



# Opotiki District PANUI

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## Summary Statement of Proposal of Draft Annual Plan 2007 - 2008

### What is different?

The 2006 Ten Year Community Plan indicated for the 2007/08 year there would be an increase of 6.78% in the general rate revenue with the total rate revenue increasing 4.86%. We have made a number of adjustments to the estimates including:



**Opotiki Wharf.** Council staff have noticed significant deterioration of the concrete piles on the wharf. \$15,000 has been provided to repair and prevent further damage occurring.

**Environmental Planning.** A number of planned environmental research projects have been delayed resulting in reduced expenditure of \$24,000.

**Communications.** Councils budget for public communications has been decreased by \$10,000 reflecting a reduction in major projects.

**Playgrounds.** Funds of \$10,000 has been provided for maintenance and upgrade of existing playground equipment.



**Visitor Information Centre.** Improvements to the office leased by Department of conservation are planned. Council has provided \$60,000 to also upgrade the adjoining Visitor Information Office at the same time.



**Library.** A review of library services and facilities is scheduled to take place 2007/08. It is proposed that any subsequent capital works be delayed by one year to decrease this years funding requirements.

**Sale yard.** Council purchased the Opotiki sale yards knowing that some site investigations and remediation would required before development could take place. Funds of \$10,000 have been provided for a report on contamination from an old stock dip area on the property.

**Building Act Accreditation.** \$40,000 has been provided to ensure Council continues to meet legislative requirements under the Building Act.

**Depreciation for capital works.** Council staff have developed a formula which enables better use of depreciation for funding capital works.

**Fun Unplugged.** Funds of \$22,000 have been provided to enable continuation of the successful Tourism and Promotions project fun unplugged.

**Fees and Charges.** A review of Council fees and charges has seen an increase of between 3% and 10%. This compares favourably with 20-40% increases in some other districts.



With these, and some other minor adjustments Council has achieved a draft rate revenue requirement of:

**General rate revenue increase 2.43%**  
**Total rate revenue increase 2%.**

### WHO CARES? . . . WE DO.

The Draft Annual Plan is Council's way of telling us how they propose to spend the money they collect through rates and inviting us to say what we think.

Our Council has been charged with collecting and spending the money that residents contribute towards our district but, when it comes to how that money is spent, what services are provided, what our future projects are, we all have an interest, and many of us care. The Draft Annual Plan is our opportunity to have a say on how our district is run by making a submission.

There are a number of things to remember when considering the Draft Annual Plan:

#### The Annual Plan supports the Ten Year Community Plan:

Last year we undertook the preparation of a ten year plan. This outlines the outcomes the community wants for its future (community outcomes) and how Council will help to achieve them, the special projects and proposals for 2006 to 2016, the funds required and how they will be obtained.

This Draft Annual Plan highlights any proposed changes to what is stated in that plan and explains why and what impact that will have on rates. It also explains proposed changes to the liquor control bylaw.

#### Council represents the collective community:

It helps to consider the impact your suggestion will have on others in the community. Council endeavors to reach a balance in all its decisions and it helps if you can explain why and how many people are affected by the issue.

#### Council considers all information available:

Often there are complex technical, financial or social implications to be considered. It is very likely that Council has carried out a considerable amount of research and

sought expert opinion before making a proposal. This information is weighed and considered alongside public submissions and may on occasion, tip the scale against majority opinion. Most information is available to the public on request and staff can also help clarify some of the factors that could influence Council's decision on an issue.

#### Suggestions help:

Offering a solution or alternative proposal helps to explain your position and also enables Council to offer a constructive answer to your submission.

#### Submission period:

Council calls for submissions from the public every year around April and May. This is the time to alert Council to any projects that may require council involvement or issues which may arise within or beyond the next twelve months. The time to make your submission this year is between April 24 and May 29.

#### Submission Process:

You can make your submission by writing a letter, filling in the submission form provided, or download as submission form from the Council website [www.odc.govt.nz](http://www.odc.govt.nz), or email to [info@odc.govt.nz](mailto:info@odc.govt.nz). Extra forms are available from Council Offices.

It is important to provide accurate address daytime phone details. Council will acknowledge receipt of your submission and invite you to meet council to further explain your thoughts.

Council will consider all submissions and other facts and research and make a decision on each submission over the following week and not long after that you will receive a written response advising you of the reason for the final decision made.

## Statement from the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Draft Annual Plan 2007 - 2008 highlights the progress Opotiki District Council will make towards achieving the goals contained in the Opotiki District Community Plan 2006 - 2016. The Plan provides details of the budget for the year, describes the impact of funding requirements on future years and also explains any changes or variances from the Long Term Community Plan.

The way Opotiki District Council operates is a matter of importance to all those who live or have an interest in the Opotiki District. This information is provided to enable our communities and stakeholders to consider and comment on the way we plan to manage the budget, key projects, and the day to day operations of Council. The submission period will close 29 May, 2007 and we look forward to your involvement and participation.

Council is prepared to recognise and make the most of opportunities as they arise and this plan highlights a number of new projects which have not been factored into the Community Plan.

One such opportunity is the Fun Unplugged project which has resulted in positive publicity for our district. It has

also provided opportunities for our clubs and community organisations to raise funds, for people to get involved in small business and has encouraged families from far and near, to unplug from electronics and plug into Opotiki's natural resources and old fashioned family fun. Council has made provision in this year's budget for this project to continue.

In 2007 Council also took the opportunity to purchase the Opotiki Sale Yard as an investment for further growth. The property purchase will be funded from accumulated surpluses with negligible impact on rates. However, a site report is required and provision has been made for this.

This year Council is working with the Department of Conservation to upgrade the building that houses the DOC office and Visitor Information Centre office. This work is being funded by way of loan and rental.

Central Government has dictated a new regime for the management of building inspection and control. As a result Council will be required to meet a significant number of standards in order to become an accredited agency under the Building Act. The burden of this cost

is to be met by rates in the coming year but will be off set by increases in fees and charges. The scheduled library review will be moved out one year to accommodate this unforeseen cost.

Our long term projects continue to make good ground with ongoing improvements to roading and infrastructure and the development of the Opotiki Harbour Entrance entering stage 3, (consents and appeals) in early 2008.

The Community Plan indicated for the 2007/08 year there would be an increase of 6.78% in the general rate revenue with the total rate revenue increasing 4.86%. However, in the year 2007 to 2008 Council intends to achieve much the same rate of progress within a 2.43% increase in the general rate revenue and a total rate revenue increase of 2%.

Council continues to work towards the growth and development of the Opotiki District and to protect and enhance the character and features our communities' value. Our partnership with the people of the district is essential to our success and we look forward to hearing your comments on our operations for the year 2007 to 2008.



**John Forbes**  
Mayor of Opotiki



**Vaughan Payne**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Council's Main Focus Areas

### 1 Economic Growth

- Opotiki Harbour Development
- District Plan review and implementation
- Providing visitor and business investment information and support
- Supporting local and regional business growth and workforce development
- Promotion of activities to increase visitors, including historic precinct development

### 2 Quality of Life

- Provision of infrastructure e.g. roads, water, stormwater, waste management
- Increasing the quality of parks and recreation facilities
- Advocacy with and on behalf of Opotiki communities to central government

### Joint Council Organisation Proposed

Opotiki District Council and other Local Authorities of the Bay of Plenty Region are proposing to establish a new Council Controlled Organisation which may undertake some of the many activities they have in common, such as, contracting valuations, aerial photography, information collection and management. It is envisaged that considerable savings can be achieved by sharing information and skills and increased purchasing power.

## What are rates likely to be?

The following is an indication of the rates in various areas. These are estimates only. They include GST but exclude any charges from Environment BOP. Variations or any changes made to the budgets as a result of consultation on the Draft Annual Plan will change these indicative rates.

