

## CHATHAM ISLANDS COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Chatham Islands Council, held in the Council Chambers, Tuku Road, Waitangi, on Tuesday, 30 June 2009, commencing at 10.05 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Mr P F Smith, Deputy Mayor  
A W M Preece, and Councillors P R Christiansen,  
J I Clarke, M Croon, A M Gregory-Hunt, N C Ryan,  
E C Tuck and N J Whaitiri.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager, Owen Pickles  
Finance Manager, Deborah Goomes  
Council Secretary, Lynette Pickles

#### **Adoption of Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 (LTCCP)**

The purpose of the Special Council Meeting was to adopt the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019.

The General Manager advised that following the Special Council Meeting of 25 June 2009 when the hearing of submissions to the LTCCP was held, adjustments were made to the Plan in line with Council's decisions. The Plan was then submitted to Audit New Zealand and sent to Wellington for a 'hot review'. It was subsequently signed off by Audit New Zealand and resolutions were now required by Council to make the Plan legal and operative. The Plan would then be printed off as a final copy.

The General Manager noted that mention was made in the Audit Certificate about the reliance on Central Government funding and the assumption made by Council that the funding would continue. He advised that while the assumption was being realised there was no concern, but if that situation was to change, the Council would not be able to generate sufficient rates revenue to fund its operations and, therefore, its on-going viability would again be questioned. If that was the case, decisions on the Council's future would then need to be made. Council had a definite commitment for funding from Government through to 2012, with a statement advising of commitment in the 'out years', but there was a possibility that this might be reviewed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the pre-audit of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 be approved.

**A W M Preece / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Audit Certificate for the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 be received.

**J I Clarke / N J Whaitiri CARRIED**

**RESOLVED THAT** the audited Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 be adopted.

**E C Tuck / P R Christiansen CARRIED**

**RESOLVED THAT** the fees and charges, as listed in Appendix Four of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019, be adopted.

**J I Clarke / A W M Preece CARRIED**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Chatham Islands Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012 be adopted.

**N C Ryan / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED**

**RESOLVED THAT** the rates for the 2009-10 year be set as follows:

**General Rates** – **THAT** a general rate be set in accordance with Section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit based on the capital value of each rating unit in the Territory. The general rate will be set on a differential basis based on land use. The categories are:

- Infrastructure will be charged 4.9% of the general rate
- Industrial will be charged 14.3% of the general rate
- Commercial will be charged 11% of the general rate
- Rural and Residential will be charged 69.8% of the general rate.

This will result in the following rates being assessed for 2009/10 and include GST:

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total Collected</u>
Infrastructure	0.002805	\$ 11,659
Industrial	0.005603	\$ 34,025
Commercial	0.003913	\$ 26,173
Rural and Residential	0.002109	\$166,081

TOTAL GENERAL RATE COLLECTION \$237,938

**Targeted Rates** – **THAT** Council set targeted rates based on a variety of rating bases as follows:

**Water Supply Rate** – A targeted rate for the public water supply serving the Waitangi township in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Rating units not connected to this scheme are not liable for this rate. The rates for the 2009/10 year are:

\$575.53 per connection, which will collect \$50,646 (GST inclusive).

**Sewage Disposal Rate** – A targeted rate for sewage disposal based on each pan connected to the public sewage scheme in the Waitangi township in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Rating units that are not connected to the scheme are not liable for this rate. The rates for the 2009/10 year are:

\$578.00 per pan, which will collect \$61,268 (GST inclusive).

**Sanitation Rate** – A targeted rate for sanitation (waste management) activities. This rate will be charged to all rating units on Chatham Island in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The Council

will, in accordance with its Rates Remission Policy, remit the rates on rating units that do not contain a residence or other building. The rates for the 2009/10 year are:

\$127.43 per unit, which will collect \$44,219 (GST inclusive).

Roading Rate – A targeted rate on all rating units in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. This will lessen the effect of the capital value rate as it relates to roading. The rates for the 2009/10 year are:

\$114.49 per unit, which will collect \$48,431 (GST inclusive).

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with Section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that the Chatham Islands Council collect \$442,502 (GST inclusive) in rates for the 2009/10 year,

**THAT** in accordance with Section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the Chatham Islands Council collect the 2009/10 rates in three instalments, due on the following dates:

01 September 2009

01 January 2010

01 May 2010,

**AND THAT** in accordance with Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the Chatham Islands Council instruct its General Manager to apply the following penalties on unpaid rates:

1. A 10% penalty on any instalment No. 1 charges which remain unpaid after 14 October 2009.
2. A 10% penalty on any instalment No. 2 charges which remain unpaid after 14 February 2010.
3. A 10% penalty on any instalment No. 3 charges which remain unpaid after 14 June 2010.
4. A further penalty of 10% will be applied to all amounts that remain unpaid on 30 June 2010.”

The Chatham Islands Council’s other source of income is via the Council Dues. This takes the form of a tax on the import and export of goods to and from the Islands. The carrier of the goods is responsible for the collection of the Council Dues and paying them promptly to the Chatham Islands Council, the only Council with authority to charge a Council Due.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** there be no increases in Council Dues for the 2009/10 year. (Council Dues are estimated to produce \$265,000 for the year, of which approximately \$20,000 will be refunded to the Pitt Island Barge Society.)

**N J Whaitiri / E C Tuck CARRIED**

His Worship acknowledged the amount of work that had gone into the LTCCP and thanked everyone involved.

The General Manager acknowledged all the work done by the many people involved in preparing the Plan and all the supporting documents that go behind it. He is hopeful that the efforts of the current Minister of Local Government, Hon Rodney Hide, to streamline the process will result in reduced LTCCP costs in the future. The Chatham Islands Council had budgeted \$30,000 this year for the auditing of the LTCCP.

**CLOSURE:**

**Meeting Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10.15 a.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2009**

**MAYOR**