



Nelson City Council agrees to move forward with the next steps in adopting its Annual Plan for 2022/23

Nelson City Council has voted not to consult on the Annual Plan 2022/23, as it has remained consistent with last year's Long Term Plan (LTP), including the proposed Year 2 increase in rates requirement remaining at 5.4% and debt levels being similar with what was forecast.

Under the Local Government Act, councils are not required to consult on an annual plan if it does not include significant or material differences from the content of the LTP for that year.

The proposed rates increase would be below the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 5.9%. The Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) will also be reduced by 2% in response to increases in three waters fixed charges.

Staff also considered whether any proposed changes in this Annual Plan would have a negative impact on Council's key priorities set out in the LTP, and no significant impacts were identified.

Mayor Rachel Reese said the report is a strong indication of the consistency and stability of Council's planning processes.

"We received a record number of submissions for our Long Term Plan last year, with over 660 people or organisations providing input. We will continue to concentrate our resources on delivering services to our community as agreed in our Long Term Plan."

The Mayor said consultation is an important element of Council's processes, and public feedback is being sought on major work programmes such as the Future Development Strategy Review and the City Centre Library.

A report to adopt the final Annual Plan and rates for 2022/23 will be brought to Council before the end of June this year. Before this, the Annual Plan's key messages will be communicated to the public through Council's normal channels to ensure everyone is kept informed.

Talk to us about future development in Nelson Tasman

The Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy 2022-52 is open for consultation, and Nelson City Council is running a series of webinars for people who want to ask staff questions before making a submission.

The strategy looks at potential sites for development (for housing and business) in Nelson Tasman, the types of housing we require, and identifies the infrastructure required to support it. To read the consultation document and see maps of the proposed areas, visit: shape.nelson.govt.nz/future-development-strategy

The next webinar is Thursday 24 March at 7.30pm, and there is one more webinar scheduled before consultation closes. If you can't attend a webinar but want to ask Council staff a question about the strategy, email FutureDevelopmentStrategy@ncc.govt.nz.

Although people can talk about any area proposed within the FDS at the webinars listed below, a webinar specifically focussed on sites in the Maitai Valley is planned. Times and dates are to be confirmed.

Thursday 24 March 2022, 7:30pm

Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/84011438698

Monday 28 March 2022, 12:30pm

Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/81489987721

My Vaccine Pass no longer needed for children and young people participating in school sport

Changes to school sport came into force recently through the COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Order.

As of 11:59 pm Saturday 12 March 2022, all children and young people, regardless of their vaccination status, can participate in school-organised teams and groups, or as an individual representing a school in a competition or event. This applies to registered schools only and to events both on and off a school site.

School organised teams, groups and individuals will not be required to show a My Vaccine Pass at school organised sporting events. This change only applies to children and young people—supporting staff, including coaches, student coaches, managers, teachers and parent volunteers are still required to be vaccinated and show a valid My Vaccine Pass if the external venue or facility requires.

When sport takes place outside of school hours or off school grounds, capacity limits will be the same as those for vaccinated events. Under the Red traffic light setting, this means school-organised sporting events are limited to up to 100 people.

These updated rules will apply to Nelson City Council sporting facilities.

You can read the full amendment here: legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2022/0062/latest/LMS658217.html

Have your say on art and creativity in Whakatū

The public is invited to contribute ideas, stories, and knowledge to shape a visionary new Arts Strategy for Nelson Whakatū. Anyone can learn more and have their say at createnelson.nz.

It has been more than 12 years since the city developed an arts strategy, and the creative arts sector has been badly affected by the impacts of COVID-19. The new strategy aims to support innovation and creation in the city over the coming decade and help Nelson realise the full potential of the creative sector and the economic and community wellbeing that it supports.

A working group with Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar, Councillor Pete Rainey and Councillor Tim Skinner is guiding the strategy, which will look at the people, places and potential of the creative sector in Nelson. Input from the community will help develop a shared vision and mission to celebrate and encourage the arts in our city.

The work will be supported by local strategy firm OD&Co with lead facilitators Johny O'Donnell and Ali Boswijk.

We asked members of the working group why a new arts strategy is important to them.

"We punch above our weight with the incredible artists and creators that call our region home. Art and creativity is part of the culture and character of Nelson and a new art strategy will help to support and strengthen their ability to enrich and enliven our city even more," **says Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar.**

"Creativity and the arts are a huge drawcard for people visiting and living in our region. A new arts strategy is important to ensure we

are supporting and growing the social and economic benefits of art and creativity for the whole community, and being smart about how to get the most from our creative sector," **says Councillor Tim Skinner.**

"COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the performing arts with concerts and events cancelled. We need to have a plan to ensure the creative sector stays vibrant in Nelson so we can see the return and development of more events, performances, and festivals for our community to enjoy," **says Councillor Pete Rainey.**

Nelson City Council wants to hear your ideas for improving outcomes for the creative community.

 **To learn more about the new arts strategy and get involved, visit: createnelson.nz**

Tuku 22 extended

Nelson City Council's annual heritage month has been expanded to ensure small, COVID-resilient cultural events can be delivered for Nelson Whakatū.



This year's Tuku 22 will take place over April, May and June to ensure public events have more space between them and have more time to be postponed if needed.

Community and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner says adapting the event's usual timing to make sure it could still go ahead this year is important for celebrating and supporting Nelson.

"The Tuku 22 Whakatū heritage events create a space for telling the diverse stories that weave together to form Nelson's past and offer a deeper understanding of our city, our community, and our heritage.

"Tuku 2021 events had an estimated \$495,000 of economic benefits to Nelson. We're excited to be enabling small events for the community to enjoy, which will also help to revitalise our city in a difficult time."

Tuku 22 Whakatū Heritage Months is a community-focussed series of small events, organised by multiple organisations and community groups with Council support.

The word "Tuku" was gifted by iwi in 2021 and means "to share" or "exchange" in Te Reo Māori. It is an expression of our diverse and unique stories, histories and heritage, and reflects the value of biculturalism in the name that now includes a combination of both Te Reo Māori and English.

Events in the Tuku 22 calendar:

- Cultural Conversations on Hardy Street is showing a series of filmed interviews with recent migrants exploring their struggles, joys and feelings about their new home.
- "Histrionics" is performing a dramatic recreation of the region's first aircraft flight and landing in Stoke just over 100 years ago.
- Community Art Works is celebrating the love of radio with a series of events running up to this year's 90th anniversary of Nelson's first radio station.

 **To learn more and see the full programme of events, visit: itson.co.nz**

MEETINGS

The following meetings of the Nelson City Council have been scheduled.

Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee	24 Mar
9am	
Council	24 Mar
1pm	
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit	25 Mar
9.30am	
Regional Transport Committee	29 Mar
1.30pm	
Infrastructure Committee	31 Mar
9am	
Joint Shareholders Committee	5 Apr
9.30am	
Environment and Climate Committee	7 Apr
9am	
Community and Recreation Committee	12 Apr
9am	
Tenders Subcommittee	13 Apr
9am	
Urban Development Subcommittee	14 Apr
9am	
Chief Executive Employment Committee	22 Apr
10am	

Cancelled Meeting

Environment and Climate Committee - to deliberate on submissions to Urban Environment Bylaw 2015 (No. 225) Review - previously advertised to take place on 24 March 2022 at 1pm, has been cancelled due to the matter being delegated to Council 10 May 2022.

Changes to meetings

Council, previously advertised to take place on 23 March 2022 at 11am will now take place on 24 March 2022 at 1pm

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



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