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ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/21

Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan 2018 - 2028

This form is for you to let us know what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan for 2018 - 2028 and what we should be thinking about going into the next 10 Year Plan. Please print clearly so this form can be easily photocopied, read and understood. Provide all of your contact details including postal address, phone and/or email. Make it clear if you're representing an organisation by filling out the relevant field below.

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Signature:			

SUBMISSION FORM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOUR SUBMISSION AT A HEARING

Select your preferred dates and times:

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Date: anytime 2020 Time: _____

All submissions will be acknowledged in writing and given to the Mayor and Councillors, who will consider the views and comments expressed when finalising the Annual Budget.

If you would like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission before a Committee of Councillors, please tell us your choices of dates and times in order of preference. Options for dates and times are listed on page 16 of the Consultation Document.

As required by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, all submissions will be publicly available, including their placement on the Council's website, although you may request that your contact details (but not your name) be regarded as confidential. If you want your contact details withheld please let us know by ticking this box:

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Let us know by 20 April 2020

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Thankyou for the opportunity to consult on your Annual Plan, however I find it inappropriate that you are continuing with the current consultation period in light of current events requiring your citizens' absolute focus. I notice Horizons have postponed their Annual Plan consultation.

Firstly I do not agree with this 'Palmerston North is one Community' philosophy. Palmerston North City Council has distinct Communities outside of the City which have individual needs that are not and simply will not be met while PNCC continues with this inaccurate and oppressive mentality. Please change the word 'community to communities'.

Secondly, under the Heading 'Connected and Safe Communities' I am astounded that the budget for the Bunnythorpe Community Facility remains at \$921,000 (carried forward from 2019/20) which will result in a building that will be nowhere near fit for purpose for our large and continually growing rural community, even though it replaces the need for the previously scheduled 2026 renewal of an existing building (and which the Bunnythorpe Hall Society of the time was romanced into accepting on the grounds that it would simplify the consent process meaning a faster build which obviously hasn't happened), and which also seems to have negatively affected support from Community Funding Organisations, and PNCC are about to spend \$2,925,919+GST on a purpose built facility for animals - \$300,000 in this Annual Plan for the Design & Consent Stage and \$1,625,919 In the next year for Construction!

What more blatant indication of a Council out of control than one which arrogantly delivers this as a serious plan— animals better cared for than communities. Shame.

I suggest that \$2,925,919 + GST be allocated for the building of the long awaited Bunnythorpe Community facility over the next two years (the supporting documentation suggests that the building of the new pound is a multi year plan which its obviously not because the same supporting documentation says of the \$300,000 year 1 of 2) and the \$921,000 set aside for the building of the Bunnythorpe Community Centre be allocated to the Pound!

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Fluoride Free New Zealand

4th April 2020**Feedback to Draft Annual Plan 2020**

Dear Mayor and councillors,

We propose that, primarily because of the growing research being carried out in fluoridated countries showing harm to health, and the increased pressures on council finances, that Council decide to stop fluoridation. Most councils in the country are not saddled with this extra cost and responsibility – only 21 councils out of 67 are currently fluoridating¹.

Here are short summaries of just a few of the studies on neurotoxicity:

2006: The National Research Council published Fluoride in Drinking Water,¹ the most authoritative review of fluoride's toxicity. It stated unequivocally that "fluorides have the ability to interfere with the functions of the brain and the body."

2012: A Harvard-funded meta-analysis² found that children ingesting higher levels of fluoride tested an average 7 IQ points lower in 26 out of 27 studies. Most had higher fluoride concentrations than in U.S. water, but many had total exposures to fluoride no more than what millions of Americans receive. The same is true of New Zealand exposures. In fact the US level is now a maximum of 0.7ppm, whereas Hutt City levels are 0.85ppm.

2017: A National Institutes of Health (NIH) – funded study³ in Mexico covering 13 years found that every one half milligram per liter (mg/L) increase in fluoride in pregnant women's urine – approximately the difference caused by ingestion of fluoridated water⁴ – was associated with a reduction of their children's IQ by about 3 points. Leonardo Trasande, a leading physician unaffiliated with the study, said it "raises serious concerns about fluoride supplementation in water."⁵

2018: A Canadian study⁶ found iodine-deficient adults (nearly 18% of the population) with higher fluoride levels had a greater risk of hypothyroidism (known to be linked to lower IQs). Author Ashley Malin said "I have grave concerns about the health effects of fluoride exposure."⁷

2019: Another NIH-funded study⁸ published in *Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics* found every 1 mg/L increase in fluoride in Canadian pregnant women's urine was linked to a 4.5 decrease in IQ in their male children. The physician editor of *JAMA Pediatrics* said "I would not have my wife drink fluoridated water"⁹ if she was pregnant.

