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Customers are encouraged to look at what options work for them as the country heads towards the uncertainty of omicron and what it will mean for face-to-face business transactions.

For more information go to www.goredc.govt.nz/council/about-us/

Upcoming Meetings

Please note - all meetings are subject to COVID-19 traffic light protocols in place at the time. Unless otherwise stated, meetings will be held via zoom or in the Council Chambers, in Bowler Avenue, Gore.

Tuesday 8 February

There will be a meeting of the full Council, starting at 4:00pm.

Wednesday 16 February

There will be a meeting of the Community Strategy Committee, starting at 3:30pm

Wednesday 23 February

There will be a meeting, in committee, of the Capital Works Committee, starting at 3.30pm. The public is excluded in accordance with Sections 7 (2)(i) and 7 (2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations; and protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Agendas for all meetings, except those in committee, will be available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz beforehand.

All meetings are livestreamed on the Council's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GoreDC

Waitangi Weekend Hours

Main Office

- Closed Monday

Gore Library

- Closed Saturday - Monday

Gore Aquatic Centre

- Open Saturday and Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm.
- Open Monday 1:00pm - 5:00pm.

Gore Transfer Station

- Open Saturday, Monday usual hours
- Closed Sunday

Gore Visitor Centre

- Closed Saturday - Monday

Eastern Southland Gallery

- Open Saturday - Monday 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Wheelie bin collection

Collections will be one day later due to Waitangi Day public holiday on Monday 7 February. This means Monday's collection will be on Tuesday, Tuesday's collection on Wednesday etc.

Consultations Open

The Council is currently seeking feedback on:

- A new Stormwater Management Bylaw (feedback closes Friday 25 February)
- The Keeping of Animals, Poultry, and Bees Bylaw (feedback closes Friday 4 March)

Full details are available at www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz. There's also an online feedback form. Copies of the documents are also available from the Council's main office, Mataura service centre and Gore library.

Rates Rebate Available

The Council processes over 500 applications each year under the Rates Rebate Scheme, which it administers on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs. Ratepayers can apply for a rebate, which is credited to their rates, if:

- They're the legal owner of the property
- They have been living at the address since the start of the current rating year (1 July)
- They have a low income or receive a benefit

Applications for the present financial year are open until the end of June. To find out more phone **209-0330** and make an appointment to talk to the customer service team.

Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw Review

The Gore District Council is reviewing its Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2016. It is open for public feedback until 5:00pm on Friday 4 March.

The bylaw is a tool the Council uses to effectively control and address issues that may arise around keeping livestock, poultry and bees in urban areas. These issues include

- wandering stock damaging property or causing a hazard to traffic
- noise
- odour

The bylaw has worked well in its current form. It has set general expectations for the urban community about what animals, poultry or bees can be kept and any conditions that may apply.

It has also given the community the ability to raise issues with the Council, knowing the local authority has the power and mechanism to deal with them.

The only change to the existing bylaw is adding the Gore Gardens and pastoral land south of the Gore Multisports Complex, on Charlton Road, to the list of land the bylaw does not apply. The proposed change is due to these areas being Council-owned.

All documents about the bylaw and an online feedback form are available on the Council's Let's Talk website www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz. Information is also available at the Council's main office, Mataura Service Centre, and Gore Library.