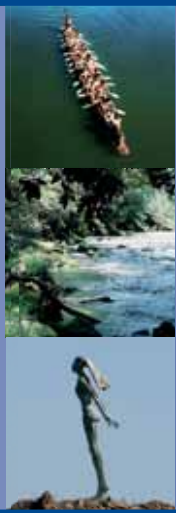




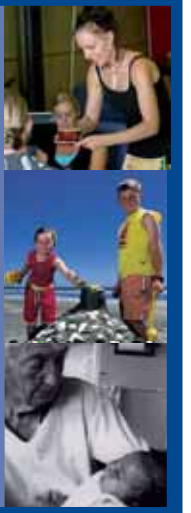
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Council making good progress

Welcome to the Council's summary for its draft Annual Plan for 2008/09. We have been involved in a major catch-up exercise for about two years now and very good progress has been made.

This Annual Plan represents the third and final year working under the Council's 2006-16 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). During the upcoming year we will be preparing for and consulting on the content of the next Long Term Council Community Plan – the 2009-19 LTCCP. The LTCCP sets out the Council's strategic direction and priorities for the next ten years and forms the basis for priority setting and decision making. During 2008/09 consultation will take place on key issues, assumptions and priorities affecting this community. We encourage everyone to take an interest and contribute to the process to guide the future of Whakatane. The 2008/09 draft Annual Plan is based on the 2006-16 LTCCP. However there are differences. This is largely a result of a greater amount of data and information being available to the Council, and our responses to changes in circumstances and priorities. Important changes from the LTCCP 2006-16 are set out in the groups of activities section of the plan.

Natural hazards continue to be a key theme of the Council's work in 2008/09. We will be identifying, planning for and mitigating potential natural disasters across the District. Our natural hazard identification project will involve a review of the information we currently hold on hazards in the District and will then fill in any gaps we have in our knowledge. This is an important project to put us in a position where we are

able to prepare and plan for all reasonably foreseeable hazards.

With those major hazards that we are already aware of, work is well underway or completed on mitigating most of them. There has been good progress with the design of the mitigation works for Matata and, subject to the resolution of two Environment Court appeals, work will be completed in Matata during 2008/09. This will be the end of a long process which started in 2005 with the natural disaster, and will provide the residents of Matata with an excellent level of protection. Design work for the flood protection works in Edgecumbe has come a long way and consultation with affected parties is anticipated to be completed by the beginning of the 2008/09 year. This should see the physical works being completed during 2008/09.

After a review process the Council has drafted a revised Hazard Mitigation Policy (for clarity it has been called the Disaster Mitigation Funding Policy). The draft Policy is out for consultation along with this Annual Plan. We believe that we have achieved a fair outcome through this Policy and we are keen to hear your views.

At this stage we are looking at an average 9.74% increase in rates. The increase is made up by a combination of factors, including the fact that we no longer have significant operating reserves to offset rates. Increases in interest rates and our funding of depreciation account for most of the increase. The remainder is due to inflation and an increase in our investment in essential corporate information systems.

The development of the next LTCCP will allow us, along with the community, to reprioritise projects over the next three years and ensure that we strike the right balance between the outcomes desired by the community, with the affordability of the work required.

A key change that has helped with minimising the rates increase has been a shift in our assumption regarding fully funding depreciation. Previously we had indicated that we would move to fully funding depreciation by 2008/09. On the basis of better asset information being available, we have moved to funding depreciation based on the anticipated asset renewal requirement over the next 25 years. This is more accurately aligned with our requirements and can be refined further each year on the basis of our improving asset information.

As part of preparations for the next LTCCP we will be undertaking a full rates review during the year. This will take into account the recommendation arising from the Central Government Commission of Inquiry into Rates as well as addressing key issues specific to the Whakatane District.

We will be continuing our work on the Proposed Whakatane District Plan and anticipate having the majority of the plan operative by the end of 2008/09. This will involve work on our coastal hazards variation along with the introduction of measures to protect sites of significant indigenous biodiversity. In addition we will be working on the implications of the rural residential subdivision review that is currently underway, and may be seeing

changes to the District Plan as a result of that. We are looking forward to the completion of our studies on residential, industrial and retail pressures and demands in the District and will be using this information in 2008/09 to inform our debate with the community about the future direction of Whakatane District.

Another initiative currently underway and due to be completed in 2008/09 is our review of the Council's Development Contribution Policy. The review is taking an in-depth look at every aspect of the policy, from its basic philosophy through to the mechanisms that are used to administer the policy. Along the way we are looking at each individual project which we are collecting development contributions for to test our rationale and ensure equity for all involved.

As well as these major initiatives we will continue to improve the capability and capacity of the Council across all its functions.

The 2008/09 year will be an important one for the Council and for the community of the Whakatane District. There are a number of major initiatives being worked on by the Council to improve the present and the future of the District. It is a major year for the community to engage with the Council and to participate in planning for and shaping the future. We will be seeking your input and we hope that each and every one of you is able to find the time to work with us to move this District forward in a positive direction.

Colin Holmes, Mayor
Diane Turner, Chief Executive

Property values jump by 33%

The latest Whakatane District property revaluation released in September 2007 shows a 33% increase in property values over the past three years.

The valuations, which will be used for rating purposes in the 2008/09 financial year, show moderate increases across the various sectors consistent with the national trend toward easing growth in the housing market. The total capital value of the over 16,000 properties within the district increased by 32.81% to \$7,819,220,000.

The Council's Chief Executive, Diane

Turner, said there were variations within different areas but the average capital value of residential properties in the district was now \$323,000, with the average land value \$187,000.

Ms Turner said rises in property valuations would not necessarily result in a corresponding rise in individual rates. Any rates increases are determined through the annual plan.

Higher-priced properties in areas such as Ohope and Coastlands showed smaller than average increases – 16% and 22%

respectively – while the smaller towns of Murupara and Taneatua had the greatest growth in percentage terms, jumping 174% and 75% respectively.

Lifestyle properties moved upward by an average of 38%, with the greatest increases occurring close to town or in areas with a view.

Ms Turner said the rural market remained strong with purchasers having faith in the long-term outlook for farming. The dairy market, in particular, has been

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Have your say...!

Whakatane District Council wants to hear your views on the following and welcomes written submissions:
Draft Annual Plan

Hazard Mitigation Funding Policy Variation 6 - Coastal Hazards

Bylaws Review

Submissions close on Monday 5 May 2008

Fees and charges change

Each year the Council sets fees and charges to cover part of the cost of services it provides. This year it is proposed to increase the amount that is charged for Building Consents and Resource Consents so that a higher proportion of the cost of providing these activities are covered by the people wanting to carry out building projects or use land in a way that needs consent.

The Council's Director of Environment and Policy, David Bewley, said a recent review of the way fees and charges are set for various Council activities highlighted a need to change how some costs are being split between an applicant (private benefit) and the ratepayer (public benefit).

The most significant change has been proposed in the building and resource consent areas where a higher level of private benefit is reflected in the revised fees and charges. The Council also anticipates receiving greater income from operating the cemetery and the refuse recycling centre.

Mr Bewley said that this change is a variation to the figures contained in the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy but is more consistent with the Council's rating policy which reflects a user pays philosophy.

The Council is also proposing to restructure library fees, including removing the annual service fee. More detail regarding the proposed changes can be found in volume two of the draft Annual Plan entitled "Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2008/09".

Mr Bewley said the Fees and Charges Schedule is an important document that is often overlooked and people only notice the new fees and charges when they use a service where a charge applies

"We are encouraging people to take time to look at the Fees and Charges Schedule and make a submission either in support of or against any proposed changes." In making a submission, be clear on what you are supporting or opposing, and why. If you think the fee or charge is too high or low, tell us what you think it should be and why.

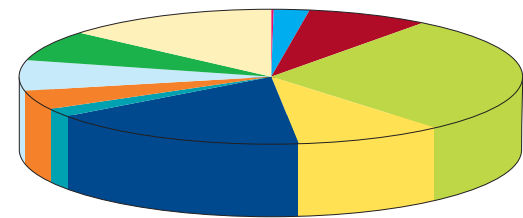
Financial costs and use of reserves

During 2008/09 the Council will undertake a full rates review. This process will take account of the findings of Central Government's Commission of Inquiry into Rates. This process will involve consultation with the community and will be completed in time to coincide with the next Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19.

The Council made the decision during the Ten-year Council Community Plan 2006-16 that reserves identified would be returned to ratepayers equally over the 2006/07 and 2007/08 financial years. For 2007/08 a total of \$1.22m was applied to offset rates. As these reserves are no longer available, the impact on rates as a direct result of not having reserves available this year will be an increase from last year of 4.8%

The anticipated interest rates calculated in the Ten-year Council Community Plan in 2006 were 6.75%. However the assumptions contained within the draft Annual Plan have increased to 8.5% for new loans, to take account of advice on likely interest rate costs.