2019: A Canadian study¹⁰ found a nearly 300% higher risk of ADHD for children living in fluoridated areas. This reinforced earlier study linking fluoride to ADHD in Mexico (2018)¹¹ and the U.S. (2015).¹²

¹ <https://fluoridefree.org.nz/new-zealand-information/which-councils-fluoridate/>

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2019: Another NIH-funded study¹³ in Canada found that for babies fed formula mixed with fluoridated water, every additional 0.5 mg/litre fluoride reduced their IQ by 4.4 points. In NZ, where we typically fluoridate at 0.85 ppm and natural levels are very low, this represents a 7 IQ point loss (Half a Standard Deviation, which is significant). Losses of non-verbal IQ were even more serious, an average of 9 points.

2019: A systematic review of 149 human studies and 339 animal studies by the U.S. National Toxicology Program¹⁴ concluded that “fluoride is presumed to be a cognitive neurodevelopmental hazard to humans.” The report is still in draft form, but NTP has also said there is little chance they will change their finding.

We would like to speak to our submission if possible.

Regards

Mary Byrne

National Coordinator Fluoride Free New Zealand

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name Roy LEQUESNE
Name of the organisation you represent
Privacy
Withhold my contact details True
Hearings
First choice
Second choice
Your feedback
<p>Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21</p> <p>There is as I read it no definitive description of what is in the plan. That aside I think it is all quite simple. Covid-19 has had a huge effect already on the National and local economy, there fore many things planned for this year should be wiped or at the least delayed until after the the true effects of the Virus are known. This is unlikely to be in the year 2020-21 but could stretch out for many years to come. There will be many Businesses that won't survive, many people will suddenly become unemployed and many livelihoods will be lost. So it is time o cut the cost to fit the current situation, all or any Rate increases should be wiped, all unnecessary feel good projects should be delayed for at least the next two or three years. This is not the time to undertake plans based on the ideology of Staff or Councillors, this is not the time to carry on with the unwanted/unnecessary projects such as the planned Cycleways in the City nor the continuation of the so called Square upgrade, or any similar projects.. Funds should be used for the core projects of a Council, Water, Rubbish, Sewerage and Roothing and Parks. Lets get away from the negative attitude as expressed to us by a Council representative that to be against something meant you ere not a nice person. Times will be tough, its the unknown we are entering into, its the time for logic, not idealist spending. The Council should be sticking to its knitting, not buying a suit it cant afford.</p>
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?
Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

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What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name Joe PM Erkens
Name of the organisation you represent
Privacy
Withhold my contact details True
Hearings
First choice 8 May morning
Second choice 8 May afternoon
Your feedback
<p>Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21</p> <p>The current Annual Budget Rates increase should be 0% (zero) or less. The Square "improvements" should be stopped. Finish the Square area where the work has started and that is the finish. All the beautifying and non essential work should be put on hold. Only essential work, on wastewater, stormwater protection and drinkwater supply should be continue. Also the PNCC should keep all work inside the Council. The PNCC should be working on self efficiency by doing most of the work self Because the Covid 19 pandemic will have a big impact on the whole economy. Many people will be out of work also many businesses will fold.</p>
<p>Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?</p>
<p>Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment</p> <p>Again the PNCC should budget for zero 0 increase and take a number of items from the Annual Budget 2020-21 to reduce the Rates. Many people will find it hard when the Country is back to work to find work. Un-employment will go up into double numbers (maybe up to 20%). The countries economy will crumble and so will many people struggle to pay mortgages and feeding the family. To add another \$10 the Rates will put several people over the edge.</p>

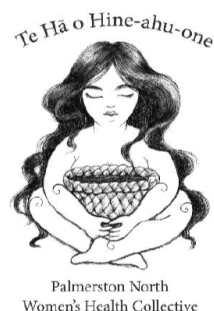
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What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

The PNCC should look at contracted work and start keeping most of the jobs in own hands. Train staff or employ more to assist with the workload. Every dollar count for people who have to pay the Rates.

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16th April 2020

Te Kaunihera o Papaioea Palmerston North City Council Mahere Pūtere Ā-Tau Annual Budget 2020/2021

submissions@pncc.govt.nz

Introduction

Te Hā o Hine-ahu-one Palmerston North Women's Health Collective is a small community health group with 2 FTE staff, and along with our governance group we currently number 13 women. We have submitted to Council each year for many years and are one of the few groups to submit with a broad community well-being focus, rather than more specific issues just relating to our group. As you know our future is still under threat as we try to replace funding lost with the end of our MDHB women's health contract. We have really appreciated the advocacy and support from our City Council – our Mayor and City Councillors. This continues to help us remain determined to find a way through to continue our important work, which is of particular benefit to low income women and other disadvantaged women and their whānau, and of even more importance at this time of recession.