Residential Property and properties less than 25ha located at	Valued at \$100,000	Valued at \$150,000	Valued at \$200,000	Valued at \$300,000	Valued at \$500,000
Opotiki Township (includes water, sewerage & rubbish collection)	1,363	1,495	1,628	1,893	2,424
Woodlands (includes water & rubbish collection)	1,098	1,230	1,363	1,628	2,159
Rural Areas (Waiotahi-Waioeka Ward and Coast Ward)	710	843	976	1,241	1,772
Te Kaha (includes Water)	981	1,114	1,247	1,512	2,043
Waihau Bay (includes sewerage)	1,030	1,163	1,296	1,561	2,092
Property from 25ha to 100ha located at	Valued at \$300,000	Valued at \$500,000	Valued at \$1,000,000	Valued at \$1,500,000	Valued at \$2,000,000
Rural Areas (Waiotahi Waioeka Ward and Coast Ward)	1,321	1,772	3,365	4,824	6,284
Property over 100ha located at	Valued at \$500,000	Valued at \$1,000,000	Valued at \$2,000,000	Valued at \$2,500,000	Valued at \$3,000,000
Rural Areas (Waiotahi Waioeka Ward and Coast Ward)	1,971	3,497	6,549	8,075	9,601

## Council's Main Focus Areas

### 3 Strong Community Spirit

- Bi-annual community awards event and community day
- Promotion and support for community events
- Creation of new events centre

### 4 Environmental Quality

- District Plan review and implementation
- Creation of the Town Centre as an historic precinct
- Maintenance and enhancement of parks and reserves
- Partnership with community groups and Environment BOP to undertake environmental restoration projects

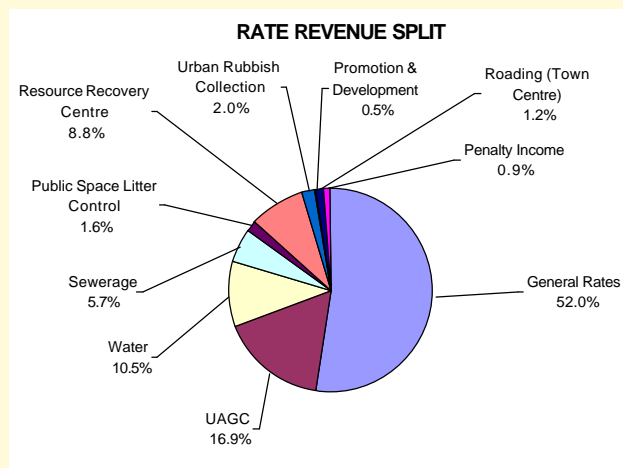
## New Projects

A number of new projects have been proposed by sectors of our community. The cost of these projects have not been factored into the Draft Annual Plan. Council wants your feedback on whether these projects should be incorporated in the 2007/08 budget.