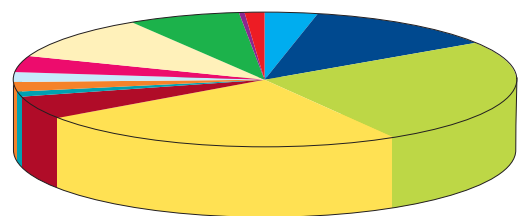
Funding Sources 2008/09



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|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Interest | 0.16% | Sundry Income | 2.00% |
| Development Contributions | 2.28% | Non Funded Depreciation | 4.61% |
| General Rates | 7.85% | Depreciation Reserves | 7.28% |
| Targeted Rates | 28.40% | Operational Reserves | 7.32% |
| User Fees & Charges | 9.56% | Loans Raised | 13.73% |
| Subsidies | 16.80% | | |

Total Expenditure 2008/09

Proposed total expenditure for 2008/09 - 76.76 million



| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Corporate & District Activities | 3.39% | Environmental Controls | 2.34% |
| Community Leadership & Governance | 12.42% | Libraries & Museum | 3.89% |
| Transport Network & Systems | 25.59% | Recreation & Community Facilities | 10.46% |
| Water Related Services | 24.02% | Parks, Reserves & Cemeteries | 7.20% |
| Solid Waste Management | 5.55% | Environmental Protection | 0.36% |
| Promotion & Economic Development | 1.22% | Community Safety | 1.27% |
| Environmental Planning | 2.30% | | |

9.7% average rates increase proposed

Whakatane District ratepayers can anticipate an average 9.74% rates increase in the 2008/09 financial year. This is considerably lower than the 14.14% increase signalled in the Ten-year Council Community Plan 2006-2016. Under the draft plan, which sets out the funding required to carry out work in the 2008/09 financial year, the Council will collect \$27.83m from district rates.

District Mayor Colin Holmes said the increase is made up by a combination of factors, including the fact that the Council is no longer able to use reserves to offset rates. Over the past few years the rating impact has been cushioned through the use of credit balances and accumulated reserves. Last year the Council used about \$1.2m from accumulated reserves and credit balances to reduce the rates increase. The inability to take the same step this year has translated into a 4.8% increase in average rates. An additional almost 2% of the increase results from depreciation costs and an increase in interest rate costs. This leaves 2.9% of the increase to cover inflation (currently running at 3.8%) and investment in Council corporate systems. Revenue required from rates (the

amount of money the Council needs) is projected to be \$27.83m, an increase on last year's rates of \$25.36m. Rates fund over 50% of the operational expenditure for the year with the rest coming from subsidies, grants, interest, development contributions and user fees and charges.

The proposed average District rate increase for 2008/09 is almost 2% less than the 11.69% increase in the 2007/08 financial year and 4.4% less than forecast in the Council's Ten-year Plan.

Mayor Holmes said the average District rate increase is due to the continuing rise in costs for providing services. "Council cannot simply turn services off. Every effort is made to keep rates down, however the tight labour market and other factors beyond Council's control, such as the unprecedented demand for construction material and increases in electricity and fuel prices, continue to put significant financial pressure on council operations.

"Against this background, which is of significant concern to the Council, we remain focused on using strict controls around expenditure. This has been

fundamental to developing a draft work programme for 2008/09 that maintains and improves service levels."

The Council's Chief Executive Diane Turner says the revaluation of properties in September 2007 can have an impact on individual rates increases in the 2008/09 financial year. Some areas will experience above average increases compared to others.

She said areas like Murupara, Taneatua and Edgecumbe experienced huge increases in land and capital values and these are reflected in the above average rate increases in these areas. "Murupara urban land values went up 782% and capital value by 153% and their rate increase is 26%. This has also been affected by the unavailability of reserves that could have been used to reduce the rates requirement."

Ratepayers wishing to view a copy of the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan can do so from Friday 4 April at Council offices and libraries, or by visiting its website www.whakatane.govt.nz

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helped by the increase in forecast milk solid payouts this season. Dairy farms rose approximately 38%, pastoral properties 35%, horticulture 13% and forestry 15%.

"Economic performance was not as strong for pastoral, kiwifruit or forestry properties but there had been some

growth in those sectors influenced mainly by competition for land and a long-term investment outlook. The largest growth within commercial properties was in the industrial sector, with good demand for well-located industrial land".

Ms Turner said the commercial sector was undergoing some shifts, namely the opening of The Hub shopping centre on

State Highway 30, which was drawing some larger retail outlets, and an expansion of commercial activity from the central business district into the adjoining semi-residential and industrial areas.

The eastern end of The Strand had also changed significantly with the completion of two five-storey apartment

blocks and another complex under construction.

Overall, commercial properties showed an average increase in capital value of 29% and industrial categories 40%.

The valuations were formulated using the most recent and relevant sales as at 1 September 2007.

Indicative property rates

| | Whakatane Urban | Whakatane Commercial (less than \$10m) | Edgecumbe | Matata | Murupara Urban | Murupara Lifestyle | Te Teko | Otarawairere | Ohope | Taneatua | Rural | District Wide -Commercial/Industrial \$10m Plus |
|---|-----------------|--|------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---|
| 2007/08 (Property values as at 1 September 2005) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Land Value | | | | | 924 | 18,000 | | | | | | |
| Capital value | 232,802 | 585,232 | 132,099 | 181,903 | 24,888 | 126,471 | 90,461 | 648,361 | 527,540 | 55,030 | 511,084 | 12,898,581 |
| General Rates | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital value Rate | 29.01 | 72.93 | 16.46 | 22.67 | 3.10 | 15.76 | 11.27 | 80.79 | 65.74 | 6.86 | 63.69 | 964.38 |
| Uniform Annual General Charge | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 |
| Roading rates | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital value | 347.15 | 872.68 | 196.98 | 271.25 | 37.11 | 188.59 | 134.89 | 966.82 | 786.65 | 82.06 | 762.11 | 11,540.38 |
| Uniform Annual Charge | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| District Wide Parks Rate Charge | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 |
| Community Boards UAC | 29.59 | 29.59 | 22.88 | 22.88 | 28.93 | 28.93 | 22.88 | 23.29 | 23.29 | 25.02 | 22.88 | 29.59 |
| Works & Facilities Rates | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Uniform Annual Charge | 25.00 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 150.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 |
| Capital value | 465.84 | 2,576.33 | 209.91 | 41.54 | 190.49 | 185.61 | 20.66 | 204.85 | 166.68 | 225.37 | 116.70 | 25,810.32 |
| Water | 339.92 | 339.92 | 255.04 | 353.26 | 14.35 | | | 61.98 | 61.98 | 206.77 | 100.00 | 339.92 |
| Sewerage | 209.86 | 209.86 | 166.79 | | 77.28 | | | | 276.33 | 213.76 | | 209.86 |
| Rates Disaster Mitigation | 7.85 | 19.73 | 4.45 | 6.13 | 0.84 | 4.26 | 3.05 | 21.86 | 17.78 | 1.85 | 17.23 | 434.79 |
| Catchment Rates Disaster Mitigation | 11.52 | 11.52 | 61.12 | 461.54 | | | | 440.00 | | | | |
| Community Rates Disaster Mitigation | 5.76 | 5.76 | 30.56 | 125.45 | | | | 7.79 | 7.79 | | | |
| Promotion and Economic Development Charge | | 325.48 | | | | | | | | | | 325.48 |
| Refuse Removal charge | 182.67 | 134.72 | 182.67 | 182.67 | 182.67 | 134.72 | 182.67 | 182.67 | 182.67 | 182.67 | 134.72 | 134.72 |
| Swimming Pool charge | | | | | | 72.68 | | | | | 21.95 | |
| | 2,029.41 | 4,998.77 | 1,572.12 | 1,912.63 | 1,060.04 | 1,155.81 | 800.67 | 2,465.30 | 2,064.16 | 1,469.62 | 1,664.54 | 40,189.69 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008/09 (Property values as at 1 September 2007) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Land Value | | | | | 8,147 | 185,000 | | | | | | |
| Change in Land value | | | | | 782.02% | 927.78% | | | | | | |
| Capital value | 336,521 | 765,265 | 228,854 | 286,721 | 62,941 | 237,375 | 130,921 | 831,250 | 609,488 | 96,248 | 671,140 | 16,496,452 |
| Change in Capital value | 44.55% | 30.76% | 73.24% | 57.62% | 152.89% | 87.69% | 44.73% | 28.21% | 15.53% | 74.90% | 31.32% | 27.89% |
| General Rates | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital value Rate | 100.01 | 227.42 | 68.01 | 85.21 | 18.70 | 70.54 | 38.91 | 247.03 | 181.12 | 28.60 | 199.45 | 2,941.39 |
| Uniform Annual General Charge | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 |
| Roading rates | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital value Rate | 320.37 | 728.54 | 217.87 | 272.96 | 59.92 | 225.98 | 124.64 | 791.36 | 580.24 | 91.63 | 638.94 | 9,422.92 |
| Uniform Annual Charge | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| District Wide Parks Rate Charge | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 | 50.32 |
| Community Boards UAC | 31.75 | 31.75 | 25.08 | 25.08 | 31.13 | 31.13 | 25.08 | 25.47 | 25.47 | 27.27 | 25.08 | 31.75 |
| Works & Facilities Rates | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Uniform Annual Charge | 25.00 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 150.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 |
| Capital value rate | 508.16 | 2,542.27 | 238.24 | 63.16 | 210.65 | 239.18 | 28.84 | 275.96 | 202.34 | 183.78 | 147.84 | 24,910.21 |
| Water | 399.29 | 399.29 | 285.96 | 474.13 | 147.26 | | | 63.15 | 63.15 | 312.42 | 110.00 | 399.29 |
| Sewerage | 225.30 | 225.30 | 593.69 | | 166.62 | | | 290.14 | 290.14 | 369.40 | | 225.30 |
| Rates Disaster Mitigation | 5.34 | 12.14 | 3.63 | 4.55 | 1.00 | 3.77 | 2.08 | 13.19 | 9.67 | 1.53 | 10.65 | 261.79 |
| Catchment Rates Disaster Mitigation | 5.42 | 5.42 | 89.92 | 372.24 | | | | 916.45 | | | | 5.42 |
| Community Rates Disaster Mitigation | 2.71 | 2.71 | 36.58 | 100.17 | | | | 21.70 | 21.70 | | | |
| Promotion and Economic Development Charge | | 375.52 | | | | | | | | | | 375.52 |
| Refuse Removal charge | 168.21 | 120.54 | 168.21 | 168.21 | 168.21 | 120.54 | 168.21 | 168.21 | 168.21 | 168.21 | 120.54 | 120.54 |
| Swimming Pool charge | | | | | | 75.59 | | | | | 23.71 | |
| | \$2,216.88 | \$5,121.22 | \$2,202.53 | \$2,041.02 | \$1,378.82 | \$1,342.05 | \$863.07 | \$3,337.99 | \$2,067.38 | \$1,758.16 | \$1,751.51 | \$39,144.45 |
| Change \$ | \$187.46 | \$122.45 | \$630.41 | \$128.39 | \$318.78 | \$186.24 | \$62.39 | \$872.69 | \$3.22 | \$288.55 | \$86.97 | -\$1,045.24 |
| Percentage Change | 9.24% | 2.45% | 40.10% | 6.71% | 30.07% | 16.11% | 7.79% | 35.40% | 0.16% | 19.63% | 5.22% | -2.60% |

What is planned 2008/09

The Council welcomes submissions on these key issues and any other matters in the draft Annual Plan. Information on how to make a submission is included on page 10.

Natural hazard mitigation works

Following natural disasters in the District, the Council has planned a range of flood, landslip and debris flow mitigation projects. The cost of these works is significant but necessary to protect communities within the District.

Matata

On 18 May 2005, heavy rain caused a series of debris flows and flooding in Matata. Following the event, risk mitigation options to protect the Matata community against the risk of future debris flows were investigated. The mitigation works were divided into six projects. The budgeted costs for these projects were spread over three financial years. The 2006/07 and the 2007/08 financial years focused on the planning, design and the resource consent processes. The Council has received two appeals on the decision for the Awatarariki Stream and Te Awa o te Atua Lagoon restoration works, this work will not be able to proceed until a decision is received from the Environment Court. Subject to outcome of appeals the 2008/09 year will be when the majority of the construction work is completed. The following physical works are scheduled to be completed in the 2008/09 financial year:

- Awatarariki Stream and Te Awa o te Atua Lagoon (Western Lagoon) restoration works, downstream of the State Highway Bridge (Moore's Bridge)
- Awatarariki debris detention structure
- Waitepuru Stream debris and stream management works
- Ohinekoao (Matata straight, State Highway 2); and
- Waimea Stream debris and stream management works.

The cost of the project remains unchanged from the Ten-year Council Community Plan for 2008/09, at \$3.94m (including \$1.88m of government funding).

Edgecumbe

The town has suffered numerous floods including the July 2004 flood when homes were extensively damaged. In addition there was concern relating to the integrity of the stopbanks surrounding Edgecumbe. During the event the stopbanks were breached on the eastern side of the township.

The Council is responsible for stormwater management within the boundaries of the Edgecumbe township. Environment Bay of Plenty maintains the drainage system outside the township. The Council

has partnered with Environment Bay of Plenty to investigate options to protect the community from further flooding.

The 2007/08 financial year focused on the investigation, consultation, and design and planning. The process of consultation with affected parties, the lodgement of a resource consent application, and the detailed design will be completed at the beginning of the financial year. Therefore the physical works that were originally scheduled for 2007-09 are now expected to be carried out in the 2008/09 financial year.

The cost of the project remains unchanged from the Ten-year Council Community Plan for 2008/09, with \$2.96m budgeted (including \$987,000 of government funding).

Community Funding Policy

The Council is currently in the process of reviewing its policies on the funding of community groups and organisations. The review will ensure that funding assistance is provided in a transparent, equitable and consistent manner. The focus of the review is to look at the effectiveness of the community funding mechanisms and fund management processes that are used by the Council. A number of steps are currently being implemented that will improve the application process and administering of those funds over the 2008/09 year. The full review and publication of a new Community Funding Policy will take place alongside the preparation of the 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Hazard Mitigation Policy

Over the 2007/08 financial year, the Council examined options for funding the hazard mitigation works. Information is included in a document entitled "Review of the Hazard Mitigation Policy" regarding the Council's proposed policy following the review, along with information on the options the Council has considered. Submissions on the Hazard Mitigation Policy are welcomed on the same submission form as the draft Annual Plan. The timeframe for submissions is the same as those to the draft Annual Plan, with submissions closing on 5 May 2008. The Council's preferred revised policy option is based on the current Hazard Mitigation Policy with costs continuing to be funded over catchments, communities and the district. While the general approach is intended to be retained, some changes to the policy are proposed including:

- A proposed change to the definition of catchment for Edgecumbe
- For Otarawairere, revise the policy to split hazard mitigation costs and level of service (private costs) 85%:15% each respectively
- The level of service costs for

Otarawairere (private costs) be allocated to the properties connected to the stormwater and wastewater system

- Operating and maintenance costs for hazard mitigation works be charged back to the relevant Council activity and funded accordingly. This is the status quo for Otarawairere.

As there is currently no applicable targeted rate for Matata, the operating costs would go to the Rural Works and Facilities rate. Consideration will be given as part of the rates review in 2008/09 as to whether there should be a targeted rate for Matata.

The financial implications of the proposed changes to the policy are included in the document "Review of the Hazard Mitigation Policy".

Following consideration of the submissions received, rates will be set for 2008/09 and future years based on the reviewed Hazard Mitigation Policy.

Transport networks

The Council recently consulted on a walking and cycling strategy. During 2008/09 the Council is carrying out some major infrastructure developments to increase the walking and cycling facilities in the District. These projects are eligible for LTNZ subsidies and the Council portion of the cost is included in brackets.

- Warren Cole pedestrian and cycle facilities are scheduled at a cost of \$416,000 (\$187,200).
- Ohope Road pedestrian and cycle facilities to complement the recent seal widening and safety improvements. These new facilities are budgeted at \$384,000. (\$184,500).
- The walking and cycling strategy will also include further implementation in 2008/09 at a cost of \$288,000 (\$129,600).
- The Council is in the process of completing the transportation study for the District and it will be open for public consultation during 2008/09. This will include a study of alternative routes for the State Highway, including a proposed investigation into a second bridge option for Whakatane Town.
- The Council plans to carry out work on the Landing Road intersection and capacity improvements, to enhance the entrance to Whakatane. These works are budgeted at \$525,300 for 2008/09.
- The Eastern Bay of Plenty, including the Whakatane District, has road crash statistics and traffic offences that exceed the national average. The Council recognises that there must be strong community awareness and inputs for road safety delivery to

be effective. The draft Annual Plan indicates the Council's commitment to this by preparing an Eastern Bay wide Road Safety Action Plan, as well as other programmes.

