

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012, AT 4 pm



**Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

7 March 2012

A G E N D A

1. RESULT OF GORE WARD BY-ELECTION
2. MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATION BY CR-ELECT
3. REPRESENTATION REVIEW – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED TO COUNCIL’S PROPOSAL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

13 MARCH 2012

1. RESULT OF GORE WARD BY-ELECTION

(Memo from Electoral Officer – 06.03.12)

The by-election to fill the extraordinary vacancy caused by the resignation of John Heller in December 2011 was held on Monday 5 March.

The final result is as follows:

DIXEY, Douglas Frank	491
GRANT, Douglas Ian	1,340
HANNAH, Raymond Kenneth	801
Informal	4
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The final declaration was publicly notified in the Southland Times on 7 March. The elector turnout was 45.8%.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

2. MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATION

(Memo from Chief Executive – 06.03.12)

The making and attesting of the declaration required by Cr-elect Doug Grant pursuant to Clause 14, Part 1, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, is attached.



Gore District Council

DECLARATION BY COUNCILLOR

I, **DOUGLAS IAN GRANT**, declare that I will faithfully and impartially and according to the best of my skill and judgment execute and perform in the best interests of the Gore District, the powers, authorities and duties vested in or imposed upon me as Councillor of the Gore District Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Dated at Gore this 13th Day of March 2012

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Douglas Ian Grant
Councillor

Signed in the presence of

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J T Hicks JP
Mayor

3. REPRESENTATION REVIEW – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED TO COUNCIL’S PROPOSAL

(Memo from Chief Executive – 01.03.12)

At an extraordinary meeting of the Council on 25 January, submissions received to the representation review and publicly notified in November last year were considered.

Due to the Council’s proposal being predicated on the basis of an incorrect interpretation of the District’s population, it was resolved to amend the proposed representation arrangements in order to preserve the status quo as much as legally permissible. Accordingly the following resolution was passed at the meeting:

THAT following the consideration of submissions received, the Council amend its representation proposal on the basis that the current electoral sub-division of the Gore District will continue, subject to an expansion of the Waikaka ward to incorporate meshblocks 309/4000 and 305/5000 and a corresponding reduction of the Kaiwera-Waimumu ward to bring about fair representation in accordance with section 19(V) of the Local Electoral Act 2001,

AND THAT an explanatory letter be sent to the residents of meshblocks 309/4000 and 305/5000 advising of the proposal and seeking comment.

Please note that these two meshblocks have been incorrectly transcribed. The numbers of the meshblocks should read 3054900 and 3055000. A subsequent analysis of the effect of the change revealed that meshblock 3003602 would be left landlocked if it wasn’t also incorporated within the enlarged Waikaka ward.

- ✦ Please find enclosed an explanatory letter about this proposal forwarded to all ratepayers and residents within the three meshblocks concerned. No responses or concerns about what was being proposed were received by the due date of 22 February.

Section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001, requires that a territorial authority must hold a hearing, make decisions on issues raised by submitters and give public notice of its proposals within six weeks of the closing date for submissions.

Due to the need to consult with those ratepayers and residents in the three meshblocks not originally affected by the Council’s proposal, it had not been possible to complete the adjudication process within the six week period. Therefore the Council will need to publicly notify its

amended proposal and invite further submissions. Fortunately there is still plenty of time for this to occur as the statutory deadline for publicly notifying a proposal is 8 September 2012.

Since the initial proposal was publicly notified in November last year, the Government Statistician has released population estimates for the Gore District as at 30 June 1011. There has been a small decrease of 20 from the 12,300 estimate provided as at 30 June the previous year.

Please find attached the advice received from the Local Government Commission on this matter.

The following table sets out the population represented by each member, based on the updated estimate provided by the Government Statistician:

Ward	Number of elected members	Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2010	Ratio Population: Elected Member
Gore	5	7590	1518:1
Kaiwera-Waimumu	1	1770	1770:1
Mataura	1	1520	1520:1
Waikaka	1	1400	1400:1

Note: Total Estimated Population of District = 12,280
 Number of Councillors elected by ward = 8
 On a + or – 10% range: Highest possible ratio = 1688
 Lowest possible ratio = 1381

Therefore all wards, as currently constituted would be compliant under the legislation with the exception of Kaiwera-Waimumu which is over the +10% threshold.

Based on moving the three meshblocks, shaded pink in the attached plan from Kaiwera-Waimumu to Waikaka, the following ratios of population serviced by each elected member would apply:

Ward	Number of elected members	Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2010	Ratio Population: Elected Member
Gore	5	7590	1518:1
Kaiwera-Waimumu	1	1602	1602:1

Mataura	1	1520	1520:1
Waikaka	1	1568	1568:1

With this boundary adjustment all would therefore be within the plus or minus 10% population range to ensure fair representation.

