



Minutes of the twenty-second meeting of the seventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 9.30am on Tuesday, 7 July 2009, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs G P Murfitt (Chair), L Bailey, L R Burnell, M C Guy, A K Main, D B Meads, P W Rieger QSO, and J J White.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr M McCartney
Acting Group Manager Mrs K Arnott
Corporate and Governance
Committee Secretary Mrs J Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information (from 9.37am), Mr A Cook (Group Manager Operations), Mr C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management), and Mr E Duggan (Acting Chief Financial Officer).

APOLOGIES

09-420 *Moved* **Murfitt/Guy**

that Cr Gordon be granted Leave of Absence.

CARRIED

09-421 *Moved* **Rieger/Bailey**

that Cr Murfitt be granted Leave of Absence from 8 July to 16 July 2009.

CARRIED

09-422 *Moved* **Rieger/White**

that an apology be received from Crs Plowman, Walker, and Chettleburgh (Leave of Absence).

CARRIED

PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS

No requests for public speaking rights had been notified.

LATE ITEMS

The Chairman noted two Late Items that required Council's immediate attention. Approval was required by Council in order to nominate and register a Councillor to attend the International Riversymposium to be held in Brisbane, 21-24 September 2009, and a draft agenda of the Councillors' Strategy Forum to be held on 22-23 July, 2009 was tabled for discussion.

In regard to the Regional Council meeting set down for Tuesday, 21 July 2009, the Chairman advised that as there were no items requiring Council's attention at that time, he suggested the meeting be cancelled. Cr White commented that the meeting could be rescheduled and held at the conclusion of the Councillors' Strategy Forum to address any possible issues. The Chairman advised that a Special Council Meeting could be held if the need arose. Cr Guy proposed that the Regional Council meeting set down for 21 July, 2009, be postponed to 25 August, 2009.

09-423 **Moved** **Guy/Rieger**

that the Regional Council meeting set down for 21 July, 2009, be postponed to 25 August, 2009.

Against: Cr White
CARRIED

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Conflicts of Interest.

COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19 ADOPTION, RATE SETTING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES CONFIRMATION

Report No. 09-97

This report outlined the procedures for the approval and adoption of the Community Plan 2009-19 (CP), the consequential setting of the 2009-10 rates, and the confirmation of the 2009-10 administrative charges.

09-424 **Moved** **White/Meads**

It is recommended, for the adoption of the 2009-19 Community Plan, that the Council:

- a. **acknowledges** the submissions and deliberations process;
- b. **confirms** the position arrived at in the 30 June meeting as set out in the excerpt of minutes contained at Annex A;
- c. **acknowledges** that the amendments to the Draft Community Plan 2009-19 arrived at the 30 June 2009 Council meeting, together with audit, typographical, arithmetical and presentation amendments, have been incorporated in the draft documents;
- d. **approves** the amendments, including any tabled amendments from the OAG Hot Review, to Draft Community Plan 2009-2019;
- e. **adopts** the amended Community Plan 2009 -19;
- f. **requests** the Chief Executive to prepare the final Community Plan 2009-19 for publication;
- g. **requests** the Chief Executive to formally advise submitters of its decisions;
- h. **requests** the Chief Executive to establish the Council Controlled Trading Organisation (CCTO) to hold CentrePort Ltd shares and make the necessary arrangements to transfer ownership of the CentrePort shares into the CCTO.

CARRIED

It is recommended, for the setting of rates, that the Council:

- a. **acknowledges** that the rates, the subject of this report, relate to the financial year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, and are all GST Inclusive;
- b. **resolves** to set the rates for the 2009-2010 year as set out in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009 -19;
- c. **resolves** pursuant to the **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002** (the Act) and in particular:
 - i. *that, as required by section 24(a) of the Act, the rates covered by this resolution are for the financial year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, and, as required by section 24(b) of the Act, are payable on or before Friday 25 September 2009;*
 - ii. *to set under section 15(1)(a) of the Act, a Uniform Annual General Charge of \$34 per rating unit in the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - iii. *to set under section 13(2)(b) of the Act, a General Rate on every rating unit in the Region, on a differential basis using an “estimate of projected valuation” as provided under section 131 of the Act, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - iv. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Transport Planning and Road Safety rate made on every rating unit in the Region on a differential basis using an “estimate of projected valuation” as provided under section 131 of the Act, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - v. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Transport Passenger Services rate made on every rating unit contained within each transport passenger service area according to their rating bases, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - vi. *to set under sections 16(3) (a) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Sustainable Land Use Initiative rate made on every rating unit within the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - vii. *to set under sections 16(3) (a) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, an Environmental Initiatives rate made on every rating unit within the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - viii. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Animal Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the Region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - ix. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a TB Vector Funding rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the Region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*

- x. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Rook Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - xi. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Plant Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based on number of hectares, and on every rating unit under four hectares uniformly, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - xii. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Differentiated Rangitikei Old Man's Beard Eradication rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based uniformly, and on every rating unit under four hectares uniformly on every rating unit within the Rangitikei District local authority boundary, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;*
 - xiii. *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Regional Park rate made on every rating unit within the Manawatu District and Palmerston North City local authority boundaries, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019; and*
 - xiv. *to set under sections 16(3)(b) and (4)(b), 17, 18, and 146 of the Act, the River and Drainage Scheme Rates, made on each rating unit contained within each Scheme, according to their respective classification systems or differential rating bases, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019.*
- d. **resolves** that pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002** (the Act), that all rates shall become due and payable on 25 September 2009, with a penalty of 10% to be imposed on 2 October 2009 on all current rates remaining unpaid. Other penalties, each of 10%, shall also be applied:
- i. *Firstly, on previous years' rates arrears (including prior penalties), remaining unpaid on 15 July 2009, being a date no sooner than five working days after the date on which this resolution is made, with penalty to be applied on 16 July 2009; and*
 - ii. *Secondly, on previous years' arrears, (including prior penalties), remaining unpaid on 18 January 2010 with penalty applied 22 January 2010, being a date no sooner than six months after the application of the penalty in d (i) above.*
- e. **sets** under its remission policy, the spread payment financing charge for 2009-2010 as follows:
- Monthly payments: 2.0% on the annual amount.*
- Quarterly payments: 2.0% on the annual amount.*

CARRIED

09-426 **Moved** **White/Meads**

It is recommended, for the setting of rates, that the Council:

- a. **adopts** the administrative charges for 2009-2010 as set out in the Annual Administration Charges section of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019 pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

International Riversymposium, Brisbane

The Chairman recommended that Cr Murray Guy be granted approval to attend the International Riversymposium to be held in Brisbane 21-24 September 2009. Mr Ged Shirley, Group Manager Regional Services and Information would also be attending.

09-427 **Moved** **Murfitt/Burnell**

*that the Council **approves** Cr Guy to attend the International Riversymposium to be held in Brisbane 21-24 September, 2009.*

CARRIED

Councillors' Strategy Forum

A draft agenda for the Councillors' Strategy Forum was distributed to Members for discussion.

09-428 **Moved** **Rieger/Meads**

*that the Council **accepts** the format for the draft agenda for the Councillors' Strategy Forum to be held on 22-23 July 2009.*

CARRIED

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no Members' Questions

The meeting closed at 9.49am.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIRMAN