

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2009, AT 3 pm

**Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

4 February 2009

A G E N D A

1. ADOPTION OF 2009-10 ESTIMATES FOR INCLUSION
IN DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2009

1. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ESTIMATES

(Memo from General Manager, Corporate Services – 04.02.09)

Further to the detailed discussion of the draft estimates for the year ended 30 June 2010 at the Council workshop held on Monday 8 December 2008, the recommendations of that workshop have now been incorporated in the second iteration of the estimates.

In summary, the following adjustments have now been actioned:

- a. The general level of building consent fees has been raised by 11% to reduce the rate requirement of the Building Control section from \$39,360 down to \$1,727.
- b. Within the Library section the deferred maintenance of \$8,500 has been funded by way of a loan in line with the agreed treatment applied to other sections and the advertising budget has been reduced by \$1,000. The remaining \$9,000 of suggested savings have not been actioned as yet as the only perceived avenue of savings is within the book vote and there did not appear to be a clear mandate for this action.
- c. Within the Aquatic Centre section the deferred maintenance of \$9,300 has been funded by way of a loan as above, the promotional vehicle has been removed and further savings of \$20,000 have been incorporated.
- d. Within the Parks Maitaia section the “Service Centre counter” at a cost of \$20,000 has been moved to the Property section and is now funded from Reserves.

The net result of the changes requested and summarised above, along with some small savings, which are projected from reduced interest costs arising from the reduction in interest rates due to the global financial crisis, is that the projected rate increase is now 3.51% (\$367,240) as compared to the increase proposed in the workshop of 5.28% (\$562,674). It is pertinent to note that this increase includes an extra \$91,418 commitment to rural roading as a result of requests for increased levels of service in this area. This equates to 0.9% of the total increase and will be a charge to the rural ratepayers of the District only. An updated copy of the

- ✦ Rate Requirement Summary is attached as Appendix 1.
- ✦ The Grants section (105) was not debated in great detail at the previous workshop, and following requests for additional financial information in relation to donees from last year's estimates meeting, please find attached as Appendices 2-8, relevant financial details for the bulk of our major grants.
- ✦ Also attached for the Council's information, as Appendix 9, is my previous report to the meeting on 8 December setting out variance explanations as they existed at that time. Whilst some of these have changed in response to requests from that meeting in terms of their rate requirement, the variance information I trust, is useful.
- ✦ Finally, attached as Appendix 10 is the booklet containing the final draft estimates for each section for further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT subject to any further adjustments recommended during the course of the meeting, the draft estimates as tabled as Appendix 10, be adopted for inclusion in the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19.