CONCLUSION

Consultation with key stakeholders and submissions received to the Council's first proposal have provided a consistent message to the Council that the status quo in respect of representation arrangements is preferred. The suggested boundary adjustment between the Kaiwera-Waimumu and Waikaka wards is the least disruptive method to, as far as legally practicable, achieve this objective.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT pursuant to Section 19K of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Gore District Council resolves to publicly notify its review of representation arrangements on the following basis:

- (1) The Gore District, as delineated on SO 11804 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, shall be divided into four wards.**
- (2) The four wards shall be –**
 - (a) the Gore Ward, comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 11903 deposited with Land Information New Zealand,**
 - (b) the Mataura Ward, comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 11488 deposited with Land Information New Zealand,**
 - (c) the Waikaka Ward comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 11482, deposited with Land Information New Zealand; plus the addition of meshblocks 3054900, 3055000 and 3003602, to ensure fair representation,**
 - (d) the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 386071 deposited with Land Information New Zealand less meshblocks 3054900, 3055000 and 3003602.**
- (3) The Council shall comprise a Mayor and 11 Councillors, elected as follows:**
 - (a) five Councillors elected by the electors of the Gore Ward,**
 - (b) one Councillor elected by the electors of the Mataura Ward,**
 - (c) one Councillor elected by the electors of the Waikaka Ward,**

- (d) one Councillor elected by the electors of the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward,**
 - (e) three Councillors elected by the electors of the District as a whole.**
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- (4) There shall be a Maitaura community, comprising the area of the Maitaura Ward as defined in 2(b) above; and**
 - (5) The Maitaura Community Board shall comprise five elected members and one member of the Council representing the Maitaura Ward and appointed to the Community Board by the Council.**

31 January 2012

Dear Ratepayer

PROPOSED CHANGE TO LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

I am writing to you to advise that the Council is proposing to amend the electoral boundary between the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward and the Waikaka Ward.

Your property is currently located in the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward. Due to the need to have the population in each ward within a range of plus or minus 10% of others, this change is being proposed.

If the proposal proceeds your property will be located within an expanded Waikaka Ward.

✦ Please find attached a map depicting the area that is proposed to be transferred to the Waikaka Ward.

✦ I have also attached an information sheet which hopefully addresses other questions you may have.

If you have eligible voters residing on your property, I would be grateful if you could pass this information on to them.

The Council welcomes any comments or concerns you may have about this proposal.

Any written views or concerns you may have should be forwarded to the Gore District Council no later than 22 February 2012.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 209 0342.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

INFORMATION SHEET

Proposed Change to Electoral Boundaries

1. Why is the Council proposing change?

Under Section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Councils are required to carry out a review of representation arrangements every six years.

The Act also requires that any review provides for fair representation. This means that the population of each ward divided by the number of members elected by that ward must be no more than 10% greater and smaller than other wards.

In the case of the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward, the population breaches the plus 10% threshold. The estimated resident population of the ward as at 30 June 2010 is 1740, whereas the highest population it can be, under the plus or minus 10% rule, is 1691.

2. Does the Council have to proceed with the change?

Some change to reduce the population of the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward will be necessary. However the change does not have to be as the Council is proposing. An alternative boundary adjustment could be considered.

3. Will I still be a rural ratepayer of the Gore District?

Yes.

4. Will my rates be affected by this change?

No. There will be no effect on your rates. This is purely an electoral boundary issue. Rating matters are governed by a different statute.

5. Can I have a say on the proposed changes?

Yes. Please write and send any comments you wish to make to:

The Chief Executive
Gore District Council
PO Box 8
GORE 9740

or e-mail: sparry@goredc.govt.nz

The closing date is Wednesday 22 February 2012.

6. Do I have to respond?

No. If you do not respond the Council will assume you have no concerns.

7. What happens next?

If most ratepayers indicate that they have no objections to what is being proposed, the Council will then proceed to inviting submissions from the wider public. This is likely to occur in March. You are entitled to lodge a submission and appear before the Council as part of this subsequent process.

8. When will the changes come into effect?

If approved by the Council later in the year, the boundary change will be implemented in time for the October 2013 local authority elections.

Table 1

Estimated resident population⁽¹⁾

Wards

At 30 June 2011

Ward ⁽²⁾	Territorial authority area	At 30 June 2011
Mosgiel-Taieri ward	Dunedin city	17,050
Waikouaiti Coast-Chalmers ward	Dunedin city	8,940
Central ward	Dunedin city	100,000
West Otago ward	Clutha district	2,090
Clinton ward	Clutha district	1,130
Lawrence-Tuapeka ward	Clutha district	1,210
Balclutha ward	Clutha district	5,270
Catlins ward	Clutha district	1,110
Bruce ward	Clutha district	4,130
Kaitangata-Matau ward	Clutha district	1,340
Clutha Valley ward	Clutha district	1,280
Te Anau ward	Southland district	3,500
Tuatapere ward	Southland district	1,470
Wallace ward	Southland district	3,640
Five Rivers ward	Southland district	1,730
Riverton ward	Southland district	2,570
Waikaia ward	Southland district	2,070
Winton ward	Southland district	5,100
Wallacetown ward	Southland district	2,480
Waihopai ward	Southland district	2,850
Stewart Island ward	Southland district	420
Toetoes ward	Southland district	2,100
Te Tipua ward	Southland district	1,730
Waikaka ward	Gore district	1,400
Kaiwera-Waimumu ward	Gore district	1,770
Gore ward	Gore district	7,590
Mataura ward	Gore district	1,520
Area outside ward	Invercargill city	53,000
Area outside ward	Area outside territorial authority	180

