

**Date:** Tuesday 18 March 2025  
**Time:** 4.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Motueka Library  
**Venue:** Wallace Street, Motueka

## Motueka Community Board

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Jude Ritchie.

Kia ora katou council and board members, *and bless you.*

*Thanks*

I bring to this meeting today, the topic of Council transparency. *pose # questions*  
I have had a good chat with the frontline staff of council regarding transparency in the remission of penalty fees imposed on rate payments.

*Thank you that there is indeed board support*

In the broad scheme of things there are a few avenues to remedy depending on circumstance. There is an option given once every two years to cancel this fee and this option has been calculated so as to be transparent, that it cannot be seen as unfair to any ratepayer and that it is not done through any other avenue except through the rules. So circumstance may find a favour only if there is a rule for it.

This is clear.

The transparency here is the rating rules being subject to my scrutiny on how this public resource (remission) is used and trustworthy from being visible or in this case explained in a way that I was able to understand.

Now I'm here today as a member of our community, having attended these meetings as best I can over the last 4/5 years to be active in the ongoing workings and solutions for our community. *I love that the Board's role is to listen to & advocate*

In this time homelessness has remained an issue. *for Community - I understand that sometimes there are*  
Affordability in accommodation an issue. *daunting & limiting factors*

And bureaucracy in this area of governance an issue. *that tie your hands, but know, I'm here for you as you are here for me.*

It amazes me that the council has been around for so long and to a degree has not learned from its past but almost, in a way, diligently repeats it. *I'm talking about the*

*in regard to the Board*  
Yes, new members are voted in etc.. but there is a body behind the scenes that generally remains the same.

This body is the body that delivers the output regarding rules, and, I believe makes the rules. Transparency ought to primarily live here.

I was deeply intrigued last month when a fellow community member relayed his story regarding his ability to be generationally responsible. *what I call tragedy*

There appeared to be much oversight and neglect to the actual phenomena that was occurring for this four generation family from the council which resulted in neglect from over zealous opaque conditions imposed that had no accountability on the councils part providing little or no openness or accessibility of how these decisions were made;

And of course taking no responsibility of the fall out which then resulted for this whanau.

This family paid so much money to the council it would have made a bite into our debt which I bet it never even came close to. I do wonder where all these thousands upon thousands of dollars go and my thinking at this stage is that they probably go into exorbitant consultancy salaries, technology updates, and transport updates but I could be wrong. However, it did not seem to help this family in any way shape or form.

He did have a very good point regarding what to do. Of his two solutions, one of them was a rate strike. What would council do then I am curious to think.



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# The basics

*Despite New Zealand's generally "clean" image, fraud is a fact of business life here. Anyone who has been defrauded knows that the financial loss is only part of the cost – there's also the loss of trust in workmates and colleagues, the loss in productivity when assessing and repairing internal systems, and the sense of betrayal.*

## Some definitions

**Fraud** is an intentional act by one or more individuals involving the use of deception to obtain an unjust or illegal advantage.

**Corruption** is the abuse of entrusted power for private gain (such as soliciting or receiving gifts or other gratuities to perform an official duty or omit to perform an official duty). Corruption is a type of fraud, and it includes bribery.

Public organisations need to make sure that they have the right controls and the right culture for detecting and preventing fraud and corruption.



March 2024 : speech in Env & Reg committee meeting  
 C) search warrant needed, the inspection of unconsolidated dwelling  
 L) includes caravan, campervan, etc.

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 to me ▾

Mon, 8 Apr 2024, 13:42 ☆ ☺ ↩ ⋮

Kia ora Mathias

The Chair of the Environment and Regulatory Committee has asked me to follow up with you in relation to your comments at public forum on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

From my perspective we are comfortable with Council staff's use of their powers of entry under the RMA and when a search warrant is required. We do not consider that an independent investigation is warranted.

Ngā mihi

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First of all, I wanted to thank you for your expressed commitment on the agenda for today's meeting to listen to concerns that may originate from outside your ward but may still be relevant to your ward.

Secondly, I wanted to acknowledge Board Member Hutt's work on compiling this very informative list we find on your agenda today where she went out and spoke to other Councils in New Zealand to gain an understanding on how they are dealing with mobile homes. This is greatly appreciated and I don't think you would have received extra allowances for that. This work is of significant public value and provides education where it is needed. What becomes clear to me is the connection to services. One of the councils you had spoken to mentioned connection to services requires a resource consent and another council responded a building consent is required. I am waiting to see which clarity the High Court finding will bring to this particular question as also the Western Bay of Plenty has issued an informative and detailed guide which identifies similar uncertainties.

I have also just recently written a further article on [tinymatters.org](http://tinymatters.org) which is a private page from my husband and myself around the issues we were facing here in Tasman in respect of a mobile home located on our property but also about general legal issues around these. Further articles can be found on the Tasman democracy page which belongs to the incorporated society and is a non-profit member based organisation.

I wanted to thank the board for its continued efforts on the front of small scale lifestyles here in the Tasman District to effect some change and to keep the public in the loop of what happens on this front between meetings. This is highly appreciated. It does highlight the obvious concern that continuous voices of the community and their representatives since 2019 have not made it to Full Council which clearly shows that someone who is neither has got weight and remains unseen. In comparison, only recently the whole introductory chapter of the consolidated bylaw was revoked with one resolution on a staff report. Just like that. With it came some "minor changes" to the existing bylaws.

On next Full Council Agenda we find that the development contribution policy which was recently reviewed, is up on the council table again due to some submitters' voices. You wonder how that is possible to spend more and more public money on topics that are not a statutory requirement, especially when the Council's financial risk rating just went up to very high. Yet, longstanding topics with minimal financial impact from an administration perspective continuously fall off.

However, the topic that I wanted to speak about today relates to the reoccurring point on your agenda which is that you intend to share insights about your work in order to assist anyone interesting in standing for the upcoming elections.

I appreciate this point and share your view that this is a relevant consideration.

I am currently preparing a series of educational material designed for potential candidates to provide them with relevant input before having to make decisions hoping it will be of assistance to have a good understanding of council procedure and the statutory framework right from the start. I would love to work together with you and listen to your insights to make sure that my observation and analysis matches your real life experience.

**Motueka Ward****Routine Maintenance 2024/25****1. Roothing, footpaths and cycleways**

These are the current levels of service for these three assets/activities:

**Litter bins:**

- Motueka 31 bins, Daily during peak (1 December – 30 April), 4 days per week during off-peak
- Marahau: 2 bins – serviced as required but at least once a week in peak and once a fortnight in off-peak

**Footpaths and Cycleways:**

- Will continue to be maintained on an as required basis although at a reduced level of service due to the funding cuts. This will affect things like the time taken to attend to defects, and long grass/overhanging vegetation.

**Street Sweeping:**

- With regards to street sweeping the Motueka Township divided into two areas:
  - the CBD area which is effectively High St and approximately 100m down key side streets (this varies from side street to side street), which has typically been swept weekly, and is proposed to be reduced to fortnightly due to limited budgets; and
  - the rest of the township which has typically been swept 3x annually, and is proposed to be reduced to 2x annually.
- If we become aware of a significant litter or detritus problem outside of the scheduled sweep times, we will send a patrol crew to clean it up if required.

For the MCB's information, as well as the routine maintenance activities indicated above, the resealing work carried out this fiscal year (dark grey) and programmed to happen in 25/26 (light grey) is shown below.