

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 18 May 2023

Time: 11.00am – 11.28am

Venue Council Chambers
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page

Present **Chair:** Mayor Wise
Members: Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Greig, Mawson, McGrath, Price and Tareha

In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Deputy Chief Executive/ Executive Director Corporate Services (Jessica Ellerm)
Executive Director City Services (Lance Titter)
Executive Director City Strategy (Rachel Bailey)
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Pou Whakarae (Mōrehu Te Tomo)
Chief Financial Officer (Caroline Thompson)
Strategic Finance Advisor (Alister Edie)
Manager Business & Tourism (Steve Gregory)
Manager Sport and Recreation (Glenn Lucas)
Libraries Manager (Nicola Saunders)
Team Leader Animal Control (David Whyte)

Administration Governance Advisor (Anna Eady)

Apologies

Councillors Mawson / Browne

That the apologies from Councillors Crown, Simpson and Taylor be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

The McLean Park changing room upgrade project will be complete in time for the 27 May 2023 Warriors game.

Announcements by the management

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

1. FEES AND CHARGES 2023/2024

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Act 2002
<i>Document ID:</i>	1654102
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Alister Edie, Strategic Finance Advisor Caroline Thomson, Chief Financial Officer

1.1 Purpose of Report

To consider the amended fees and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2023.

At the meeting

The Officers spoke to the report. It was noted that there is an error in the proposed fees and charges for The Base Maraenui. The amended fees and charges have been tabled and will be included in the final Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/24.

In response to questions from the Committee it was clarified:

- The difference in the rate at the National Aquarium of New Zealand for local adults and other adults will be looked at as part of a wider business review for the next Long Term Plan. Some facilities have a more commercial focus and are self-funded so have to comply with the funding mechanisms which sit behind them, and it is important not to devalue the experience offered by the facility.
 - The charge for overdue books at the libraries has been removed from the Schedule as from 1 July overdue books will no longer incur a charge, as previously discussed at the 4 May 2023 Napier People and Places Committee meeting.
 - As per the Council's direction, a Senior Citizen and Community Services Card holder concession card for Ocean Spa will be included in the final Schedule.
 - Analysis of senior citizen fees and charges was carried out across all Napier City Council (NCC) facilities. At Ocean Spa the discount given to this group previously was not in line with the rest of NCC's facilities.
 - Ocean Spa gym membership gives members access to the whole facility and to all exercise classes.
 - Ocean Spa is a commercial facility, whereas the Napier Aquatic Facility (Onekawa Pools) is a subsidised community facility. This leads to the difference in pricing.
 - There are inconsistencies in charges for different groups across the aquatic facilities, which have developed over time and with Ocean Spa being managed by an external company. There will be the opportunity to remedy these over time.
 - Senior citizens do not have a concession card available at the Napier Aquatic Centre because they have a special Senior Citizen Super Swim rate of \$1, which is funded by an external community group. This funding has been in place for approximately four years.
 - The new Fees and Charges Schedule will apply from 1 July 2023, but the District Plan is not notified until October 2023. Any resource consents applied for under the new District Plan will comply with the Fees and Charges in place at that time.
 - Fees and charges can be reviewed at any time.
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ACTION – Officers to investigate whether a special consultative process is required to alter the Fees and Charges which fall under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Officer’s Recommendation

That Council:

- a. **Adopt** the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023/24 as specified in the attachment, to take effect from 1 July 2023.
- b. **Note** the Animal Control fees will be publically advertised the month preceding the start of the dog registration year and will apply from the start of the 2023/24 registration year.

**COUNCIL
AMENDED
RESOLUTION**

Mayor Wise / Deputy Mayor Brosnan

That Council:

- a. **Adopt** the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023/24 as specified in the attachment, to take effect from 1 July 2023 subject to:
 - i. senior citizen and Community Services Card holder Ocean Spa concession card rates being added to the Schedule,
 - ii. confirming fees and charges in relation to the Resource Management Act 1991 are not required to go through a special consultative process to comply with section 36 of that Act, and
 - iii. The Base Maraenui fees and charges being updated in the Schedule.
- b. **Note** the Animal Control fees will be publically advertised the month preceding the start of the dog registration year and will apply from the start of the 2023/24 registration year.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 The Base Maraenui – Amended Fees and Charges
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The meeting closed with a karakia at 11.28am

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval