

Council Hearing

PUBLIC BUSINESS AGENDA

ADDENDUM:

Item 6.1 Annual Plan 2023-24 Hearings and Deliberations
Summary Report

Attachment A: Annual Plan Submission Pack 2023
ECM631396

Council Hearing
Council Chambers,
Torphin Crescent, Tokoroa
Friday 16 June 2023
Commencing at 9.30am

OUR VISION

“Healthy people thriving in a safe, vibrant and sustainable community.”

Roger Drower.



Annual Plan 2023-24 submission.

Council is proposing an average rate revenue increase of 18.5%. Rates on some properties will be higher and/or lower than this average. Please see the rates examples alongside. You can also go to our website and use the rates calculator for a more accurate result specific to your property. This is changed from what was adopted in the LTP 2021-31 in June 2021 of 6.3% and increased to 7.2% through the LTP Amendment last year.

The proposed 18.5% rate increase in dollar terms is \$13.77 per week. Please see the rates examples earlier in this document (on page 4) for more detail

People benefit and low incomes are left less than \$10 a week to live on after all the bills been paid. This will not have \$\$ to pay for their Rates. Facts

To fix the deficit, cope with the bow wave caused by the zero per cent rate increase we adopted during COVID and meet the current financial challenges, we need approximately 27% more income than we're currently receiving.

Don't blame us for covid because zero per cent rate.

Roading do this right in the first place if not pot holes.

This is chose people makes not the speed teach driver to drive on the roads



Well fixs the pot holes and do the job riht in the first place.



In Tokoroa Streets



SH1 & Puriri Road area north of Tokoroa
one side higher then the other side
26/10/2021 this causes Accident



SH1 & Puriri Road area what a
bad job & unsafe 26/10/2021

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[REDACTED]
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Highway 1. Not the speed it is the roads like

Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 10:43 PM
Subject: Road works SH1 & Puriri road area 26/10/2021

Hi there.

Road works SH1 & Puriri road area 26/10/2021 this is unsafe Road the way the road workers have left this one side higher then the other side see photos this may causes accident car bikes trucks etc the road worker packed up today 26/10/2021 where one of the car hit this uneven seal could go on the other side of the road just as well no car going south if so the police Ambulance & Fire and the poor family/s. This need to be loged. This job is

rubbish and we have to pay of this XYZ.....?

Many thanks be safe.

On 27/10/2021 9:39 am, Ted Anderson wrote:

Good morning Stephen

Please refer to the concerns raised by a SWDC ratepayer regarding the safety on SH1 opposite Puriri Road. Can you please address these safety concerns

Kind regards

Ted

The roads are so disgraceful at the moment. I don't think I've ever seen them so bad and so dangers. Doing patch jobs are braking up and bigger hole are starting Poor workmanship. I will hate to put my name to this job.

Footpaths

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Poor man trip on footpath in the CBD



Trip



hazard.

rubbish truck driving over footpath



Tirau trip hazard



Service

food Truck damage footpath email Hi there.

Mannering St Truck (Service Food on footpath Has damage Bridge and Mannering. Parking on Yellow line.

Drains.

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How is people getting around this on footpaths ?



Leaves and rubbish been left on the grass and footpaths to go back into the drains contactors

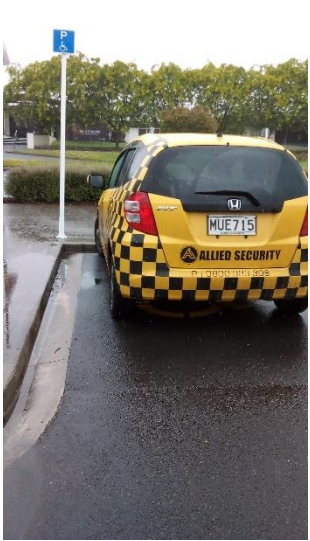


Drain left open

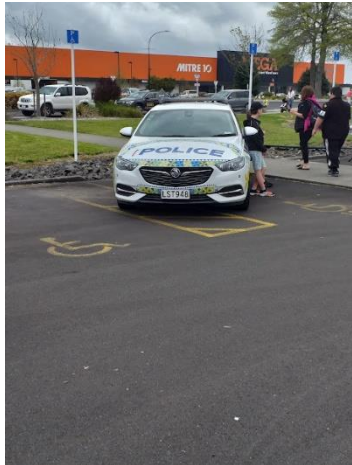
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Parking or not a parking



