



451ST MEETING OF THE
MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Membership of the Council:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Cr Russell Armstrong
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Noel Jackson
Cr James Leslie
Cr Graham Smith
Cr Evan Williams

*Notice is given of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Mackenzie
District Council to be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at
9.30am.*

VENUE: Council Chambers, Fairlie

BUSINESS: As per the attached agenda.

WAYNE BARNETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Agenda for Thursday July 23, 2015, at 9.30am

OPENING AND APOLOGIES

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

REPORTS:

1. REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2015

ADJOURNMENTS:

10.30AM MORNING TEA
12.00PM LUNCH
3:00PM AFTERNOON TEA

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2015

MEETING DATE: 23 JULY 2015

REF: PAD 1/1/2015

FROM: MANAGER OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

For Council to adopt the initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2016 elections, for public notification and submissions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Council approves the following as its initial proposal for the 2015 review of representation arrangements:
 - i. the membership of the Mackenzie District Council shall be six Councillors plus the Mayor (being the status quo);
 - ii. Mackenzie District shall be divided into two wards, being the Opuha Ward and the Pukaki Ward (being the status quo);
 - iii. three members shall be elected for each of the Opuha and Pukaki Wards (being the status quo);
 - iv. the ward boundaries are depicted in Appendix A to this Report;
 - v. there shall be three community boards, being Fairlie Community Board, Tekapo Community Board, and Twizel Community Board;
 - vi. four members shall be elected from each Community Board area for each of the Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel Community Boards, and one member shall be appointed to each Community Board by Council (being the status quo);
 - vii. the community board boundaries are depicted in Appendix B to this Report, being:
 - Twizel Community Board (unchanged);

- Tekapo Community Board (amended to remove an area of Council-owned forestry land and land containing the sewerage ponds, as there is not nor is there likely to be any residential occupation of that land);
 - Fairlie Community Board (amended to correct a previous boundary issue which had the effect of splitting a single property, to include the entire property; to remove an area of riverbed in the Opihi river; and to remove a small area of farmland to the west, which is part of a larger rural property).
3. That the full Initial Proposal is formally adopted for public consultation under the Local Electoral Act 2012.

PAUL MORRIS
MANAGER FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ATTACHMENTS:

- Appendix A: Ward boundaries
- Appendix B: Community Board boundaries
- Appendix C: Public Notice – Initial Proposal
- Appendix D: Submission form

BACKGROUND:

Council is required to undertake a representation review prior to the 2016 election. At its meeting of 23 June 2015, the Council considered and made decisions on proposed representation arrangements for the District, including membership of Council and Community Boards, and requirements for fair representation and other determinations for wards.

Attached is a formal 'initial proposal' which reflects those decisions. This will be publicly notified for submissions and hearings. The Council will then finalise its proposal, and if any appeals are received then the Local Government Commission will make a final determination.

The proposed timetable for the review is as follows:

Council resolution of initial proposal	23 July 2015
Public notice of the initial proposal	24 July 2015
Public submission period	24 July - 24 August 2015
Hearing of submissions	3 September 2015
Deliberations and Council resolution of final proposal	3 September 2015
Public notice of final proposal	9 September 2015
Public objection period	9 September – 12 October 2015
Public notice (if no appeals/objections)	16 October 2015
Forward appeals/objections & information to Local Government Commission	If and when received.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION:

This decision is considered to be significant as it affects all residents and ratepayers of Mackenzie District. Section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires the Council to publicly notify the initial proposal and to invite public submissions, within 14 days of this decision. The Act also provides an appeals and objections process.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The legislative basis for these decisions is the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the relevant decision making principles are contained in the Local Government Act 2002. The Local Government Commission has issued guidelines to assist Local Authorities in undertaking representation reviews. These guidelines have been followed.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Representation reviews are undertaken to ensure fair and effective representation for individuals and communities. Financial considerations should not be considered.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Council has two options:

1. To adopt the Initial Proposal for public submissions.

2. To amend and adopt the Initial Proposal for public submissions.

Option 1 is recommended. The Council discussed and decided on its preferred representation arrangements at its previous meeting. The proposal reflects those decisions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the attached initial representation proposal decided on at its meeting of 23 June 2015, for public notification and submissions.