- The Council is also planning to review and implement the strategic District Road Safety Plan as needed and update the District Road Safety Strategy.
- The Council is proposing not to fund any undergrounding of power lines this year (a saving of \$61,500) but instead is proposing to advocate for increased funding from Eastern Bay Energy Trust.
- The Council has recently created an Airport Advisory Board. The purpose of the Airport Advisory Board is:
 - To review the existing Transportation Asset Management Plan pertinent to the Whakatane and Galatea airports
 - To investigate means to provide a profitable, functional and safe airport for the long term benefit of the community
 - To provide advice and recommendations to the Council on the draft Strategic Plan for the Whakatane Airport
 - To consider the needs of the commercial and recreational users of the Whakatane airport to ensure the present level of facility is maintained and increased wherever practicable and economic
 - To evaluate and make recommendations to the Council to improve and increase the number and frequency of air services to the community
 - To consult with the Council's Joint Venture Partner as required.

Six people have been appointed to the Advisory Board for this triennium.

Water Supply

The Council intends to ensure compliance with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards 2005 and also address the presence of arsenic in the Plains Water Supply.

- The Council is planning to apply for funding from the Government's Drinking Water Assistance Programme to improve the water quality and monitoring in Waimana, Matata, Ruatoki, Taneatua, Te Mahoe and Murupara water supplies.
- A sum of \$1.08m has been budgeted to implement a project to address the arsenic issue in the Plains water supply. The scope of the project will depend on the outcome of ongoing options, investigations and the outcome of public consultation on the issue.

- Bulk water supply zones will be created in Whakatane water scheme, to better manage the pressure and flow. This will result in the reduction of leaks in the system. This project is budgeted at \$170,000.

Waste Water

- A project is planned to construct a waste water reticulation system in Matata. The budget for the project is \$4.40m. The final cost of the project will become known when the design works are completed. Public consultation will be carried out to ascertain the community's opinion on the project.
- One pump station in Edgecumbe will be upgraded to overcome waste water discharge issues. The expected cost is approximately \$150,000.
- A network model has been developed for the Whakatane waste water system. This model will be used to identify the system upgrades required to achieve the level of service defined in the Asset Management Plan. Initial designs and costing will be carried out for different options identified in the modelling study and will be included in the next Long Term Council Community Plan.
- Investigations into options for disposal of waste water in Ohope will continue in 2008/09. The present waste water discharge consent for Ohope waste water will expire in 2010.



Stormwater

- Investigations to mitigate the flood hazard to the Whakatane town by Wainui Te Whara Stream will continue. A sum of \$340,000 has been budgeted in 2008/09 for the project. The implementation and the scope of the project will depend on the outcome of the ongoing investigations.

Solid waste

Space in the Whakatane landfill is becoming limited and the consent to operate is due to expire in December 2009. It is becoming more costly for councils to operate small landfills due to the cost of complying with increasingly high environmental standards.

Through the LTCCP a budget of \$981,600 has been included for the construction of

a Transfer Station, to sort and store waste to be transported out of our District. The construction of the Transfer Station was scheduled for 2007/08, but has since been delayed until 2009/10. The Council will progress with building consent approval and building design in 2008/09 at a cost of \$153,000. Due to the increasing pressure on landfills regionally, the Council will also continue to consider other options for the minimisation and disposal of waste.

Town vision

The Council is working towards the development of a Town Vision Plan and strategies for the Central Business area of Whakatane (in consultation with stakeholders, local Iwi and the community). The Town Vision will provide an overall plan towards which individual Council property decisions, transactions and other plans, policies and development, can be targeted. Following the adoption of the Town Vision, the Council may choose to use its property interests and community/ infrastructure works (e.g. the planned development of reserve areas or Council facilities) to influence the development of the Whakatane Central Business Area in line with that vision. The Town Vision Plan will assist the Council with future decision making in regard to harbour leases. A sum of \$300,000 has been budgeted in 2008/09 to implement the plan.

After adoption of a Town Vision Plan the Council may:

- divest up to 15% of harbour endowment land
- appropriately manage the divestment to ensure that any approved developments preserve the special character of the Whakatane township
- reinforce the Council's cultural, economic, social and environmental stewardship of the area in keeping with the adopted Town Vision Plan
- use the proceeds of any capital realisation for harbour purposes, provided that any divestment realises a financial return.

These decisions are yet to be made. If there was a proposal to divest land, the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 would be followed, this includes consultation with the community.

Port development

The draft Annual Plan includes projects such as continued improvement to the wharf area to provide more berthage and public utility. Funds will be carried over from the 2007/08 year for the expansion and ongoing development of public amenity along the port area. This will include property purchases, the development of facilities on the ex-Army Hall property, improvements to the north of the Whakatane Heads car park and completion of the eastern infill. The relocation of the swimming area away from ramps and wharfs is a project that is continuing.

The adoption of the Port Safety Plan may require the review of some operational activities of the Ports. The range and

method of delivery of current services continues to be reviewed, including the future requirements and methods of maintaining a navigable channel. The retention of various harbour assets will also be considered and exploration of options for the functioning of the harbour will continue.

The Council has recently created a Harbour Advisory Board. The purpose of the Harbour Advisory Board is:

- To review the Port Management Plans;
- To investigate means to provide a functional, safe and sustainable harbour for the long term benefit of the community
- To evaluate and make recommendations to the Council on efficiencies to maintain the harbour in a workable condition
- To provide the Council with advice on long term strategic direction and facilities required for the harbour.

Community representatives have been appointed to this Board for the 2007-10 triennium.

Options for future development

After extensive consultation with potentially affected landowners and the general public, preferred option(s) will be identified for future development arising from residential, retail and industrial studies. The findings of these studies will be used to contribute to a debate about the future growth of the district as a whole. The Council adopted in principle a concept plan for the Town Entranceway and is now working towards the second stage of the project which will involve planning for implementation.

Natural hazards

A gap analysis will be undertaken to determine where there is a lack of information and knowledge about natural hazards that could affect the District. The priorities for investigating those hazards will then be determined. Research will be carried out into those hazards and the measures that need to be taken as a result of the identification. \$66,000 is budgeted to complete this project.

Rural Review Monitoring Project Study

A monitoring project is underway to review the positive and negative effects, including the cumulative effects, of rural-residential subdivisions in the District. An analysis of rural-residential subdivision was undertaken in the district through key case study areas in the 2007/08 financial year. It compared identified effects against the anticipated environmental effects in the Proposed District Plan and aims to set thresholds for effects. The next step of this project is to consider the study's recommendations. This could possibly lead to preparing a Variation to the District Plan to avoid or mitigate those effects.

Development Contributions Policy Review

The Council is undertaking a combined review of its Development and Financial contributions mechanisms in light of the fact that these are complex and closely inter-related. This will provide clarity to the Council's stakeholders, reduce the overhead of administering the contribution mechanisms, and will eliminate any potential gaps and overlaps between the two mechanisms. All projects attracting development contributions will be reviewed, ensuring that contributions are set at correct levels.

Crematorium

The Council has been granted a resource consent to build a crematorium at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Whakatane. The facility will also include a 50 seat venue for service. The crematorium will assist with the long term goal of the sustainable use of land resources in the district. The construction of the crematorium has been delayed and is scheduled to be completed in late 2008. The revised cost of the project will be \$1.20m.

Future ownership of Council-owned property in Port Ohope and Piripai

The Council has considered the future options for harbour land located at and around Port Ohope Wharf. This includes the properties at 325, 333 and 335 Harbour Road, Ohope (residential block land). The Port Ohope concept plan identifies areas for future reserve protection and areas for further community or commercial uses. The concept plan has been adopted by the Council and consideration as to how the plan will be provided for under District Plan provisions will be reviewed in 2008/09.

The Council investigated options for the development of the Council-owned residentially zoned land at Piripai. Proposals from the private sector to participate in development of the land were considered and the Council has decided to facilitate development of the land by Property Ventures. This may involve the company applying for a new resource consent over the site.

Sale of non-operational Council assets

The Council has adopted a policy on utilising the proceeds from the sale of non-operational assets. The policy states that:

1. If there was debt attributable to the asset, payment of that debt is the first call upon any proceeds of sale (that is the cash value less costs relating to the sale).
2. The proceeds of sale (that is the cash value less any costs relating to the sale) following the retirement of any debt will be used for the purposes of:

- a. The retirement of debt in relation to assets; or
 - b. The funding of the purchase of new assets (as scheduled within a relevant Asset Management Plan); or
 - c. The purchase of strategic assets; or
 - d. Transferred to an appropriate reserve; or
 - e. The funding of one off operational expenses.
3. The proceeds will not be used to fund general operational expenditure.

The key benefit of the policy is that it will provide transparency around the decision-making process.

Service delivery options for Council maintenance of infrastructure and amenity assets

Substantial capital investment in systems and tools is required in the Council's Operations Business Unit to improve service delivery. The Council will invest \$502,000 in the Operations Business Unit during 2008/09, to achieve this.