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We pay for this in our mobility parking (MPP/CCS) with the card. I am a card holder but there is other people is worse than me. I have Txt and come into SWDC and Email to report this. We pay for our Parking in a mobility parking with the card, like some people don't to park I a car park but like this traffic truck getting lunch refuse to move. [Let's hope that SDWC reminds the individual what the disabled parking is for those who need it and not a space used for convenience.](#) Just like your Car has to have a WOF and Rego to make it road legal if not you will get a ticket this is the same within the CBD area



Bridge street dangers for people and cars etc.



email Balmoral Drive Tokoroa Railway line this is bad to drive over when people going over unsafe as they are going in the wrong or middle of the road.

Raise the minimum wage NZ's?

How should the government address the impact on low-income households? Already there have been calls for an increase to the minimum wage. But would this work?

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An earlier survey of the effects of the minimum wage on prices reviewed several nz studies and summarised that a 10 percent minimum wage increase raises food prices by no more than 4 percent.

This sounds promising: minimum wage increases may not cause real wages to decline. However, it's only one side of the story.

Fee and charges speech 2023

Some of the fees are too high some I do agree and do not agree with some of the price.

4. Building Consent fees the inflation does not go up that high.

For example 2017 to 2018 650.00 then 2018 to 2019, 806.00 proposed \$810 bring it down to 700 proposed 23-24 New cost 3820 4560 about 740.00 so on

Some traders are cutting corners so their customers don't want to pay for.

When I come to speck I will tell you why.

NZ Building Act in September 2020 made it much easier for Kiwis to undertake low-risk building work. **These exemptions mean that a building consent is no longer required for most:**

- Garages up to 30m²
- Sleepouts up to 30m²
- Carports up to 40m²

Building work that does not require building consent must still comply with the Building Code and other legislative requirements, such as those under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Electricity Act 1992 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Ask your Council for help

10 Infringement Fines - Dog Control Act 1996 Schedule 1 - set by statute (for information only)

Second Schedule: Areas where dogs are restricted, prohibited and permitted (as mapped)
Restricted Dog Areas (between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm) Tokoroa

There have been Pet dogs in the CBD **January 16, 2 dog not on lead, 2 dogs barking at another dog and Lucy rush at dog in the car Pet dog going into shop 2. February 20 8 dog not on lead 9 pet dog pissing in Leith pl & Swonson St by taix seat. March 32, 6 Dogs not on lead. 3 pet dog pissing in Leith pl & Bridge St Gardens Pooing By Pizza Hut, dog poo outside Link People April 39, 15 Dogs not on lead, pet dog going into shops 4. 11/04/2023 Great to see a Guild Dog visiting our CBD May 42, 9 Dogs not on lead Pet dogs peeing. June 6 Pet dog peeing by Amber Dairy. Dog shit outside shops on footpaths 2 dog not on lead.**

In the CBD 116 dogs within NZ 54A Failure to carry leash in public \$100 & fine for Dog going to the toilet within the CBD Dog, blocking the footpath Hazardous to be dangerous, Dog attacking or rushing at service dogs. Hazardous under work safe 2015 our service Dogs are at work. Pet dogs NOT on lead in the CBD in Tokoroa total 42

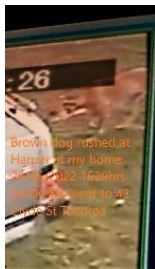
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This Disability/service dog was attacked at Taupo CBD on the 15/01/2021



Service dog Attacked in Auckland lackey to be alive.



Brown dog rushed at Harper at my home 26/05/2022



8/6/2022 dog rushed at Harper (service dog) at my home. Same dog

South Waikato District Council

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Council adopted the Annual Plan (AP) 2020-21 today, following public consultation. This AP was an unusual one, given the world pandemic events.

Knowing the pressures that ratepayers and our community would be under in coming months, Council did all it could to achieve a zero percent average rate revenue increase.

