

## 2.0 Mayor and Chief Executive's Overview



Hamilton continues to grow in diversity and sophistication, featuring increasingly on national and international stages. Council has a strong commitment to forging a positive and vibrant identity for Hamilton. Recent results from the national 2006 Quality of Life and local quarterly residents surveys confirm that Hamiltonians are reporting record high satisfaction about their experience of their city and Council.



At the forefront of current city planning and projects is the future-proofing of Hamilton for ongoing growth and development. Delivering on the 2006-16 Long-Term Plan programme is a high priority for Council and the 2007/08 Annual Plan supports Year 2 of the 10-year plan.

As part of its proactive planning for Hamilton's future, Council has made several amendments and variations to the 2006-16 Long-Term Plan. Undertaking the plan's projects and programmes throughout 2007/08 will result in an average rate rise of 5.94 per cent for existing Hamilton ratepayers. This is less than half a per cent more than what was put forward in the Proposed Annual Plan and is below the 6.08 per cent Council had indicated for the 2007/08 year when producing the Long-Term Plan for the city. The rate rise includes an allowance for inflation of approximately 3 per cent.

Last year, a revaluation of all Hamilton properties resulted in an overall rise in the city's property values. It is a common misconception amongst ratepayers that this results in an increase in total rates received by Council. Rates are allocated to individual ratepayers based on the relative land values of their property proportionate to the city average. The size of the overall rating 'pie' does not change but rather the division of that rating pie amongst ratepayers is adjusted according to land value. All properties in Hamilton are re-valued by Quotable Value New Zealand through a process entirely independent from Council.

Two key changes have been made to Council's Development and Financial Contributions Policy. Firstly, Council has reviewed how much developers pay. Secondly, we have reviewed the rules for how the policy is applied.

Council's Access Hamilton transport strategy continues to be a critical driver in future-proofing the city's roading infrastructure, with a number of key projects scheduled for the 2007/08 financial year.

Work planned for Wairere Drive in 2007/08 includes four-laning from Pukete Road to Avalon Drive and the start of construction on a new section of road from the Hukanui Road Roundabout to Tramway Road (\$9.503m in 2007/08) which received the largest sum of funding assistance (55 per cent) the city has received for any project to date.

City development continues to be a key area of focus for Council, with upgrading of the CBD being a key priority. A new structure plan for the Rotokauri growth cell is also anticipated to be notified in September 2007. Withdrawal of the original structure plan in September 2006 will enable the revised plan to achieve better alignment with CityScope, Access Hamilton and make better provision for community services.

A Structure Plan for the Peacocke area was approved by Council in September 2006 to provide for an urban design-led approach to growth in the south of the city. Notification has been held back, however, to enable details of the Southern Links roading study to be incorporated. This will provide a more integrated and holistic picture of the area's transportation network. The plan is currently being updated to address these issues, with notification anticipated to be in August 2007.

Following a successful city expo information day at Claudelands Events Centre and a public submission process resulting in 201 submissions, Council made decisions on all submissions on 11 June 2007. The final 2007/08 Annual Plan and amendments to Council's 2006-16 Long-Term Plan were adopted on 29 June 2007. A clear opinion was received from Audit New Zealand on the proposed plan and amendments, however they have not provided an opinion on the final documents as there is no legal requirement to do so.

The Claudelands Events Centre redevelopment, including the events arena, exhibition and conference space, is one of the city's most significant public projects for the next 10 years. On adoption of the Annual Plan 2007/08, this project will go ahead as a commercial events-based model after the detailed business plan for the project shifted its focus from the originally proposed community-based model. The change in model will deliver greater connectivity with its immediate surroundings and the central business district plus provide a live performance venue in the city. It also delivers significant reductions in the cost of the project over its operational life.

Council considers it crucial that it is disciplined in considering additional projects and expenditure other than what is outlined in the 2006-16 Long-Term Plan. Through the Proposed Annual Plan submissions process, however, Council received a strong message from the community that heritage is an extremely important issue. In response, Council has allocated \$250,000 in the coming year to consider comprehensive local area heritage plans for the Hamilton East and Frankton areas. Council has also moved \$130,000 from the unfunded to the funded section of the plan to ensure the completion of the first stage of restoration for the Rangiriri river boat. Other significant funding decisions include more money (\$120,000) to complete urgent District Plan changes.

Council extends its thanks to those who made a submission to the Proposed 2007/08 Annual Plan and Proposed Amendments to the 2006-16 Long-Term Plan. The key changes made to both plans as a result of the submission process are outlined in Part A, Section 4.0.

Council's website includes a digital copy of the 2007/08 Annual Plan ([www.hamilton.co.nz/AnnualPlan](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/AnnualPlan)) and the 2006-16 Long-Term Plan ([www.hamilton.co.nz/LongTermPlan](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/LongTermPlan)).



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## Te Tumuaki me Te Rangatira Kaiwhakahaere Tirohanga Whaanui

Kei te tipu tonu te rerenga kee me ngaa hohonutanga mai i ngaa topito katoa o te motu huri noa te Ao whaanui. Ma te Kaunihera e kaha nei te pupuri i ngaa ahuatanga pai o te ingoa o Kirikiriroa. I ahu mai ngaa tirohanga whaanui 2006 ko ngaa ahua reka o ngaa tangata e noho ana ki Kirikiriroa. Tino pai to maatou nei noho ki teenei taaone nui o taatou me ngaa mahi pai o te Kaunihera.

