

**Council Meeting Minutes 31 August 2021**

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RDC-1178303**Minutes****Council meeting held Tuesday 31 August 2021, 9.30am  
Audio Visual, Rotorua Lakes Council**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Chadwick (Chair)  
Cr Donaldson (Deputy Chair), Cr Bentley, Cr Kai Fong, Cr Kumar,  
Cr Macpherson, Cr Maxwell, Cr Raukawa-Tait, Cr Tapsell, Cr Wang,  
Cr Yates

**APOLOGIES:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** G Williams, Chief Executive; C Tiriana,  
DCE-Chief Executives Group;  
O Hopkins, DCE-District Leadership & Democracy;  
J.P Gaston, DCE-District Development;  
S Michael, DCE-Infrastructure & Environmental Solutions;  
T Collé, DCE-Organisational Enablement;  
J Mikaere, DCE-Community Wellbeing;  
G Rangī, DCE-Te Arawa Partnership;  
I Tiriana, Manager Council Communications;  
R Dunn, Governance Lead;  
H King, Governance Support Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.30am.

The Mayor welcomed elected members and to the public viewing the meeting live streaming.

Oonagh Hopkins gave a brief of zoom etiquette and procedures required throughout an Audio Visual Council meeting.

**1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI  
OPENING KARAKIA**

Cr Tapsell opened meeting with a Karakia.

**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA  
APOLOGIES**

None

### **3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

### **5 NGĀ TAUNAKITANGA A ĒTAHI ATU KOMITI RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

#### **5.1 REPORT OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 26 AUGUST 2021**

#### **Resolved**

**That the “Report of the Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held 26 August 2021” Be received.**

Moved: Cr Raukawa-Tait

Seconded: Cr Yates

**CARRIED**

**That the following recommendations of the Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee meeting held 26 August 2021 be adopted:**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**YOUR CHOICE - 2022 REPRESENTATION REVIEW – ADOPT INITIAL PROPOSAL**

RDC-1175025

#### **Resolved**

- 1. That Council adopt the initial proposal and proceed to public consultation commencing 8 September and closing 8 October 2021, noting that the proposal consists of a mixed model membership structure with 10 councillor seats and 1 Mayor as listed:**

- **1 Mayor elected at large**
- **1 Māori ward with 2 seats**
- **1 General ward with 4 seats**
- **4 “At large” seats**
- **A Rotorua Lakes Community Board**
- **A Rotorua Rural Community Board**

- 2. That Council propose that the number of elected members for the Lakes Community Board and Rural Community Board remain at 4 elected members with 1 appointed member.**
- 3. That Council propose that there are no changes to the boundaries of the Lakes Community and Rural Community Board.**

Moved: Cr Raukawa-Tait

Seconded: Cr Yates

**CARRIED 7/5**

The Chair called for a division with the following result:

For: Mayor Steve Chadwick, Cr Yates, Cr Wang, Cr Tapsell, Cr Raukawa-Tait, Cr Maxwell, Cr Donaldson

Against: Cr Bentley, Cr Kai Fong, Cr Kumar, Cr Macpherson

#### Reason for the 2 additional points to the recommendation

RLC work closely with Local Government Commission (LGC). They've reviewed the proposal and recommendation that went to the Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee and suggested the inclusion of Points 2 & 3 for strength within the resolution.

This information is not new as the points are contained in the initial proposal.

It clarifies points within the Local Electoral Act, a requirement within our representation review proposal. As discussed in forums to date, the community boards are status quo.

#### Further discussion

During Cr Macpherson's discussion the following Point of Orders were raised.

##### Cr Tapsell – Misrepresentation

- All voters are real voters – Councillor refers to a portion of real voters
- The option proposed is a democratic option – Councillor refers to option 1 is the only democratic option available

Cr Tapsell requested a correction to the information.

The Chair gave Cr Macpherson the opportunity to correct his statement.

Cr Macpherson explained his full rationale is yet to be presented and urged Cr Tapsell to be patient before deciding he is putting forward misinformation. He doesn't believe his information is incorrect.

The Chair allowed Cr Macpherson to continue speaking.

##### Cr Yates – Misrepresentation

All information received to date is fact – Councillor claims information is fake

##### The Chair – Misrepresentation

Models were looked at – Councillor refers to options

The Chair advised Cr Macpherson to refrain from using words like Fake and to stick to the facts.

The Chair - Misrepresentation

They are all democratic models – Councillor refers to option 1 as the only democratic option

The Chair asked Cr Macpherson to stop putting bias to imply that the model we are debating today is not democratic.

Cr Yates – Misrepresentation

Everyone has the right to vote – Councillor insisting only a certain portion are real voters

The Chair advised Cr Macpherson to choose his choice of words carefully

Cr Macpherson continued with his summary then at the same time 3 points of order were raised for offensive language - Councillor referred to the process in discussion as Gerrymandering.

The Chair asked Cr Macpherson to withdraw his mentioning of the word Gerrymandering. We all attended the workshops which makes this the last thing that could occur.

Cr Macpherson believes his information is factually accurate so could not withdraw his comments.

Cr Donaldson raised his Point of Order – Offensive Language

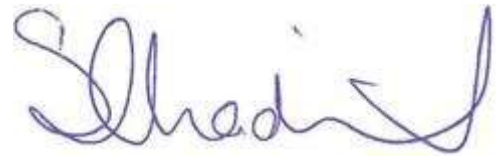
I've looked up the definition of the word Gerrymandering and in my view it's disrespectful of every person, elected member, board member and council staff who have worked through these workshops. As Cr Macpherson chooses not to withdraw his comment I request that this comment be noted in the minutes.

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The meeting closed at 10.10am

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Confirmed at a Council meeting on 23 September 2021



Chair