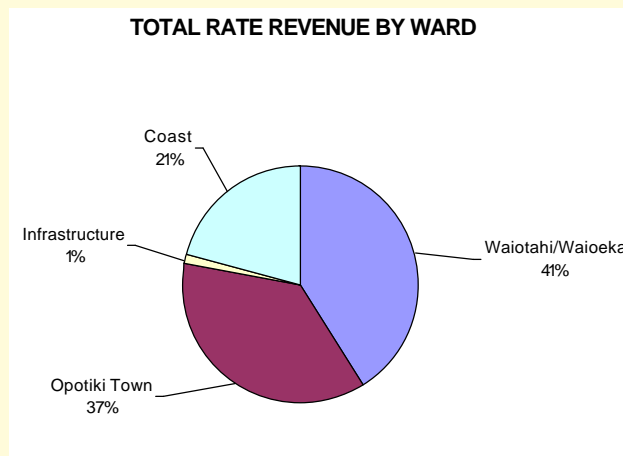
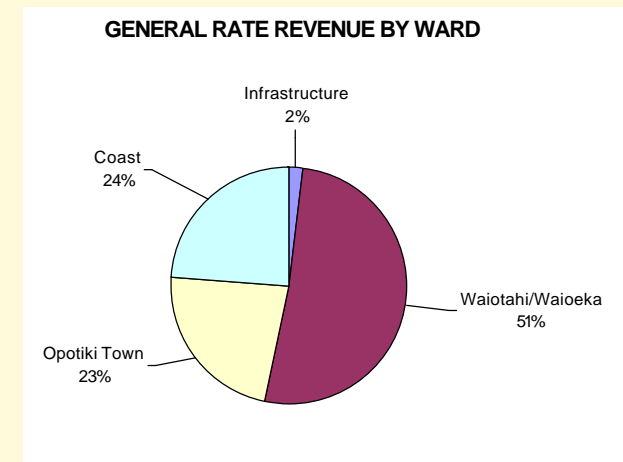
- Central business district security cameras.
- Dip Road foot path
- Creation of a destination playground.
- Development of a town to beach walkway

(need more detail on costs and impacts)

## Where do our rates dollars go?



## Where do our rates dollars come from?



## Statement of Proposal for Changes to Opotiki District Liquor Control Bylaw

Proposed amendments to the existing Liquor Control Bylaw will see the current Thursday to Sunday ban on drinking in public places within the town centre, extended to cover seven days a week. However, the prohibition can be waived for special events on application to the Council.

The amendments will remove existing confusion by making the bylaw easier to read, administer and enforce.

## Major Capital Projects

Project	Cost (\$)
Omaio Toilet (c/f from 2005/06)	60,000
Ohiwa Toilet	65,000
Waioeka Domain lights	104,100
Waiotahi Domain/Pipi Beds Improvements	30,870
DOC Lease Building Extension	60,000
Vehicles/Plant	108,270
Opotiki/Hikutaia Water supply	68,000
Te Kaha Water Supply	32,032
Opotiki Sewerage	66,200
Roading Programme	953,970

## Find out more about what is proposed.

Public meetings will be held to discuss the proposals within the Draft annual plan and staff will be available to answer your questions and help you make your submissions.

### Te Kaha RSA

Council presentation 2.00 pm, Tuesday, 8 May. Submission assistance Saturday, 12 May, 10 to 12.00 am

### Opotiki District Council Offices

Council presentation 5.00 pm, Wednesday, 9 May. Submission assistance Wednesday, 16 May, 5.00 to 7.00 pm.



# Opotiki District Council Draft Annual Plan 2007 to 2008 Have your say - submission form

**CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENT : THURSDAY MAY 26, 2007**

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Note : Please be aware that submissions form part of the public consultation process for the Community Plan and as such will be reproduced as an attachment to a publicly available Council agenda and remain on Council minute records

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ (day)

email \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your submission form to**

Freepost 259498  
The Chief Executive  
Opotiki District council  
PO Box 44  
Opotiki  
**Or** drop into the Council office at  
108 St John Street  
Opotiki  
**Or** email to [maryanneg@odc.govt.nz](mailto:maryanneg@odc.govt.nz)  
**Or** fax to 07 315 7050

**I/ We wish to be heard in support of my / our submission**

You will be contacted to arrange a time for your hearing on Thursday, 1 June, 2007.

**I / we wish to submit on the following proposals in the Draft Annual Plan**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we support/ oppose (delete one) these proposals for the following reasons**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

**I / we request that Council make the following decisions to address my / our concerns**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we feel the following new projects should / should not be included in this years Annual Plan**

<b>CBD security cameras.</b>	<b>Dip Road foot path</b>	<b>Destination playground.</b>	<b>Town to beach walkway</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Include project	<input type="checkbox"/> Include project	<input type="checkbox"/> Include project	<input type="checkbox"/> Include project
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**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_



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