Overheads from support functions

A range of projects are planned to continue infrastructure, systems, and information management development. After many years of core system underinvestment, the past two years of increased Information and Communications Technology funding have facilitated many improvements, and continued work and investment will build on these successes. Highlights of planned projects include:

- ongoing replacement of personal and mobile computers, and addition of field durable mobile computers for Compliance staff
- the second stage of the Electronic Content Management System and associated staff training
- Storage Area Network system expansion, to support the Electronic Content Management System
- continued website expansion and development, in line with central government's 2010 e-Government

guidelines on use of technology to provide information and services

- further development of the Ozone enterprise resource planning and management system, in particular expanded financial reporting and increased Building Inspection and Resource Consents functionality
- analysis and implementation of a Disaster Recovery system (duplication of all Councils systems and data at a remote site)
- continued improvements to the security of our internal and external network
- analysis of Asset Management System requirements, and associated project planning.

Funding of Depreciation

Provision needs to be made for funding depreciation so as to make suitable allowance for the future replacement or renewal of assets (refer to the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy in the Ten-year Council Community Plan). The Council has amended its assumption on fully funding depreciation costs. Depreciation has been funded on the average of the next 25 years renewal requirement. This renewal profile over which it is averaged will be reviewed annually and the period will be increased as better Asset Management Plan information becomes available.

Key Changes to Fees and Charges Schedule

This year the Council is proposing to increase the amount that is charged for Resource Consents and Building Consents. This is a result of reviewing the public/private benefit of these activities. The Council notes that this change is a variation to the figures contained within the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy.

The Council is also proposing to restructure the fees charged for the libraries, including removing the annual service fee. More detail regarding the proposed changes can be found in volume two of the draft Annual Plan entitled "Draft Fees and Charges Schedule".

Variation 6 Coastal Hazards publicly notified

The Whakatane District Council publicly notified Variation 6 Coastal Hazards to the Proposed Whakatane District Plan on Wednesday 2 April 2008. The Variation changes the provisions in the District Plan to better manage coastal hazard risks associated with coastal erosion and inundation (flooding). Submissions on the Variation can be made to the Council before 5.00pm Monday 5 May 2008. A copy of the public notice is set out below.

The Council's Director of Environment and Policy David Bewley said he was pleased that the Variation had now been publicly notified after over 3 years of research, consultation and clarification of issues with affected property owners and the community.

"As more people seek to locate and develop property in coastal areas, the potential impacts from coastal hazard events increase", said Mr Bewley.

"Climate change adds another dimension and may increase the number of people and properties potentially at-risk from coastal hazards over time due to sea level rise and an increased frequency of extreme storm events".

He said as a result the Council has to start planning now to respond to these hazards, based on the information it has. "This will enable us to be in a position to avoid or reduce the risks from coastal hazards now and in the future. We can adjust this response, if necessary, as more information becomes available".

"In order to meet its planning needs, the Whakatane District Council has prepared Variation 6 to the Proposed Whakatane District Plan. The variation also includes changes to the Opotiki District Plan for those properties on Wainui, Burke and Paparoa Roads which used to be part of the Opotiki District", explained Mr Bewley.

Why the Variation to the District Plan?

Mr Bewley said planning for coastal

hazards is a statutory requirement for the Council under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). In preparing these plans, the Council must follow the requirements set out in the RMA, the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Bay of Plenty Regional Coastal Environment Plan. "The Council is required to undertake its responsibilities in accordance with these statutory responsibilities. Failure to do so may mean that property owners' assets and land are put at risk and that the Council exposes itself to claims for damages caused by coastal hazards".

Which properties are affected?

The analysis of coastal hazards in the Whakatane District was undertaken in 2002 by a coastal engineer from Tonkin and Taylor Limited. The analysis identified areas of land where coastal erosion and inundation (flooding) is currently occurring and where erosion and inundation is predicted to occur by 2060 and 2100, taking into account the effects of sea level rise.

All land joining the coast and Ohiwa Harbour is potentially affected. The main areas affected include:

1. Ohope, particularly West End Road and Pohutukawa Avenue
2. Coastlands/Piripai
3. Around Ohiwa Harbour
4. Clem Elliot Drive, Matata.

The areas affected have been mapped and the location of each hazard in relation to individual properties has been determined. All ratepayers of affected properties will receive a copy of the map for their property as well as a full copy of Variation 6.

If you would like more information about this issue, please contact Tony Bullard on 306 0500, send an e-mail to tony.bullard@whakatane.govt.nz or visit our web site (www.whakatane.govt.nz/policiesandplans/districtplan/variation6).

PUBLIC NOTICE OF VARIATION 6 – COASTAL HAZARDS TO THE PROPOSED WHAKATANE DISTRICT PLAN. 2 April 2008

Resource Management Act 1991

Pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Whakatane District Council gives notice that Variation 6 – Coastal Hazards to the Proposed Whakatane District Plan is now available and invites any interested party to make a submission.

Variation 6 – Coastal Hazards adds provisions to the Proposed Whakatane District Plan to manage the risks from coastal hazards associated with coastal erosion and inundation (flooding). Variation 6 also includes a variation to the Opotiki District Plan for those properties on Wainui, Burke and Paparoa Roads which used to be part of the Opotiki District.

A copy of Variation 6 – Coastal Hazards can be inspected at the following locations:

- Whakatane District Council, Commerce Street, Whakatane, (Customer Services and Whakatane Library)
- Edgecumbe Library, College Road, Edgecumbe
- Murupara Service Centre, Civic Square, Murupara
- Ohope Library, Harbour Road, Ohope
- The Council Website at www.whakatane.govt.nz

Please phone Tony Bullard (Senior Policy Planner) on (07) 306 0500 or email bullard@whakatane.govt.nz if you have any questions regarding the proposed variation.

Any person may make a submission on Variation 6 – Coastal Hazards. Submissions must be made in writing and be in the form prescribed in the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003 (Form 5) or similar. The submission must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Submission forms are available from the above locations.

Written submissions are to be sent to:

The Chief Executive
Whakatane District Council
Private Bag 1002
WHAKATANE 3080

The closing date for submissions is 5.00 pm Monday 5 May 2008.

Following the closing date the Council will prepare a summary of all submissions received which will be publicly notified. Further submissions will then be sought in response to the original submissions, followed by a public hearing. All submitters will be given an opportunity to present their submission. The Council will then issue its decision including the reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions. Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision to the Environment Court.

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 5:00pm, MONDAY 5 MAY 2008

Diane Turner
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Council reviews Hazard Mitigation Policy

Following extensive submissions during last year's Annual Plan process the Council has reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Policy. The revised policy is available for public comments alongside the draft Annual Plan. The Council's Policy Manager, Chandra Quarmby said a large number of submissions from the West End community felt that the Policy's funding formula was placing undue financial burden on the catchment.

Mr Quarmby said this policy set out how to fund the hazard mitigation works in Matata, Awatapu, Edgumbe and Otawairere/West End communities. The policy was included in the Council's draft Long-term Council Community Plan for consultation and following consideration of the submissions received, the policy was adopted in June 2006.

The proposal is to retain the general basis behind the current funding policy. That is the works would be funded by loans over a 25-year period and ratepayers would be asked to pay a share of the costs of repaying those loans through a three-tier system of catchments, communities and district.

The current policy was intended to provide a balance where direct beneficiaries meet a fair amount of the costs while the District as a whole would also contribute. The current policy also attempts to balance the need for the measures, the socio-economic status of the community and its ability to pay.

While the general basis behind the current policy is intended to be retained, the Council is proposing some changes as a result of the review process. The following changes to the current policy are proposed:

- The definition of catchment for Edgumbe is split between the properties inside the area of works (catchment) and outside the area of the works but still in the Edgumbe community (community)

- The definition of catchment for Edgumbe excludes any properties in the rural zoning that pay rates under Environment Bay of Plenty's Rangitaiki – Tarawera River Scheme
- The maximum amounts payable by the catchment and the community be reviewed on a yearly basis to adjust for inflation
- For Otawairere, revise the policy to split hazard mitigation costs and level of service costs (private costs) 85%:15% each respectively
- The level of service costs for Otawairere (private costs) be allocated to properties connected to the wastewater and stormwater scheme (properties in Otawairere/Cliff Road/Brown Road)
- Operating and maintenance costs for disaster mitigation works are charged back to the relevant Council activity and funded accordingly. This is the status quo in Otawairere
- For consistency and clarity, the name of the policy be changed to "Disaster Mitigation Funding Policy"
- A table mortgage approach be applied for the loans required to fund the disaster mitigation works
- The Council will progressively increase the disaster mitigation rate as it draws down loans to fund capital expenditure on the works.

More information is available from the document entitled "Review of the Hazard Mitigation Policy". This is available from Council offices, libraries or on the website (www.whakatane.govt.nz).