Final figures show that the majority of ratepayers will see a small decrease in rates (more than 7,800 properties).

Please visit our website and read the media statement for the full detail. Too long to include in a post.

<https://www.southwaikato.govt.nz/our-council/news?item=id:2ahc95r1r1cxby8waypw>

To fix the deficit, cope with the bow wave caused by the zero per cent rate increase we adopted during COVID and meet the current financial challenges, we need approximately 27% more income than we're currently receiving. Obviously a 27% average rate increase is too high.

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Our Council has kept rates increases as low as possible for years. Most of our neighbouring councils have been increasing rates to cover cost challenges over the past years. We've tried to remain low, but it's not sustainable. The proposed average rate increase of 18.5% strikes a balance between financial sustainability and rates affordability. The proposed 18.5% rate increase in dollar terms is \$13.77 per week. Please see the rates examples earlier in this document (on page 4) for more detail

Between 6.8% to 8.2% is to high coming out of Covid where some people finding money is too hard.

CBD Carpark finely New lighting since 2017 and Trees covering Lights. Needs CCTV in that end of Dreghorn Carpark (Church end). Good to see that the tree people trimmed the trees in the carpark.

CBD No Pet/family Dogs

Dog exercise area in the park Not the CBD. Taking pet/family dog/s in the CBD the fine is \$, But Certify Disability/Service Dog/s are allowed at all public place/s under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 section 2 certified Dog/s for public our protection under work safe 2015 our safety is first.

Library Microfilm Reader needed.

The old countdown was given to SWDC for the library why is this not on the plane? Old Countdown was given to SWDC by the Est of W Pellinkan. Has this been sold?

Landfill transfer station Free for green waste so this is not been dumped on the road, bush, on other property. SWDC can turn it into compost and then sell the compost. Waste per tonne \$250.00 per tonne 2021-2022 it is bad to see rubbish left on the side of the road, been put on empty property, in the bush and in business area within SWD.

Consultant Fee reduce this

Option A

Pensioner Housing

Same people are finding it hard I hope they can get Accommodation Supplement (AS)

I would go for Option B

Some of the tenants are not happy they are scared if (AS) if WINZ MSD don't help out that they maybe been put on the road if they cannot pay the rent.

SWDC sport events centre, The Plaza, Arapuni and Tirau.

I agree with the fees. People damage the buildings in and outside they pay for it.

Parks and Reserves Leith Place upgrade Toilet's is a big stuff up as wheelchair's with cares People with service dogs cannot get into the toilets SWDC want to spend other \$1,000,000

I can see this is will be the same on the pools and library.

Pools

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No Charge sweet. what's the catch? On page26

Option B for ventilation air-conditioning, upgrade fire alarms, building cladding, acoustic ceiling, lighting, power review, painting, skylights and roofing. 2,300,000 **I understand this was been done. Last financial year?**

Activity What we could potentially look to change Possible impacts Roading Reduce roadside mowing, second road marking, maintenance/issue response times, cleaning cycles, information collected. Safety, land instability, network availability, unkempt, knowledge

Do this once and do this right \$4,717,000 this is high

Parks and Reserves Increasing grass height, removal of flower beds, reduced maintenance of play equipment and other park structures Scruffy looking, litter accumulation, visual appeal, safety, reduced reserve use, negative perception

Playgrounds got this two times one @ \$8,000 second @ \$110,000 Why so much? (reduced maintenance of play equipment and other park structures)

Solid Waste Close or reduced hours of transfer stations Increased travel for residents, reduced access, increase in illegal dumping, negative perception of district

Council Online Web Services Development Programme 40,000

Information Systems Desktop PC Hardware 90,500

Information Systems IS Core Infrastructure - Firewall Replacement 27,000

Physical Network Redesign 50,000

Information Systems Online Resource Consents 20,000

Information Systems Online Dog Registrations 20,000

Information Systems Website Development 20,000

Information Systems HRIS Managed HR Software 75,000

Magiq ERP Development 100,000 Meeting Room Upgrades 80,000

This is to high

Vehicle Replacement 300,000 how many ?