- Appendix A: Ward boundaries

- Appendix B: Community Board boundaries (3 maps)

Appendix C: Public Notice – Initial Proposal

Mackenzie District Council

Initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2016 local elections

On 8 July 2015 the Mackenzie District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council and its community boards for the elections to be held on 8 October 2016:

Council Representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise 6 members elected from two wards, and the mayor. The two wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of interest
Opuha Ward	The area of more intense pastoral farming encompassing the Fairlie Basin below the top of Burkes Pass, including the rural areas of Albury, Cave, Allandale, Ashwick Flat, the village of Burkes Pass and the township of Fairlie.
Pukaki Ward	The area of High Country land west of the Two Thumb and Dalgety Ranges, farming the Mackenzie Basin and including the township of Twizel and Tekapo, associated rural areas and the Mount Cook Village.

This retains the status quo.

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2013 Census)	Members	Population per member
Opuha	2,127	3	709
Pukaki	2,031	3	677
TOTAL	4,158	6	693

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the *Local Electoral Act 2001* the population that each member represents must be within the range of 693 +/- 10% (624 to 762), unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise. Both wards comply with the statutory test.

Community Board Representation

It is proposed that the following three community boards be elected:

Fairlie Community Board

Area of Community:
(insert map)

Tekapo Community Board

Area of Community:

(insert map)

Twizel Community Board

Area of Community:

(insert map)

The changes to the previous Community Board Areas are summarised below:

Fairlie – The Fairlie Community Board boundary has had minor amendments to better reflect the urban boundary of Fairlie. Amendments are proposed in order to include all of a subject property within the boundary, whereas the previous boundary had included only half of that property; and to exclude two other areas of land, one being an area along the Opihi riverbed and the other a small area of farmland to the west, which is part of a larger rural property.

Tekapo – The boundary of the Tekapo Community Board is proposed to be changed to exclude the area of Council-owned forestry and the land containing the sewerage ponds to the south of the town. This is proposed because there is no current or likely future residential activity in those areas.

Twizel – the boundary for the Twizel Community Board is unchanged.

The Boards are proposed to comprise the following membership:

Community Board	Elected members	Appointed members
Fairlie	Four members elected by the Fairlie community as a whole	One member appointed by the Council
Tekapo	Four members elected by the Tekapo community as a whole	One member appointed by the Council
Twizel	Four members elected by the Twizel community as a whole	One member appointed by the Council

This is the status quo and no changes to current Community Board structures are proposed.

Further Information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards and Community Boards may be viewed and obtained from Council Offices in Main Street, Fairlie or Market Place, Twizel.

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to Paul Morris, 03 685 9010, paul@mackenzie.govt.nz.

Relevant information is also available on the Council's website www.mackenzie.govt.nz.

Submissions are invited

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on the Council's representation proposal. Submission forms are available from Council offices in Fairlie or Twizel, or from the Council's website.

Submissions can to be forwarded to the Mackenzie District Council by:

- posting it to: Mackenzie District Council, PO Box 52, Fairlie 7949
- emailing it to: submissions@mackenzie.govt.nz
- faxing it to: (03) 685 8533, or
- delivering it to the Council Offices in Main Street, Fairlie or Market Place, Twizel.

Enquiries: (03) 685-9010 or 0800 685-8514

Submissions must be received by Council no later than **12pm on 24 August 2015**.

Wayne Barnett
Chief Executive Officer
23 July 2015

Mackenzie District Council

SUBMISSION FORM

Initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2016 local elections

We welcome your submission.
You can post, fax, email or hand deliver it by **12pm on 24 August 2015.**

Please use this form for your submission

Full name of submitter: _____

Postal address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate whether you wish to be heard at a hearing:

- ☐ I wish to be heard in support of my submission
- ☐ I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission

Submissions to the Mackenzie District Representation Review 2015 will be heard at the council chambers in Fairlie on **3 September 2015**. If you wish to be heard, you will need to keep your presentation to 10 minutes maximum. Councillors will have read your written submission prior to the meeting.

Please note that any submissions made will be available to the public and that any hearing and meetings on the representation review will be open to the public.

Please return to the Mackenzie District Council by:

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Submission:**1. What is your opinion?**

What do you think is the fairest and most effective means of representing the people of the district?

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2. Size of Council

It is proposed that the number of councillors remain at 6. Do you agree that this will provide effective representation for the district or not? Why or why not?

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3. Representation by Wards

It is suggested that councillors should be elected from wards rather than by the whole district. Do you agree with this? Why or why not? Will it provide effective representation?

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4. Other options

What is your view of the other option considered by Council? The other option was: Council is selected by the District as a whole.

Do you favour this option any more than Council's current proposal? If so why?

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5. Community Boards

The proposal continues with Community Boards for Twizel, Tekapo and Fairlie. Do you agree with this? Why or why not? Do you have any comments on the size of the Community Boards?

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6. Other General Comments

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