

Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council

Notice of Meeting

A extra-ordinary meeting of the Whangarei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Forum North, Whangarei on:

Wednesday 12 September 2012 11.00am

Committee

His Worship the Mayor (Chairperson)
Cr C B Christie
Cr S J Deeming
Cr A J Edwards
Cr S M Glen
Cr P R Halse
Cr J S Jongejans
Cr G M Martin
Cr B L McLachlan
Cr S L Morgan
Cr K J Sutherland
Cr W L Syers
Cr M R Williams
Cr J D T Williamson



1. 2012 Representation Arrangements Review

Reporting officer Kathryn Candy (Legal Counsel)

Date 30 August 2012

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council's vision, mission and values statement

Local Government Act 2002 - The four well-beings

Cultural Consideration of "communities of interest" in the District

Economic No direct link
Environmental No direct link

Social The review considers how the district is to be represented in Council, which has social

implications

Representation Arrangements Review

Council has now undertaken a review of its representation arrangements in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001. There was one submission on the initial proposal which was heard on Thursday 30 August 2012 with deliberations following on from this.

The submitter proposed that Council split the Okara Ward, individualise the Avenues, CDB and Maunu, introduce community boards, change the processes and mandates of community boards and consider amalgamation with the Regional Council/Kaipara District Council.

Council had on previous occasions considered the splitting of the Okara Ward and whether to introduce community boards. The submitter provided no compelling reason to change the initial proposal on these points or on whether the Avenues, CDB and Maunu should be individualised. The changes to the processes and mandates of community boards are outside the scope of this review as are any amalgamation proposals. The Council in its deliberation of the submission declined to change the initial proposal for these reasons.

As directed by Council at the meeting on Thursday 30 August 2012, staff have now prepared the final proposal to be adopted by Council. The final proposal has not changed from the initial proposal.

Recommendation

- 1. That, in accordance with section 19N(1)(a) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 for the 2012 Whangarei District Council representation arrangements review, Council having considered and deliberated on the one submission adopt the following final proposal which is the same as the initial proposal:
 - a) The Whangarei District Council comprises 13 councillors, plus the Mayor (this being the existing number);
 - b) The Whangarei District Council retain the current 6 wards, being Mangakahia-Maungatapere, Hikurangi-Coastal, Whangarei Heads, Denby, Okara and Bream Bay;
 - c) That the boundaries of each ward be slightly amended as follows. The maps detailing these boundary adjustments are attached:
 - Increase the Denby Ward and reduce the Whangarei Heads Ward by including areas around Boundary Road into Denby;
 - ii) Increase the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward and decrease Bream Bay Ward by including areas around Austin Road into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward;
 - iii Increase the Denby Ward and reduce the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward by including areas around Whau Valley Road area into Denby Ward;

- iv Increase the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward and decrease the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward by including areas around Three Mile Bush Road into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward;
- v Increase the Bream Bay Ward and decrease the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward by including the areas around Codlin Road into the Bream Bay Ward;
- vi Increase the Okara Ward and decrease the Bream Bay Ward by including the areas around Tauroa Street into the Okara ward:
- vii Increase the Okara Ward and decrease the Denby Ward by including the areas around Kensington Ave into the Okara Ward;
- viii Increase the Hikurangi-Coastal ward and decrease the Denby ward by including the areas around Dip Road into the Hikurangi-Coastal ward.
- d) That no community boards be established.

The reasons for the changes to the boundaries of the wards is to better reflect communities of interest and also to comply with section 19V of the Local Electoral Act 2001, where the population of each ward, when divided by the number of councillors to be elected by that ward, must be no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district divided by the total number of councillors.

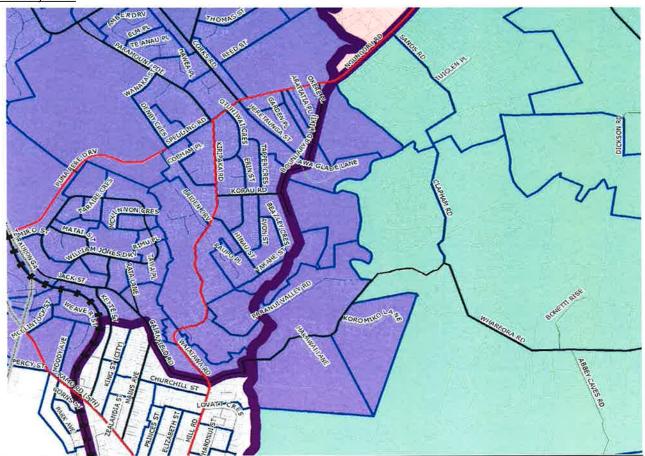
2. That the above final representation arrangements be publicly notified in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Attachments:

Maps showing amendments to boundaries

Initial Proposal – Maps of boundary adjustments

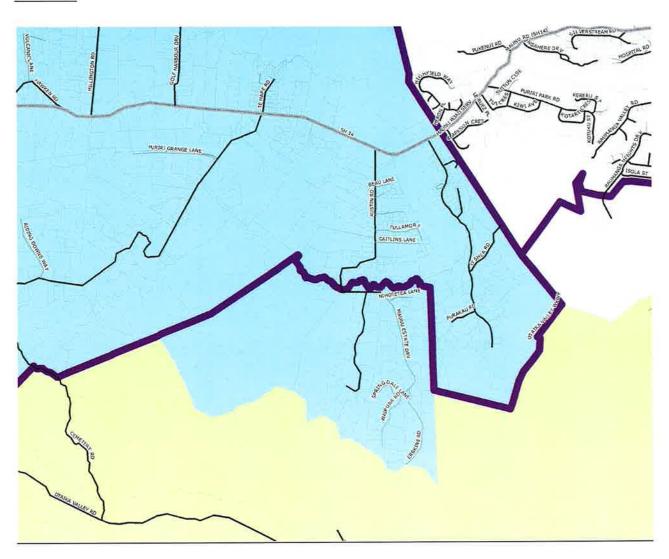
Boundary Road:



LEGEND:

Okara
Whangarei Heads
Hikurangi-Coastal
Mangakahia-Maungatapere
Bream Bay
Current Soundary

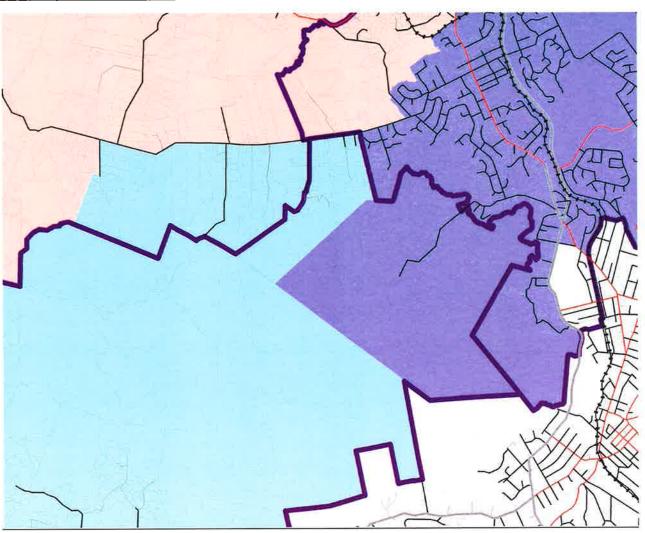
Austin Road:



LEGEND:

Okara
Whangarei Heads
Hikurangi-Coastal
Mangakahia-Maungatapere
Bream Bay
Current Boundary

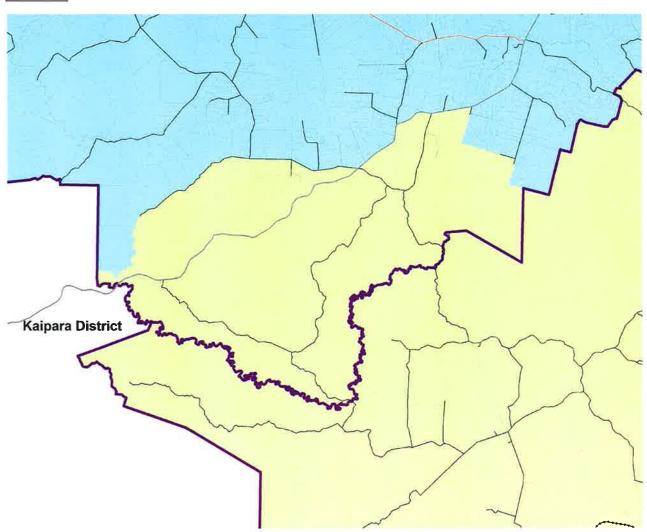
Whau Valley/Three Mile Bush Road:



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Mangakahia-Maungatapere
Bream Bay

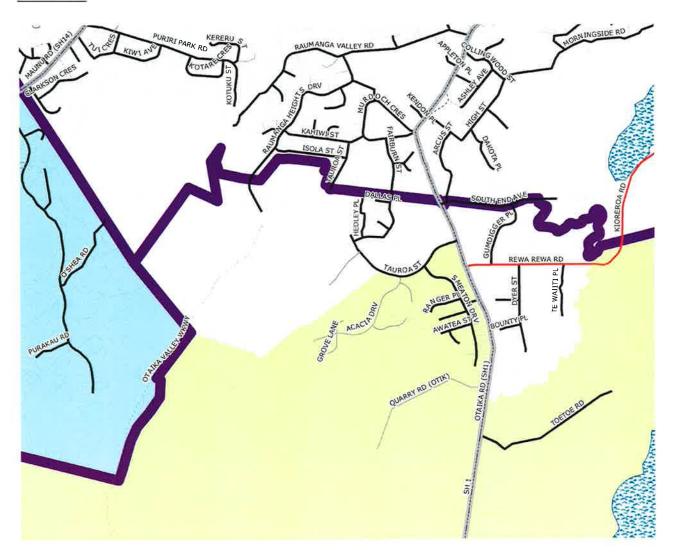
Codlin Road:



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Mangakahia-Maungatapere
Bream Bay
Current Boundary

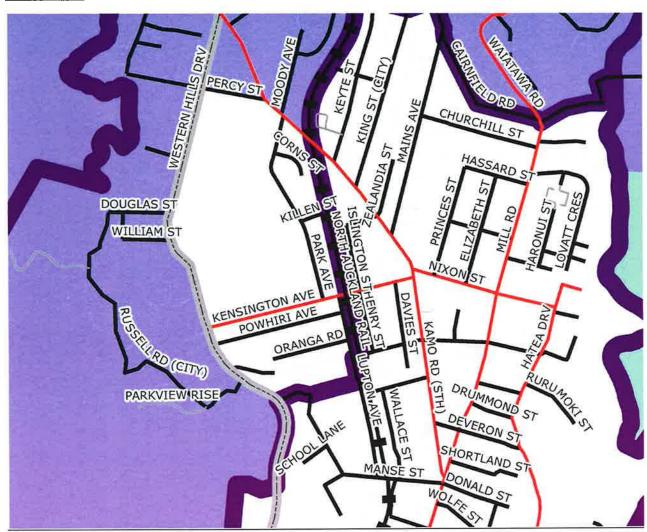
Tauroa Street:



LEGEND:

Okara Whangarei Heads Hikurangi-Coastal Mangakahia-Maungatapere Bream Bay

Kensington Ave:



LEGEND:

Denby Okara

Whangarei Heads

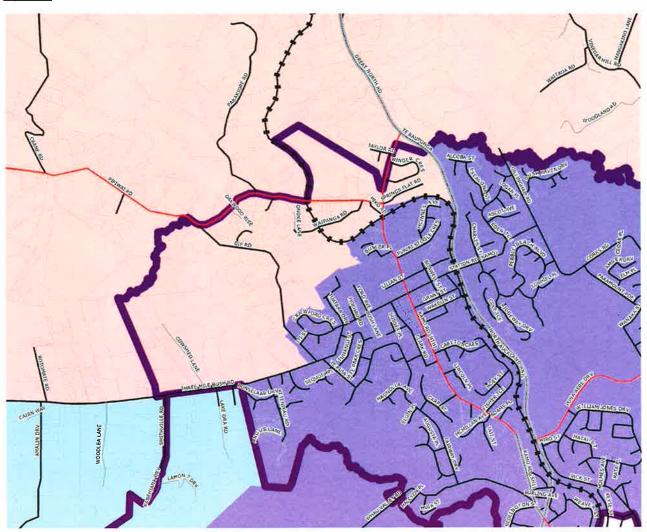
Hikurangi-Coastal

Mangakahia-Maungatapere

Bream Bay

Current Boundary

Dip Road:



LEGEND:

Okara Whangarei Heads Hikurangi-Coastal Mangakahia-Maungatapere Bream Bay