council) by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Dated at Palmerston North this 8th day of February 2011.

Signed _____

Signed in the presence of

M J McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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