

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Extraordinary meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 14 February 2024, commencing at 10.15am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Geoff Crawford
Deputy Chairperson, Tui Shortland (*via audio-visual link*)
Councillors:
John Blackwell
Joe Carr
Jack Craw
Peter-Lucas Jones
Amy Macdonald (*via audio-visual link*)
Marty Robinson
Rick Stolwerk

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer
Pou Taumatua - GM Corporate Services
Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement
Pou Whakaritenga - GM Regulatory Services
Group Manager - Community Resilience
Governance Specialist (x2)

Part Meeting

Independent Financial Advisor (*via audio-visual link*)
Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao - GM – Biosecurity
Pou Tiaki Taiao - Group Manager Environmental Services
Corporate Planning Specialist
Digital Co-ordinator
Māori Engagement & Governance Support Administration

Secretarial Note: The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.15am and proceedings commenced with a karakia by Councillor Jones.

Ngā whakapāha/Apologies (Item 1.0)

There were no apologies.

Nga whakapuakanga/Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)

It was advised that councillors should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Governance structure review and actions (Item 5.1)

Report from Gavin Dawson, Governance Specialist

Moved (Stolwerk/Jones)

1. That the report 'Governance structure review and actions' by Gavin Dawson, Governance Specialist and dated 31 January 2024, be received.
2. That the Audit and Risk Committee and its membership be disestablished.
3. That the Property and Investment Committee and its membership be disestablished.
4. That the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee be established.
5. That the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee terms of reference be adopted (*included as **Attachment 3** pertaining to Item 5.1 of the 14 February 2024 extraordinary council meeting agenda*).
6. That the following elected members are appointed to the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee:
 - Cr Peter Lucas (Chair of Committee)
 - Cr John Blackwell (Committee Member)
 - Cr Joe Carr (Committee Member)
 - Cr Jack Craw (Committee Member)
 - Chair Geoff Crawford (ex-officio Member).
7. That the Infrastructure Committee be established.
8. That the Infrastructure Committee terms of reference be adopted (*included as **Attachment 2** pertaining to Item 5.1 of the 14 February 2024 extraordinary council meeting agenda*).
9. That the following elected members are appointed to the Infrastructure Committee:
 - Cr Joe Carr (Chair of Committee)
 - Cr John Blackwell (Committee Member)
 - Cr Geoff Crawford (Committee Member).

Carried

(Councillors Blackwell, Carr, Crawford, Jones and Shortland voted in favour of the motion. Councillors Craw, Macdonald, Robinson and Stolwerk voted against the motion)

Secretarial Note:

- *The appointments to the Infrastructure Committee left an intentional vacancy in the membership of the committee. This was to enable the flexibility to temporarily second a councillor who had expertise in a specific area.*
- *Clarification was provided that the Infrastructure Committee had delegated authority to establish and disestablish working groups to address specific matters within the ambit of the committee's business. This did not extend to the establishment and disestablishment of working groups in general.*

Review of Councillor Portfolios (Item 5.2)

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Specialist

Secretarial Note: As per Standing Order 23.3 'Motions expressed in parts' it was requested that the motion expressed in parts be decided part by part.

Moved (Carr/Jones)

1. That the report 'Review of Councillor Portfolios' by Chris Taylor, Governance Specialist and dated 31 January 2024, be received.

Carried

It was further moved (Jones/Carr)

2. That council confirms the following councillor portfolios:

Memberships / Delegation	Councillor
Kaipara Moana Working Party	Cr T Shortland and Cr P Jones
Northland Conservation Board	Cr G Crawford
Shareholder representative for Northland Marsden Maritime Holdings Ltd <i>(delegating all necessary authority to represent the council's interest including but not limited to exercising council's vote)</i>	Chair of council
Shareholder representative for Northland Inc Ltd <i>(Delegating all necessary authority to represent the council's interest including but not limited to exercising the council's</i>	Chair of council
Shareholder representative on Regional Software Holdings Ltd. <i>(Delegating all necessary authority to represent the council's interest including but not limited to exercising the council's</i>	Chair of council
Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA)	Chair of council
Zone one (LGNZ)	Chair of council

Carried

(Councillors Blackwell, Carr, Craw, Crawford, Jones, Robinson, Macdonald, Shortland voted in favour of the motion. Councillor Stolwerk voted against the motion)

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

3. That council notes that councillor portfolios for Appeals on the Regional Plan and for the Northland Sports Facilities Plan are no longer required.

Carried

(Unanimously)

Review of Elected Members' Remuneration (Item 5.3)

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Specialist

Secretarial Note: As per Standing Order 23.3 'Motions expressed in parts' it was requested that the motion expressed in parts be decided part by part.

Moved (Jones/Craw)

1. That the report 'Review of Elected Members' Remuneration' by Chris Taylor, Governance Specialist and dated 5 February 2024, be received.

Carried

It was further moved (Jones/Craw)

2. That based on the allocation of responsibilities and Methodology One, outlined in the body of the report, council approves and recommends the following distribution of the governance remuneration pool to the Remuneration Authority as follows:

Office	Positions	Remuneration (\$)	Total (\$)
Deputy Chairperson	1	80,619	80,619
Chairperson of the Regional Transport Committee and Chairperson of the Infrastructure Committee	1	73,619	73,619
Chairperson of the Audit Risk and Finance Committee	1	71,819	71,819
Chairperson of the Whangarei Public Transport Working Party	1	72,419	72,419
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	4	70,618.5	282,475
Total	8		580,951

An amendment was moved (Carr/Shortland)

2. That based on the allocation of responsibilities and Methodology Three, outlined in the body of the report, council approves and recommends the following distribution of the governance remuneration pool to the Remuneration Authority as follows:

Office	Positions	Remuneration (rounded \$)	Total (rounded \$)
Deputy Chairperson	1	84,556	84,556
Chairperson of the Regional Transport Committee and	1	73,056	73,056

Chairperson of the Infrastructure Committee			
Chairperson of the Audit Risk and Finance Committee	1	71,256	71,256
Chairperson of the Whangarei Public Transport Working Party	1	71,856	71,856
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	4	70,056	280,226
Total	8		580,951

Carried

(Councillors Carr, Crawford, Jones, Macdonald, Robinson and Shortland voted in favour of the motion. Councillors Blackwell and Stolwerk voted against the motion).

Secretarial Note: The Chair then put the substantive motion which was carried. Councillors Carr, Crawford, Jones, Macdonald, Robinson and Shortland voted in favour of the motion. Councillors Blackwell and Stolwerk voted against the motion.

It was further moved (Craw/Jones)

3. That the higher duties allocation, as approved by council, and the necessary supporting information be provided to the Remuneration Authority prior to 23 February 2024.

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 11.24am

Confirmed as a true and correct record 27 February 2024



Chair Geoff Crawford