Disaster Mitigation Funding Policy

The Council's proposed Disaster Mitigation Funding Policy is as follows:

- Funding of capital, costs for disaster mitigation works across the District is:

- For those properties in the catchment the funding would be \$1,000 or 50% of annual charges per annum, whichever is the lesser
- For those properties in the community where the hazard mitigation works are being undertaken, or have been completed, the funding would be \$250 or 25% of annual charges per annum, whichever is the lesser, with a community charge applying only once per property
- The balance of the annual costs is to be funded on a District wide basis
- The maximum amounts payable by the catchment and the community will be reviewed on an annual basis to adjust for inflation.
- The Council will progressively increase rates to match capital expenditure to reduce the impact of the disaster mitigation rate on ratepayers.
- The operating and maintenance costs of the disaster mitigation works are to be charged back to the relevant Council activity, and funded accordingly.
- For the Ohinekoao works (joint Transit, ONTRACK and Whakatane District Council project on SH2 along the Matata straights), the capital, operating and maintenance costs will be funded District wide through the general rate.
- For Otawairere – Ohope the following costs are to be funded accordingly:
 - Costs attributed to the works on portion of Otawairere Road outside the Otawairere Village boundary are funded through the Rooding Rate
 - The additional costs of providing a full sewerage scheme, over the cost of providing a limited sewerage scheme, are funded by properties connected (Otarawairere, Cliff Road and Brown Road)
- Costs attributed to the additional capacity in the works for growth are funded through the Council's Development Contributions Policy.
- Funding of the capital cost for works in Otawairere – Ohope is as follows:
 - 15% of the capital costs for stormwater and wastewater to be paid for by the properties connected (Otarawairere, Cliff Road and Brown Road)
 - 85% of the capital costs for stormwater and wastewater be treated as disaster mitigation works and paid for as follows:
 - for those properties in the catchment the funding would be \$1000 or 50% of annual charges per annum, whichever is the lesser; and
 - for those properties in the community the funding would be \$250 or 25% of annual charges per annum, whichever is the lesser and the community charge can only apply once per property; and
 - the balance of the annual costs are to be funded district wide through the general rate; and
- the maximum amounts payable by the catchment and the community will be reviewed on an annual basis to adjust for inflation.
- 100% of the operating and maintenance costs of the stormwater and wastewater systems are to be charged back to the relevant Council activity, and funded accordingly.

Rating Impact table

Note: The Whakatane catchment and the Whakatane community are the same for the Awatapu project. Properties in the catchment will also pay the targeted rate for the community. The district rate is based on the capital value of all rating units in the district. This rate is in addition to all other rates.

| | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012 to 2036 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Awatarariki catchment | \$ 581.97 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Waimea catchment | \$ 213.00 | \$ 319.50 | \$ 399.37 | \$ 399.37 | \$ 399.37 |
| Waitepuru catchment | \$ 321.74 | \$ 514.79 | \$ 643.49 | \$ 643.49 | \$ 643.49 |
| Matata community | \$ 100.17 | \$ 187.42 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 |
| Edgumbe catchment | \$ 89.92 | \$ 134.88 | \$ 168.60 | \$ 168.60 | \$ 168.60 |
| Edgumbe community | \$ 36.58 | \$ 54.88 | \$ 68.60 | \$ 68.60 | \$ 68.60 |
| Whakatane catchment | \$ 5.42 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 6.77 |
| Whakatane community | \$ 2.71 | \$ 3.39 | \$ 3.39 | \$ 3.39 | \$ 3.39 |
| Otarawairere/Cliff/Brown Rds | \$ 916.45 | \$ 916.45 | \$ 916.45 | \$ 916.45 | \$ 916.45 |
| West End | \$ 359.00 | \$ 359.00 | \$ 359.00 | \$ 359.00 | \$ 359.00 |
| Ohope community | \$ 21.70 | \$ 21.70 | \$ 21.70 | \$ 21.70 | \$ 21.70 |
| District wide | | | | | |
| Property \$100,000 | \$ 1.59 | \$ 2.12 | \$ 3.48 | \$ 5.75 | \$ 5.75 |
| Property \$200,000 | \$ 7.94 | \$ 10.58 | \$ 17.41 | \$ 28.76 | \$ 28.76 |
| Property \$1 m | \$ 15.87 | \$ 21.15 | \$ 34.81 | \$ 57.51 | \$ 57.51 |
| Property \$2m | \$ 31.74 | \$ 42.31 | \$ 69.63 | \$ 115.02 | \$ 115.02 |

Council reviewing community funding policy

The Whakatane District Council recognises that community groups and voluntary organisations, through their diverse range of activities, make a major contribution to the social, environmental, cultural and economic wellbeing of the Whakatane District.

The Council's Policy Manager, Chandra Quarmby says in recognition of this contribution the Council has several

funding schemes available to support the delivery of projects and services that benefit the community. The Council is also responsible for administering a number of specific grants available to the community from other organisations including SPARC (Sport and Recreation New Zealand) and Creative New Zealand.

Mr Quarmby said the Council is currently undertaking a review of these funding

schemes to ensure that funding assistance is provided in a transparent, equitable and consistent manner. The focus of the review is to look at the effectiveness of the community funding schemes and fund management processes used by the Council.

As part of the review, a number of steps are currently being implemented that will improve the application process and

administering of funding schemes over the 2008/09 year. This includes a new application form and guidance material. The full review and publication of a new Community Funding Policy will take place alongside the preparation of the 2009-19 (Ten-year Plan) Long Term Council Community Plan.

For more information visit our www.whakatane.govt.nz

Funding schemes available over the 2008/09 year

| Assistance Scheme | Purpose | Application Date |
|---|--|--|
| Annual Grants | Annual Grants provide financial assistance to community based non-profit organisations providing a service to the general public of the Whakatane District. | Applications open 1 July 08. Applications close 31 July 08. |
| Community Board Discretionary Fund | The Community Board Discretionary Funds are provided by each of the five Community Boards within the Whakatane District. These funds provide financial assistance for local initiatives that benefit the communities within each ward. | Applications accepted throughout the year subject to funding availability. |
| Iwi Liaison Committee Discretionary Fund | The Iwi Liaison Committee Discretionary Fund provides financial assistance to support, promote, encourage, and celebrate Maori culture and language in the Whakatane District. | Applications accepted throughout the year subject to funding availability. |
| Creative NZ - Creative Communities Whakatane Scheme | The Creative Communities Whakatane Scheme is aimed at increasing participation in the arts at the local level, and at increasing the range and diversity of arts available to communities. This Fund is provided by Creative NZ and administered by the Whakatane District Council. | For the annual funding round: Applications open 1 March 2009. Applications close 31 March 2009. For minor applications only: Applications are accepted throughout the year subject to funding availability, but all applicants are encouraged to apply through the annual application round wherever possible. |
| SPARC - Rural Travel Fund | The Rural Travel Fund helps rural sports and school teams with young people between 5 and 19 with transport costs to participate in their regular sports competitions. This Fund is provided by SPARC and administered by the Whakatane District Council. | Applications open 1 March 2009. Applications close 31 March 2009. |
| Preservation Incentive Fund* | The Preservation Incentive Fund will not be available over the 2008/09 financial year. | N/A |
| Rates Relief | Rates relief is provided to certain community groups and organisations in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002. | Enquiries are welcome throughout the year |
| Acting as Loan Guarantor | The Council may Act as a Loan Guarantor for Community Groups and Organisations for recreation and community purposes. | Enquiries are welcome throughout the year |
| Rural Playground Scheme | The Rural Playground Scheme supports the development of playgrounds in communities where the Council does not have available reserve land. | Applications made as submissions on the Annual Plan. Submissions on the 2008/09 Annual Plan open 4 April 08 and close 5 May 08. |
| Annual Plan Funding Applications | To support groups and organisations that have a need for financial support that cannot be met by the existing funding schemes. | Applications made as submissions on the Annual Plan. Submissions on the 2008/09 Annual Plan open 4 April 08 and close 5 May 08. |

* The Preservation Incentive Fund assists landowners with the voluntary protection and/or management of natural and cultural features in the District. The Council is proposing not to fund this scheme over the 2008/09 financial year. This decision will be finalised through the Annual Plan

Development Contributions Policy to be refined

The Council is reviewing its development contributions mechanisms – the Development Contributions Policy and the Financial Contributions framework. The review will ensure that the Council is able to use Development and/or Financial Contributions to equitably and appropriately charge developers for their impact on infrastructure requirements. The project which is underway is making a detailed assessment of the application of development contributions to the Council's reserves and infrastructure projects. The review will detail the logic and rationale behind development contributions being collected. Work so far has indicated that there are projects that are receiving development contributions but should not be; there are projects which should receive

development contributions, but at a different percentage; and there are projects not currently receiving development contributions that should do so.

The revised development and financial contributions framework will be consulted on during the 2008/09 year. This will be an opportunity for all those with an interest in the subject to make their views and ideas known to the Council.

Once a revised policy framework has been consulted on and adopted, a reconciliation of payments received to date will be done. Anyone who is due a refund of any payments made to date will be contacted by the Council.

For further information on this project contact the Council's Policy Manager, Chandra Quarmby, on 07 306 0528.



The development of Parks and Reserves including playgrounds is funded from Development Contribution fees.



Whakatane Deputy Mayor Graeme Hanlen leads riders along Commerce St in one of the many events during the Bikewise Week.

Reduce your carbon footprint... use your feet!

More and more people are taking up cycling as a means of getting around in the Eastern Bay. Events like the National Bikewise Week continue to raise community awareness, which means more people are getting on their bikes.

Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety Coordinator, Maurice Tooke said "the Bikewise Week which ended in early March, saw over 500 people participate in the Mayoral challenges throughout the Eastern Bay".

Cycling has distinct advantages for a great number of our citizens. It is a health promoting activity and regular

use by commuters and students, offering credibility in reducing our carbon footprint.

Mr Tooke said "an exciting part of our local events this year was the number of young people getting on their bikes and participating. As an educator involved in road safety, I am of the opinion that early exposure to the road rules, and the greater understanding of the 'social contract' road users need in sharing the road, results in a safer driving population".

He said as more people take to the road with their bikes the more motorists will recognise them as being part of the

network, therefore making it safer for all users.

Mr Tooke said he and others who have been involved in cycling and organising cycling events for some years believe we are at a point where we should be running some of these activities throughout the year. For example the Business Battle; while not entirely about commuting on a bicycle, this activity encourages people to cycle to work. It offers a good basis for ongoing recognition to businesses who are working at changing our mode of transport. Another ongoing activity is cycle training in primary schools. "An important addition to the events

this year was the efforts of the Pathway To Health Coordinators from the three Councils". Their enthusiasm infected others and with many local people contributing to the running of events, participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves". Overall cycling offers many people in the Eastern Bay the opportunity to enjoy healthier living and reduce the negative effects on the environment. After many years of Health management, Bike Wise Week this year was managed by Land Transport NZ. This change should be seen in the light of an ever increasing emphasis on sustainable transport by our national transport agencies.

Disaster mitigation works progress

Disaster mitigation projects designed to minimise the effect of future disasters are progressing well, says the Council's Community Projects Manager, Barbara Dempsey.

The projects are being implemented following the 2004 and 2005 natural disasters in the district.

Mrs Dempsey said works in Otarawairere/West End which will see the installation of wastewater and stormwater reticulation systems are almost complete.

"The Council contractors will, over the next few months, be completing the outstanding works, before handing over to the Council. We are pleased that this project is going according to schedule and the support of the residents in Otarawairere has been excellent".

In February 2007 the Council resolved to proceed with a reticulated stormwater and wastewater drainage system. The physical works commenced in late October 2007 and are scheduled to be completed by the middle of May 2008.

In Edgumbe, Mrs Dempsey said the Council and Environment Bay of Plenty are working together to develop a combined approach to managing the potential flood risk faced by Edgumbe



Works in Otarawairere are nearing completion.

and the adjacent Rangitaiki Plains. "Our focus over the next six months is investigation, consultation, design and planning of the physical works. We expect the physical works to be carried out in the 2008/09 financial year."

The Councils held Open Days recently in Edgumbe to discuss with the community the proposal. If anyone was not able to attend the open days and would like to have a copy of the information presented, or would like to give feedback please contact either

- Barbara Dempsey barbarad@whakatane.govt.nz or phone 07 306 0572 or
- Bruce Crabbe bruce.crabbe@envbop.govt.nz or phone 0800 368 267

In Matata, the mitigation works are divided into six projects, two of these projects have been granted resource consent. These decisions have been appealed to the Environment Court and the Council is waiting for the outcome of these appeals before physical works can commence.

Mrs Dempsey said a resource consent application for the Waitepuru debris and stream management works was lodged late last year and the application will be considered by the Resource Consent Authority over 3 days commencing 16 April 2008.

The budgeted costs for these projects were spread over three financial years, the physical works for these projects are now expected to be completed in the 2008/2009 financial year.

The works follow heavy rain which caused a series of debris flows and flooding in Matata in May 2005.

The individual projects in Matata are as follows:

- Awatarariki Stream and Te Awa o te Atua Lagoon works, downstream of the State Highway Bridge.
- Awatarariki debris detention structure
- Waitepuru debris and stream management works
- Ohinekoao (Matata straight)
- Waimea Stream debris and stream management works
- And the debris disposal area, required for the disposal of silt from the construction.

How to make a submission



Whakatane District Mayor and the Councillors want your feedback on the plan and the proposed projects and policies.

Key Dates

- April 1, 2008**
Draft Annual Plan adopted by full Council.
- April 4, 2008**
Submission period opens.
- April 10-13, 2008**
Special edition of Byways distributed district wide.
- May 5, 2008**
Closing date for submissions to the draft Annual Plan.
- May 21-23, 2008**
Submissions hearings.
- May 26, 27 & 30; June 3 & 4, 2008**
Council deliberations on submissions.

In order to make sure you have your say, send a submission to the Council and take into account the following:

- Make it clear what you are supporting and what you are opposing and why
- If you think something is missing from the plan, explain clearly what it is, why it should be included and how it should be funded.
- If you think expenditure (and consequently rates) is too high, tell us what you think should be removed from the plan to reduce the rates and why.

Have your say!

Whakatane District Council wants to hear your views on the following and welcomes written submissions:

- Draft Annual Plan
- Hazard Mitigation Funding Policy
- Variation 6 - Coastal Hazards
- Bylaws Review

Send your submission to the Council by 5pm on Monday, 5 May 2008.

Whakatane District Council Draft Annual Plan 2008/09 SUBMISSION FORM



Return by: 5.00pm, Monday, 5 May 2008 to:

Fax: 07 307 0718, Email: submission@whakatane.govt.nz

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
WHAKATANE DISTRICT COUNCIL
PRIVATE BAG 1002
WHAKATANE 3080

Or hand deliver to the Council offices:

CIVIC CENTRE
COMMERCE STREET
WHAKATANE

MURUPARA SERVICE CENTRE
CIVIC SQUARE
MURUPARA

Name: _____

Bus Ph: _____ Hm Ph: _____ Mob Ph: _____

Organisation (if on behalf): _____

Postal Address: _____

Speaking times will be scheduled and you will be notified when to come to Council Chambers.
 I wish to be heard by the Council at its meeting to be held on
 Wednesday 21 May, Thursday 22 May and Friday 23 May 2008. I do not wish to be heard

I wish to make the following submission on the 2008/09 draft Annual Plan

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SUBMISSION CLOSES 5.00PM, MONDAY, 5 MAY 2008
In accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, all submissions on this plan will be made available to the public. The Council may redirect your submission, where it relates to another Council process or another council. If this occurs you will be advised in writing.

Review of Whakatane District Council Bylaws 2006-08

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Whakatane District Council to review its bylaws by 1st July 2008. There are 21 bylaws to review in total.

The bylaws have been reviewed in two stages. There are 8 bylaws set out below which are being reviewed as part of Stage Two. These bylaws are now available for public consultation. Members of the public are invited to make submissions on the bylaws and information about how to do this is contained in this public notice.

Proposed Part 1 – Introduction

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 1 – Interpretation and Part 2 – Introduction of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997.
- The objective of Part 1 and 2 is to identify and define the terms used throughout the WDC Consolidated Bylaw 1997 and to outline the serving of orders and notices, powers of delegation and entry, suspension and revocation of licences, removal of works executed contrary to the Bylaw, fees and charges, offences and penalties for breach of the Bylaw.
- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to promote the objectives referred to above.
- The existing Parts 1 and 2 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw are not the most appropriate form of bylaw to achieve these objectives.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Part 1 – Introduction Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under the Local Government Act 2002. The Council proposes to revoke Parts 1 and 2 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposed Draft Trade Waste Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed the Whakatane District Council Trade Waste Bylaws 1996. This bylaw applies to the discharge of all trade waste within the Whakatane District. It aims to control trade waste discharges into the Whakatane wastewater system in order to protect Council infrastructure and to ensure the protection of the Council's staff, contractors and the general public.
- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to regulate and control the discharge of trade waste in the Whakatane District.
- The existing Whakatane District Council Trade Waste Bylaw 1996 is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to control the discharge of trade waste in the Whakatane District. The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Trade Waste Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under section 145, section 146 and section 148 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Council proposes to revoke the current Trade Waste Bylaw 1996.

Proposed Draft Solid Waste Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 5 – Refuse of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. The objective of Part 5 – Refuse is to provide for the safe collection

and disposal of waste so that it does not accumulate or become injurious to health.

- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to promote the objectives referred to above.
- The existing Part 5 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Refuse is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to achieve these objectives.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Solid Waste Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Act 1974. The Council proposes to revoke Part 5 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposed Draft Wastewater Drainage Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 7 – Wastewater Drainage of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. The objective of Part 7 – Wastewater Drainage is to protect public health and safety and the security of the public wastewater drainage system; outline the responsibilities of the Council and all occupiers with respect to the system; detail levels of connection; encourage waste minimisation and detail breaches and remedies.
- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to promote the objectives referred to above.
- The existing Part 7 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Wastewater Drainage is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to achieve these objectives.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Wastewater Drainage Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under the Local Government Act 2002, Local Government Act 1974 and the Health Act 1956. The Council proposes to revoke Part 7 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposed Draft Water Supply Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 8 – Water Supply of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. The objective of Part 8 – Water Supply is to conserve and protect the Council's water supply.
- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to promote the objectives referred to above.
- The existing Part 8 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Water Supply is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to achieve these objectives.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Water Supply Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under the Local Government Act 2002. The Council proposes to revoke Part 7 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposed Draft Ports and Wharves Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 14 – Ports of the

Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. The objective of Part 14 – Ports is to regulate and control the use of all port structures owned by the Council within the Whakatane District.

- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to promote the objectives referred to above.
- The existing Part 14 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Ports is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to achieve these objectives.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Ports and Wharves Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under the Local Government Act 2002. The Council proposes to revoke Part 14 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposed Draft Stock Control Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) is in the process of reviewing its bylaws. As a result of the review process, a NEW BYLAW is proposed in order to control the movement of stock on roads within the Whakatane District in order to preserve the safety and efficiency of the road network and to protect the roads from damage and deterioration.
- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to achieve the objectives set out above.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Stock Control Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Proposed Draft Traffic and Speed Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 12 – Parking and Roads of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. Part 12 – Parking and Roads sets the requirements for parking and the control of vehicular and other traffic on all roads under the control of the Council.
- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to set the requirements for parking and the control of vehicular and other traffic on all roads under the control of the Council.
- The existing Part 12 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Parking and Roads is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to set out the requirements for parking and the control of vehicular and other traffic on roads within the District.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Traffic and Speed Limits Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 2002, Local Government Act 1974, the Transport Act 1962 and the applicable Land Transport Rules. The Council proposes to revoke Part 12 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposed Parks and Reserves Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 17 – Parks & Reserves of the Whakatane District Council

Consolidated Bylaw 1997. Part 17 – Parks & Reserves regulates the use of parks and reserves in the Whakatane District to ensure that they are used for their intended purpose, without subjecting people to hazards, annoyance or public danger. Part 17 also protects Council infrastructure associated with parks and reserves from damage and loss.

- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to regulate parks and reserves in the Whakatane District.
- The existing Part 17 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Parks & Reserves is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to regulate activities on parks and reserves within the Whakatane District.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Parks and Reserves Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under section 145 and section 146 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Council proposes to revoke Part 17 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposed Nuisances and Public Health Bylaw

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 19 – Nuisances of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. The objective of Part 19 – Nuisances is to provide for the control of nuisances that are not covered by other Parts of the Consolidated Bylaw. Part 19 also contains controls for commercial spa and swimming pools to ensure public health and safety is maintained.
- A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to promote health and safety and prevent conditions that are likely to cause a nuisance in the Whakatane District.
- The existing Part 19 of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Nuisances is not the most appropriate form of bylaw to achieve these objectives.
- The Council has therefore prepared and adopted the Proposed Draft Nuisances and Public Health Bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was made under section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Council proposes to revoke Part 19 of the current Consolidated Bylaw.

Proposal to revoke Part 11 Amusement Devices and Galleries

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 11 – Amusement Devices and Galleries of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. Part 11 – Amusement Devices and Galleries regulates the use and operation of amusement devices and galleries in the Whakatane District.
- A bylaw has been determined to NOT be the most appropriate mechanism to regulate the use and operation of amusement devices and galleries. This is because the Council is able to regulate the use and operation of amusement devices and galleries by using its powers under the Health Act 1956, the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, the Resource
- Management Act 1991 and the Building Act 2004, and by relying on the New Zealand

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We want community feedback - Delahunty

The Whakatane Community Board which represents the urban area of Whakatane, wants to hear from the people it represents. Community Board Chairperson Neville Delahunty said the Board needs to know the issues of concern to the community.

"We are aware that rate increases are a key concern for most people, but there are many other areas that need to be addressed and we want to hear about these as well".

Mr Delahunty said the Board is looking to help build a better informed community and raise awareness about its role by being pro-active in addressing issues of concern to residents.

The Board allocated grants from a Discretionary Fund. The Fund is set by the Council through the Annual Plan and criteria for distributing funds are set by the Board.

Mr Delahunty says the Board views the Fund as a vehicle for ensuring best returns for ratepayers and would like to hear ideas from the community.

Over the past 2 years the Board has allocated \$63,000 to various community groups, including Theatre Whakatane, Jumping Tuna Fiesta, Christmas in the Park, River Festival, the Salvation Army and funding the public fireworks display.

Mr Delahunty said the Community Board is comprised of very approachable members who are ready and willing to listen to fresh ideas.

Community Board members and contact details are:

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| Neville Delahunty (Chairperson) | 308 6084 |
| Ken Lynch (Deputy Chairperson) | 308 2106 |
| George Chambers | 307 0848 |
| Tony Hall | 307 1991 |
| Peter Lander | 308 9233 |
| Ian Searle | 308 4560 |
| Cr Scott Jarrett | 308 7556 |

Board meetings which are open to the public are held every 6 weeks at the Civic centre. Dates and times are published on the Council's website www.whakatane.govt.nz and advertised monthly in the local media.



Front row (kneeling): Lizzie Langridge, Honorable Nanaia Mahuta, Courtney Smith
Second row: Tegan Wilson, Tara McAlister, Amy Searle, Santana Wass, Courtney Wana
Back row: Councillor Te Kurapa, Jack Alison, Rhys Delamere, Brendon Bullard-West, Dylan Lewell, Lani Hepi, Mem Edmonds, John Hauwaho. Not in picture: Timothy Stoddart and Ray White

A fun photo with a Minister!

Whakatane District Youth Council members attended a Ministerial Forum. Fifteen Whakatane Youth Councillors joined others councillors from all over the Bay of Plenty for the Forum and met the Youth Affairs Minister, Nanaia Mahuta. The well attended Ministerial Forum was held in the new Energy Events Centre,

Rotorua on 29 February.

The Whakatane District Youth Council took the opportunity to invite the Minister to visit Whakatane during Youth Week and she agreed to attend the Youth Debate scheduled to be held on the 30 May 2008 at the Cyber Café above the Rock.

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Police to enforce the relevant provisions of the Health and Safety Employment Act 1992, Summary Offences Act 1981, Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, Arms Act 1983 and the Department of Internal Affairs to enforce the relevant provisions of the Shop Trading Hours Act Repeal Act 1990, and the Gambling Act 2003.

- The Council therefore proposes to revoke Part 11 – Amusement Devices and Galleries of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997 because there is sufficient protection and legal remedies to address any perceived problems should they arise in the future, and a bylaw is therefore considered unnecessary.
- The Review has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

Proposal to revoke Part 21 – Airport Charges

- Whakatane District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 21 – Airport Charges of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997. Part 21 – Airport Charges sets the fees and charges for landing of aircraft and use of the airport facilities.
- A bylaw has been determined to NOT be the most appropriate mechanism to set fees and charges for the landing of aircraft and use of the airport facilities. This is because these fees and charges can be set through the Ten Year Plan or Annual Plan Processes.
- As the bylaw does not address any other issues, it is proposed that Part 21 – Airport Charges of the Whakatane District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997 be revoked.
- The Review has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

Making Submissions

- All persons interested in any of the proposed draft bylaws or the proposal to revoke the bylaws are invited to make submissions.
- The period for making written submissions will opened on Friday 28 March 2008 for the Trade Waste Bylaw and Friday 4 April 2008 for all other bylaws. Submissions can be sent to Whakatane District Council, Attention: The Chief Executive, Private Bag 1002, Whakatane. The Council must receive submissions no later than 5pm on Monday 5 May 2008 for all proposed bylaws except the Proposed Draft Trade Waste Bylaw. Submissions on the Proposed Draft Trade Waste Bylaw are due by Friday 30 May 2008.
- For a copy of an Information Pack, including the Proposed Draft Bylaws and information about making a submission, please visit the public offices of the Whakatane District Council at the following places:
 - Civic Centre, Commerce Street, Whakatane;
 - Civic Square, Murupara;
 - The Council's website at www.whakatane.govt.nz/bylawsreview; and
 - In each of the Libraries at:
 - Whakatane – Civic Centre
 - Edgecumbe – College Road
 - Murupara – Service Centre
 - Ohope – Harbour Road
 - Or contact the Council's Customer Services on 07 306 0500, Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm.

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Recycling Park, Te Tahi Street, Whakatane or
Murupara Recycling Park, Harakeke, Murupara

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