Economic - Tokoroa Maraetai Road Intermodal Business Park 3,324,000

WW - Tokoroa Maraetai Road Intermodal Business Park 294,000

Stormwater - Tokoroa Maraetai Road Intermodal Business Park 1,175,000

Water - Tokoroa Maraetai Road Intermodal Business Park 489,000

Museum to look after our history within the SWD.

Roger Drower.

Town footpaths needs to be look at when it is wet. This is under work safe.

Top Bossies within SWDC getting to much pay. Need to be reduces

New Zealand Inflation Rate Still at 1.4%

The annual inflation rate in New Zealand remained unchanged at 1.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2020, well above market expectations of a 1 percent increase. It was the lowest inflation rate since the first quarter of 2018, amid the coronavirus pandemic. Non-tradable inflation jumped 2.8 percent after increasing 2.6 percent in the year to September. Prices of housing and household utilities increased 2.6 percent, with rentals up 2.9 percent. Meanwhile, food prices rose 2.5 percent, with prices of fruit and vegetables surging 8.6 percent. Also, liquor & tobacco inflation was recorded at 6 percent, with prices of cigarettes up 11 percent. On the flip side, transport prices decreased 3.7 percent, dragged by lockdowns and an 8.1 percent drop in private transport supplies and services. On a quarterly basis, consumer prices went up 0.5 percent following a 0.7 percent increase in the previous period. less
2021-01-21

Annual Plan 2020-21 adopted

Date:

25 Jun 2020, 12:00 am

Categories: <https://www.southwaikato.govt.nz/our-council/news/?item=id:2ahc95r1r1cxby8waypw>

News

Released: 25 June 2020

Council adopted the Annual Plan 2020-21 today following public consultation. Council had been preparing the Annual Plan as normal in the months leading up to March events when the world changed as New Zealand went into an Alert Level 4 lockdown to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Knowing the pressures that ratepayers and our community would be under in coming months, Council went back to the drawing board and amended the proposed plan to achieve a zero percent average rate revenue increase.

Our rates revenue increase identified in the Long Term Plan had been 7%. Council reduced this to 0% by delaying the implementation of the wheelie bins until July 2021, not funding some of the three waters asset replacement reserves for a period of one year, tightening our belt where possible without impacting levels of service too much, postponing a few projects, staging other programmes over several years and deciding against doing several initiatives all together.

“A zero percent rate revenue increase means Council is not collecting any more total rates than we did in the 2019-20 year,” said Ben Smit, Council’s Chief Executive. “This does not mean that every ratepayer won’t have an increase in rates as individual properties have a different mix of services and situations.”

The vast majority of ratepayers will see a small decrease in rates (more than 7,800 properties), while 2,100 properties will see an increase, most moderate.

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“Essentially 95% of properties have changes between -3% to +4.7%, with 98% of properties having changes between -12.5% to +7.4%,” continued Mr Smit. “Of these the largest decreases are non-profit organisations with rates remissions. The largest increases are some of the properties with rubbish collection added.”

Around 2% of properties will have larger rate increases generally relate to property changes such as new subdivisions, new buildings and signing up to a clean heat programme.

Several other smaller decisions were also made, including:

- Introducing CCTV and Wifi into the Tīrau CBD for improved community safety.
- Making funding for recycling more equitable across all ratepayers, depending on the level of service.
- Including the Pellikan Place area into our urban household waste collection service, following requests from some residents.
- Tidying up two waste collection anomaly areas in Amisfield and Baird Road, where residents historically got a recycling collection but not a rubbish collection. Council will now be delivering both services to this area.

“Council is also working on a COVID-19 recovery plan. This involves applying for government funding for infrastructure projects to create construction jobs to bring forward much needed work, looking at how we can support our community through welfare and community teams, and support local business to stimulate our economy,” said Mayor Jenny Shattock. “This plan enables Council to be responsive in order to support our community as required during the coming times.”

I know some people are living on \$10 per week or less after their bill been paid for that \$10 to buy food this is low income people. Some do not have power and phone.

I know an older person has sold their car so they can pay their RATES for the next 3 years

I know a family has just turned off their power

I know a person is selling up

I would like to speak on this.

Many thanks be safe.

Roger.