1. The estimated resident population is based on the census usually resident population count, updated for residents missed or counted more than once by the census (net census undercount); residents temporarily overseas on census night; and births, deaths, and net migration between census night and the date of the estimate.
2. Boundaries at 1 January 2012. Population estimates for wards were obtained by splitting area unit population estimates between the meshblocks in each ward. Split factors were derived using 2006 census usually resident population counts, as well as recent birth registrations, death registrations, and residential building consents for each meshblock.

Note: Figures less than 10,000 have been rounded to the nearest 10. Figures in the range 10,000–19,999 have been rounded to the nearest 50. Otherwise figures have been rounded to the nearest 100.

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES

DISTRICT	WARD	Population	Members	Population- Member Ratio	Difference From Quota	% Difference From Quota
Far North District	Te Hiku Ward	17,950	3	5,983.33	-522.22	-8.03
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward	26,500	4	6,625.00	119.44	1.84
	Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward	14,100	2	7,050.00	544.44	8.37
	Total	58,550	9	6,505.56		
Whangarei District	Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward	5,870	1	5,870.00	-323.85	-5.23
	Hikurangi-Coastal Ward	11,200	2	5,600.00	-593.85	-9.59
	Whangarei Heads Ward	6,600	1	6,600.00	406.15	6.56
	Denby Ward	20,500	3	6,833.33	639.49	10.32
	Okara Ward	24,300	4	6,075.00	-118.85	-1.92
	Bream Bay Ward	12,050	2	6,025.00	-168.85	-2.73
	Total	80,520	13	6,193.85		
Kaipara District	Dargaville Ward	4,440	2	2,220.00	-176.25	-7.36
	West Coast-Central Ward	6,310	3	2,103.33	-292.92	-12.22
	Otamatea Ward	8,420	3	2,806.67	410.42	17.13
	Total	19,170	8	2,396.25		
Auckland	Rodney Ward	56,200	1	56,200.00	-18,100.00	-24.36
	Albany Ward	142,600	2	71,300.00	-3,000.00	-4.04
	North Shore Ward	146,800	2	73,400.00	-900.00	-1.21
	Waitakere Ward	164,300	2	82,150.00	7,850.00	10.57
	Waitemata and Gulf Ward	81,200	1	81,200.00	6,900.00	9.29
	Whau Ward	78,800	1	78,800.00	4,500.00	6.06
	Albert-Eden-Roskill Ward	158,900	2	79,450.00	5,150.00	6.93
	Orakei Ward	83,700	1	83,700.00	9,400.00	12.65
	Maungakiekie-Tamaki Ward	75,300	1	75,300.00	1,000.00	1.35
	Howick Ward	132,700	2	66,350.00	-7,950.00	-10.70
	Manukau Ward	162,300	2	81,150.00	6,850.00	9.22
	Manurewa-Papakura Ward	137,000	2	68,500.00	-5,800.00	-7.81
	Franklin Ward	66,200	1	66,200.00	-8,100.00	-10.90
	Total	1,486,000	20	74,300.00		

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	Te Anau Ward	3,500	1	3,500.00	1,028.33	41.60
	Tuatapere Ward	1,470	1	1,470.00	-1,001.67	-40.53
	Wallace Ward	3,640	1	3,640.00	1,168.33	47.27
	Five Rivers Ward	1,730	1	1,730.00	-741.67	-30.01
	Riverton Ward	2,570	1	2,570.00	98.33	3.98
	Waikaia Ward	2,070	1	2,070.00	-401.67	-16.25
	Winton Ward	5,100	1	5,100.00	2,628.33	106.34
	Wallacetown Ward	2,480	1	2,480.00	8.33	0.34
	Waihopai Ward	2,850	1	2,850.00	378.33	15.31
	Stewart Island Ward	420	1	420.00	-2,051.67	-83.01
	Toetoes Ward	2,100	1	2,100.00	-371.67	-15.04
	Te Tipua Ward	1,730	1	1,730.00	-741.67	-30.01
	Total	29,660	12	2,471.67		
	Gore District					
	Waikaka Ward	1,400	1	1,400.00	-135.00	-8.79
	Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward	1,770	1	1,770.00	235.00	15.31
	Gore Ward	7,590	5	1,518.00	-17.00	-1.11
	Mataura Ward	1,520	1	1,520.00	-15.00	-0.98
	Sub total	12,280	8	1,535.00		
	At large	12,280	3	4,093.33		
	Total	12,280	11	1,116.36		
	Invercargill City					
	At large	53,000	12	4,416.67		