

**RESOLUTION FROM COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2015 REGARDING
COUNCIL'S INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

In accordance with section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council made a resolution on 18 June concerning its initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2016 local body elections.

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**2015 REPRESENTATION REVIEW – DECISION ON INITIAL PROPOSAL
(CORP-15-1591)**

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the Council receives the recommendations of the Representation Review Working Party and thanks the Working Party for its efforts, and notes that the preliminary decisions made today will be subject to a formal consultation process in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

CARRIED

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the Council identifies the distinct geographic communities of interest for the Kapiti Coast District are as follows, together with respective reasons:

| Community | Descriptor/Reasons |
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| Ōtaki | Separate township/s with associated rural areas, a major river and its own water supply |
| Waikanae | Separate geographic community of interest, with major river |
| Paraparaumu | Paraparaumu is the largest central community and therefore warrants separate recognition |
| Raumati | Although closely linked geographically with Paraparaumu it identifies itself as a distinct community |
| Paekākāriki | Separate village with a strong community of interest with a natural boundary at Queen Elizabeth Park in the north, and its own water supply |

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the Council shall comprise a Mayor who shall be elected at large and ten (10) Councillors as the most appropriate number of members.

The reasons for this decision include:

- There has been no call from the community to alter the number of members
- This number of members has been working well to provide representation across a District of this size.

CARRIED

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the ten (10) Council members shall be elected as follows:

A mixed system of representation, with 5 members elected from the Wards as follows:

- 1 member from the Ōtaki Ward
- 1 member from the Waikanae Ward
- 2 members from the Paraparaumu Ward (current boundary)
- 1 member from the Paekākāriki-Raumati Ward (current boundary)

- 5 members elected Districtwide,

The reasons for this decision include:

- There has been no signal from the community for arrangements to be changed
- The current mixed system is a familiar one for the community
- The balance of Districtwide and Ward Councillors provide multiple points of access of representation for communities
- Having both Districtwide Councillors and Ward Councillors caters to the dual nature of the Kapiti Coast District. The inclusion of Districtwide Councillors reflects the fact that many council services are funded on a districtwide basis and that the District is developing, while the inclusion of Ward Councillors provides representation for geographically distinct communities of interest and manifests the value the community continues to put on local democracy.

A division was requested:

For the motion: the Mayor, Cr Bell, Cr Cardiff, Cr Gurunathan, Cr D Scott, Cr Elliott, Cr Holborow, Cr Welsh, Cr M Scott

Against the motion: Cr Ammundsen, Cr Gaylor

CARRIED

MOVED (M Scott/Cardiff)

That, pursuant to clause 19V(3)(ii) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council agrees that the boundaries of the Ōtaki Ward and the Waikanae Ward be changed, to match those of the Ōtaki and Waikanae Community Boards, which will involve the addition of the following meshblocks to the existing Waikanae Ward (and removal of same from the Ōtaki Ward): 1883500, 1883600, 1883701, 1883703, 1883807, 1883808, 1883901, 1883902, 1883903, 1883904, 1884801, 1998502, 1998600, 1998700.

The reasons for this decision include:

- There have been repeated and strong requests from affected residents over a number of triennia for Council to address the anomaly
- A change in legislation since the previous review in 2009 allows Council to address the issue and therefore prevent a community from being divided artificially across ward boundaries
- It enhances representation for affected residents by helping them affect political change in their community of interest

CARRIED

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That for the 2016 triennial elections the communities of the Kapiti Coast District will be represented by:

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| Ōtaki Community Board | 4 elected members and 1 Ward Councillors |
| Waikanae Community Board | 4 elected members and 1 Ward Councillors |
| Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board | 4 elected members and 2 Ward Councillors |
| Paekākāriki Community Board | 4 elected members and 1 Ward Councillors |

The reasons for this decision include:

- There has been no request for change from the community
- The four Community Boards have been working well and have a positive relationship with Council
- The Council and community have previously signalled their support for structures that support local democratic decision-making such as Wards and Community Boards
- Having Community Boards provides a choice of elected representatives for the respective communities to approach

CARRIED