

Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

16 NOVEMBER 2010

Meeting Status: Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY
CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report sets out the process for electing the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Waikanae Community Board in the event that there is more than one nomination for each of the positions, under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The Council's Significance Policy is not triggered by this report.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Section 54(2) and Schedule 7, Clause 25 and 37(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) prescribe the processes for the election of chair and deputy chair of community boards.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 4 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 a community board must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by a system of voting being either System A or System B as outlined below.
- 5 That in electing the Chair and Deputy Chair and in the event that there is more than one nomination for the each of the positions, the Community Board agrees to adopt the procedures as set out in Section 54(2) and Schedule 7, Clause 25 and 37(1) of the Local Government Act:

System A – where the person to be elected or appointed receives the votes of a majority of members present and voting; and where:

- There is a first round of voting for all candidates
- If no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded;
- If no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent round of voting from which each time the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded

- In any round of voting, if two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

System B – which requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and

- There is only 1 round of voting
- If two or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

When an equality of votes needs to be resolved by lot the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes shall be placed in a container and the name of the person drawn out by an independent person shall be deemed to be elected.

Financial Considerations

6 There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

Legal Considerations

7 There are no other legal considerations.

Delegation

8 The Waikanae Community Board has the delegated authority to make a decision.

Consultation and Policy Implications

9 There are no consultation and policy implications.

Publicity Considerations

10 The media is likely to be interested in the decision made by the Council in relation to electing a Chair and Deputy Chair to the Board and a media release will be prepared to this effect.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11 That the Waikanae Community Board adopts system A or B as outlined in Schedule 7, clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2002 for the election of the Board's Chair and Deputy Chair for the 2010-2013 Triennium.

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