

# Finance – Kaiwaka Can Community Targeted Rate requested

## Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That Kaipara District Council:

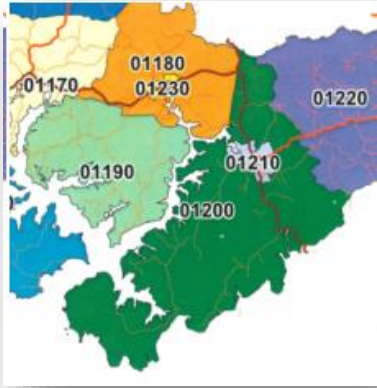
- a) Notes the request to consult for a targeted rate for Kaiwaka Can
- b) Notes the \$100,000 for McClean Park and \$586,000 for Rangiora Road that Kaiwaka is allocated in year 1 of this 2024-2027 Long Term Plan

***These recommendations do not change what was proposed in the Long Term Plan 2024-2027 Consultation Document.***

### Introduction:

Community Groups like Kaiwaka Can are finding it harder to obtain funds and want to have an annual income so they can attend to smaller projects without asking for more cash from the community or Council.

Notes the request to consult came too late for the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.

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| <p><b>Kaiwaka Can Submissions are summarised below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kaiwaka Can want a targeted rate of up to \$40-\$60 to use for building and developing new facilities and maintaining and upgrading existing community facilities.</li> <li>▪ Kaiwaka Can also want to be able give grants to community groups within the Kaiwaka Mangawhai wards.</li> <li>▪ Kaiwaka Can want Council to look at consulting on projects relating to McLean Park.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Options and Assessments</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Kaiwaka Can have suggested a targeted rate for \$40 over 1,144 properties (roll areas identified) which equals \$45,760 pa. The dark green area equates to 1,144 properties.</p> <p>Council currently provides funds for maintenance through the parks budget for parks. Kaiwaka Can don't own any buildings. This community is growing, however, receives a great deal of financial contributions which are directed to the community and generally to the</p> |

projects that Kaiwaka Can supports, through financial contributions. Grants can be applied for through Council and Council does not provide funds to donate to community groups for them to allocate themselves. The current grants process is managed by staff to ensure criteria are met and that the work is actually completed. There are further risks in providing cash to community groups for their own use without following up on allocation and work completed.

The Community and Engagement Adviser for Kaiwaka is involved in the current allocation of funds for McLean Park and works closely with Kaiwaka Can to ensure their projects are included in Council's list of projects (currently \$100,000 included in the LTP Year 1). There is also \$586,000 allocated towards the Rangiora Road project.

Note that to create a targeted rate, consultation is required to be completed with the specific community. Given the timing of the request from Kaiwaka Can, Council does not have the option of approving a targeted rate as part of this LTP.

### **Impact of recommendation on the LTP (financial and non-financial)**

No change to the LTP as provision for projects and maintenance is already covered in Council costs. Another targeted rate proposed of \$40 on Kaiwaka ratepayers may make rates unaffordable for these residents.

### **Policy Implications**

Financial Contributions received have to be spent 90% in the area they are received so Kaiwaka won't miss out on having amenities with its growing community needs. There are policies surrounding providing grants to community groups to distribute as grants and Kaiwaka Can could make application.

### **Conclusion drawn:**

Kaiwaka Can's proposal duplicates some responsibilities of Council. If this group do not feel their financial contributions are being spent in the right areas or Council is not actioning maintenance, then they can discuss this with elected members or use the normal service request system.