Ko te mea nui ki a maatou i teenei waa ko ngaa kaupapa whakatipu me ngaa mahi ahu whakamua o Kirikiriroa. Ko te kaupapa whai tikanga rawa atu ko Te Tirohanga Whaanui 2006-16 me te kaupapa 2007/08 Mahere Tau, ngaa tau e rua mai te mahere tekau ngaa tau.

Na reira i teenei waa tonu kei te whakatikatika, kei te whakarerekee maatou Te Tirohanga Whaanui 2006-16. Kei te whakapiki ngaa reeti mo ngaa tau 2007/08 ki 5.94 pai heeneti ko ngaa kai reeti katoa o Kirikiriroa. Heke iho wheenei mai te tau 2007/08 i wheera waa 6.08 pai heeneti ngaa whakaritenga o Te Tirohanga Whaanui mo te taaone nei. Ko teenei reeti whakapikinga 3 pai heeneti.

Mai i wheera tau kei te taurite ngaa waariutanga ngaa rawa o Kirikiriroa no te mea kei te whakapiki te utu, pohehe ngaa kai reeti kei te piki ngaa reeti. E ai ki ngaa koorero ko ngaa reeti e wawahi ki teena ki teena o ia tangata e pa ana ki to raatou ake whenua, koina. Na reira ko te rahinga o te 'pie' kaaore e rerekee engari ma te wawahi o ia tangata e pa ana ki to raatou whenua he orite. Ko ngaa rawa katoa o Kirikiriroa kei te waariu mai te 'Quotable Value o Aotearoa' he roopu tu atu i te Kaunihera.

E rua ngaa mea rerekee ki te taha whakatau kaupapa me te kaiwhoatu take whakahaere o te Kaunihera. Tuatahi, ma te Kaunihera e tirohia ano ki te whakautu kaiwhakaahu. Tuarua, e tirohia e maatou ki ngaa whakahaere ture mo te kaupapa nei.

Kei te haere tonu te kaupapa o te Kawe Waka me te maha noa ngaa whakahaere tanga o ngaa tau 2007/08.

Ko ngaa mahi ki te hurahi o Wairere mo ngaa tau 2007/08 e wha ngaa momo huarahi mai a Pukete ki Avalon huarahi. Ano teetehi huarahi hou mai a Hukanui huri haere ki te huarahi o Tramway (\$9.503m ngaa tau 2007/08) e whiwhi nei te nuinga o nga putea (55 pai heeneti) ki teenei waa.

Ko te whakapakari o te taaone nui (CBD) te kaupapa e tirohia te Kaunihera i teenei waa. Ka tuu mai he mahere hou ki Rotokauri i te marama o Hepetema 2007. Ko te kaupapa tuatahi mai te marama Hepetema 2006 ka unuhia ka taea e te 'CityScope, Access o Kirikiriroa te whai waahanga ki ngaa hapori o Kirikiriroa.

E whakaae ana te Kaunihera ki te mahere Peacocke te marama Hepetema 2006 hei whakatipu i te tonga o te taaone nei. Taihoa ake kei te tatari maatou ki ngaa huarahi hono kia kite ai te whaanui o ngaa kawe waka mo teenei rohe. Kei te whakaarohia e maatou a te marama o Akuhata 2007 e tutuki pai te kaupapa nei.

E tutuki pai to maatou Raa puna koorero whai moohio raanei ki Claudelands Taiwhanga me te maha hoki ngaa tuhinga tono mai a koutou 201 te katoatia. Ma te Kaunihera e whakatakoto whakaaro mo ngaa tuhinga tono 11 o Hune 2007. Ko te Raa whakamutunga e taurima ngaa kaupapa o Te Tirohanga Whaanui 2006-16 me te Mahere 2007/08 ko te Raa 29 o Hune 2007. Na te Tari Whakamaata Arotake e

whakaaro ki o maatou tuhi nei engari kaaore he koorero tuatu, no te mea kaaore te ture e meatia.

Ko te Taiwhanga o Claudelands te kaupapa nui rawa atu mo ngaa tau 10 e tuu mai nei, na te mea i whakaarohia e maatou, mai to maatou Mahere 2007/08 hei mahimoni rerekee teena mai te timatanga, ko te kaupapa hapori. Ko te take e wheera ai, ka taea te hono ki ngaa rohe katoa ara, te taha taaone nui (CBD) ka titiro ki te taha whakangahau ki te taaone nui, wheera mea katoa. Ka heke te utu o tana roanga te waa e tuuwhera ana.

Ahakoia ta maatou kaupapa e pa ana ki te Te Tirohanga whaanui 2006-16 me ona nei tikanga ka taea e maatou te tini ki aau koutou pepa tono. Ko te kaupapa taonga tuku iho te tino take mai te hapori o Kirikiriroa. Na reira \$250,000 e tuku maatou mo te tau e tuu mai nei ki ngaa rohe Kirikiriroa ki te Tairawhiti me te rohe Frankton. Kua hunuku te putea \$130,000 kia pai mai te whakahoungia e te poti Rangiriri. He moni ano hei tautoko te whakaotinga o ngaa rohe tikanga (\$120,000).

Nгаа mihinui ki ngaa tangata e tuku tuhinga tono 2007/08 Mahere Tikanga me Te Tirohanga Whaanui 2006-16. Ko ngaa hua mo wheenei kaupapa haere ki te waahanga 'Part A, Section 4.0.'

Ko te ipurangi o te Kaunihera o wheenei pepa e koorerohia nei 2007/08 Mahere Tikanga ([www.hamilton.co.nz/AnnualPlan](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/AnnualPlan)) , Te Tirohanga Whaanui 2006-16, ara ([www.hamilton.co.nz/LongTermPlan](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/LongTermPlan)).



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