

Election of Chair 2020/2021

Meeting: Taharoa Domain Governance Committee
Date of meeting: 11 August 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To elect an Iwi representative as the Committee Chair for the 2020/2021 year.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

The role of Chair for the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee alternates between Council and Iwi representatives. For the 2020/2021 year, an Iwi representative is to be elected.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee:

- a) Adopts voting system A **OR** voting system B and agrees that in the event of a tie the candidate elected shall be resolved by lot.

[Once the voting system has been agreed—]

- b) Elects _____ as Chair of the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee for the 2020/2021 year.

Context/Horopaki

The Taharoa Domain Governance Committee was first established in 2002 with a rotating Chair elected annually by the Committee. It has been the Committee's practice to alternate between Council and Iwi representatives. This is also included in the current Committee Terms of Reference, which states that the role of Chair 'will rotate between the elected member appointed by the Mayor and Iwi representative to be elected at the first meeting following 01 July'.

The Committee is due for rotation to an Iwi representative to serve as Chair at this meeting, being the first meeting of the Committee after 01 July. Councillor Larsen served as the Chair from November 2019 to now. Previously, Ric Parore served as the Chair for the 2018/2019 year.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

In accordance with the Kaipara District Council Standing Orders 5.6, there are two voting systems that the Committee could adopt for the election of a new Chair. Voting system B is recommended for a committee of this size.

Voting system A:

- a) There is a first round of voting for all candidates.
- b) If no candidate is elected in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded.
- c) If no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and so on. Each time the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded.
- d) If, in any round, two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

Voting system B (recommended):

- a) A person is elected if they receive more votes than any other candidate.
- b) There is only one round of voting.

- c) If two or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

If a resolution by lot is required, the names of two candidates with the same number of votes will be placed in a container and an independent person will draw the lot and declare the result.

Financial implications

There are no changes to the Committee member remuneration or expenses. Meetings will continue to be held within existing budgets allocated in the Annual and Long Term Plans.

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

The new Chair will assume their role immediately after the decision, including for the remainder of the meeting on 11 August 2020. Councillor Larsen will resume his role as Chair on 01 July 2021.