

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES

COUNCIL

MEETING

HELD 26 JULY 2018

MDC 18/506 REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION – INITIAL PROPOSAL

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 6 July 2018 presenting to Council options for its initial proposal for representation, for consideration and adoption for public consultation.

PART ONE: COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees that identifiable communities of interest exist below District level in the Manawatū District and that these are:

- 1. The township of Feilding and adjacent urban environs**
- 2. The rural parts of the district surrounding the township of Feilding, being predominantly hill country to the north, and rolling country and coastal areas to the south including the rural communities and villages within those parts of the district.**

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Hilary Humphrey

CARRIED

PART TWO: EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION – ALL MEMBERS ELECTED AT LARGE

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees that electing all members “at large” would not achieve effective representation due to the identification of geographically distinct communities of interest below District level.

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

PART THREE: EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION – SOME MEMBERS ELECTED AT LARGE

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees that electing some members at large would not achieve effective representation.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor Helen Worboys

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Cameron

CARRIED

PART FOUR: EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION – NO MEMBERS ELECTED AT LARGE

RESOLVED

1. That the Council agrees that electing all members from Wards would achieve effective representation.
2. That the Council proposes that the Council comprises ten members and a Mayor, to be elected from two Wards. The two Wards to reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Community of Interest
Ward One	The rural parts of the district surrounding the township of Feilding, being predominantly hill country to the north, and rolling country and coastal areas to the south including the rural communities and villages within those parts of the district
Ward Two	The township of Feilding and adjacent urban environs

The population that each member will represent is:

Two Wards 5 members elected from Ward One 5 members elected from Ward Two				
	Est. Population at 30 June 2017	No. of members	Electors per member	% difference from quota
Ward One	14,150	5	2,830	-6.45
Ward Two	16,100	5	3,220	6.45
TOTAL	30,250	10	3,025	

Moved by: Councillor Shane Casey

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Council proposes that the two wards be called the Feilding Ward and the Rural Ward.

Moved by: Councillor Alison Short

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss

CARRIED

PART FIVE: COMMUNITY BOARDS

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees that:

- **It is not in the best interests of the Manawatū District to establish community boards; and**
- **Effective representation would not be enhanced by establishing community boards having considered the identified communities of interest in terms of distinctiveness, representation, access and effective governance; and**
- **Having confirmed the establishment of Wards, that Ward elected councillors are likely to provide sufficient representation of communities of interest and therefore will ensure adequate mechanisms of representation and access between elected members and the population.**

Moved by: Councillor Barbara Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss

CARRIED