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I wish to speak to Council about my submission

Yes

Introduce a targeted or differential rate on the District Roding Rate -

Which option do you prefer? :

Option 2 (our preferred option)

My comments on this proposal

Good luck though, the forestry industry are not in a good financial position themselves.

Te Kūiti flooding remedies

Option 2 - Build retention ponds, storm- water modelling and capacity improvement planning long term (preferred)

My comments on Te Kūiti flooding remedies

Landowners affected by the retention ponds should be called for a meeting together rather than approached individually.

Funding and future of our Rural Halls - what should we do?

Option 2 - Transfer ownership of Council halls to community groups (preferred)

Your comments on the funding and future of our Rural Halls

With the caveat, if a local community doesn't buy into taking over the hall, then the hall should be eligible for minimal rate funding.

Elder persons housing - how should we fund it?

Option 1 - Status quo - ratepayers subsidise elder persons housing

Elder persons housing - is Council the best provider for elder persons housing?

Option 2 - Explore options to transition elder persons housing to a provider (preferred)

Your comments on elder persons housing

Elderly people in the council flats are generally vulnerable citizens and I approve my rates to subsidise their rent. I agree to exploring

other ownership options and to come back to the ratepayers with the findings before a final decision is made.

Update the Te Kūiti Stormwater Rating Area

Option 1 - Status quo - Keep the current rating area

Your comments on updating the Te Kūiti Stormwater Rating Area

I can only speak to our Uncle Steve Hetet's land that is contiguous with land that we farm and maybe affected by the extra stormwater rate. I say maybe as the the map in the LTP booklet and the map posted to us as an A4 have different boundary lines. I telephoned the council 3 days (Mon - Wed) in a row asking for verification what stormwater network Uncle Steve's land was connected/contributing to the stormwater. On the 3rd call I was advised that the CEO would get back to me by the end of the week. The CEO did call me on the Friday, but he didn't have an answer. Uncle Steve's land has an old woolshed on it only and I would suggest his land is making a significant contribution as a soak field. I still would like an answer to the location of the stormwater infrastructure that Uncle Steve's land is benefiting from.

Simplifying the rates structure

Option 1 - Status quo - continue with current rates structure

Your comments on simplifying the rates structure

Only because the 'simplifying' sounds complicated, this is also after reading the proposal in the LTP booklet.

Conversation: Impact of retaining 3 Waters

I agree with keeping the status quo with investing “as and when needed”

I agree with installing water meters

Your comments on our approach to how we will deliver our 3 Waters services

From experience, once a water meter is installed you are incentivised to fix any leaks.

What do you think about our plans for projects and activities?

I am against another reservoir in Hetet St. It is a huge expenditure for the existing ratepayers. Water meters will mitigate the extra storage requirements, as well as less demand for more water from our projected declining population. With a forecasted smaller ratepayer base in the future, the debt, ongoing repairs and maintenance will be another expense the present and future community can't afford.

What do you think about our plans for finances and rates?

John, in 2019 you ran on a no rate rises campaign and the sky was falling when the 2018 council projected a 2.5% rate rise. You said you were experienced, so you would've known, or at least should've known the costs with running a council. I suspect you will say there are unexpected costs but every council, always, has unexpected costs.

Do you have any other feedback on our Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034? (for example our landfill and sludge disposal)

Landfill and sludge disposal are works in progress and you will engage with the community with options, I'm comfortable with this approach. Unrelated to the LTP but my opinions as follows: I'm disappointed of the development of the Brook Park sections. Will they be affordable housing? I'm dismayed at the lack of progress with the Lawrence St sections when there was so many glowing articles with the mayor about this affordable housing project. It was a shame you didn't co-fund with The Lines Co heating for Waitomo homes, especially when you had funding available. It doesn't matter if homes are owned by landlords, you will have warmer and healthier homes for Waitomo residents. Surely, good housing stock and a healthy population is a benefit to everyone. Thank you for getting behind the NZ Shears Committee to support them with the Running of the Sheep Day. Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Long Term Plan. Lorrene Te Kanawa

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