We are asking Council for continued support as we have difficulty having further discussion with those who are funding decision-makers at MDHB. We were declined the opportunity to speak to the Board recently. We were instead referred to meet with MDHB managers. However they were quite clear they did not have a mandate to influence funding decisions relating to us in a time focused on addressing the deficit. We are trying to find a way to approach the Board to ask that Board members reconsider funding such as through reinstating a women's health/sexual health contract for us.

Year 3 of 10 Year Plan

Reflections on the previous year

We were very heartened to see Te Whare o ngā Wāhine Palmerston North Women's Centre supported by Council as an additional approved spend in the last budget after the submission they gave. Women as a group still face disadvantages when compared to men, and many are vulnerable for a variety of reasons. Council recognition of the importance of ensuring the continuation of a Centre for women is to be commended.

We commend Council on some of the great recent developments achieved. He Aro Kotahi Bridge and the new walk and cycle ways, the Wildbase Recovery Centre at the Esplanade (which is educational and helps protect our native wildlife), and the Milverton Park upgrade to name a few. These are great initiatives for all to enjoy free of charge to user and we look forward to seeing further great work. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy access to all parks etc again soon. Even the small upgrade to the old aviaries of the exotic birds at the Esplanade which gives a number of birds there more space and nicer enclosures has been appreciated by those visiting - and these remain popular. We hope they continue to be supported and their environment further improved.

We were also pleased to see the establishment of 2 new Committees – the Environmental Sustainability committee and the Infrastructure Committee which have very important work to do. The further development of the PNCC relationship with Mana Whenua Rāngitāne, with Rāngitāne members appointed to Council committees is also supported and commended. We do urge PNCC to work hard to further develop our city as an eco city. We support the idea of a PNCC plant nursery, extending green corridors, and work for sustainable energy options etc. We want to see an important emphasis on work to address the climate emergency we are facing, and creative new ways of evolving to help address this.

We acknowledge the response work going on at this time of the Covid-19 pandemic rāhui shut down which is so very important.

Thoughts on proposed Annual Budget 2020/2021

We advocate an emphasis for developments based on caring for people and for the environment. We support even more emphasis on the PNCC support for social housing at this time of recession and uncertainty. It was good that the new social housing tenants were housed before the Covid-19 rāhui shut things down. We continue to support an emphasis on carbon reduction and further development of PN as an ecocity. We continue to support a value based rather than land based rating system.

What should be Considered for Upcoming 10 Year Plan

We advocate for an emphasis on caring for people and the environment in the upcoming 10 year plan. Consideration needs to be made in response to learning s from the Covid-19 pandemic and its aftermath. What has been, and is being learnt, and what does this mean for future planning? This includes supporting all the city's residents, but identifying those groups who are most vulnerable, at a time of pandemic and recession, and seeing how PNCC can help address need. Supporting the work of community groups at a time when funding losses are apparent is an important aspect of this. Free food/groceries for those who need this, affordable safe housing, and free

and affordable health care will all be very important along with encouraging economic recovery. Free recreational activities for the city is also important so that whānau can still have fun together even when they have less money available for this.

Proposal to allocate \$500,000 for Additional Debt Repayment

We support debt repayment for the purposes of allowing for investment in a land based wastewater disposal system that is a superior long term option as we strive to develop as an ecocity. We have always supported this.

Dr Jean Hera

Manager and Community health worker

for Te Hā o Hine-ahu-one Palmerston North Women's Health Collective Inc.

6-1**Merle Lavin**

From: Submission
Subject: FW: annual budget submission

Sent: Thursday, 16 April 2020 12:38 PM
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: annual budget submission

FREEZE RATES NOW

ALL COUNCILLORS TAKE 20% PAY CUT DURING COVID 19

Whakarongo mai ki a koe kia roa e noho humarie ana ki to mirumiru

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ray alcock

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Merle Lavin

From: ray alcock
Sent: Sunday, 19 April 2020 4:39 AM
To: Submission
Subject: budget

-- there should be a sum of \$6,160 triennially to make all councillors pass the IELTS test, as it has been substantially proven the vast majority appear unable to read, and write, let alone respond to a simple email, and few can use facebook on a regular basis. it would be reassuring to the citizens that the hierarchy have mastered 2 of the 3 r's. this budget is blatant proof they have not mastered the third r, 'rithmetic, the a is silent. it appears that is part of the price of democracy, at both a local and national level.

[i just googled triennially, mainly to prove i didn't make it up; 'A ceremony or celebration occurring every three years.' i will opt for ceremony in this instance as there will be little to celebrate, unless you are a preferred roading contractor, although a career change into cycleways may well be even more profitable.]

the sum of \$6160 was established after a google search demonstrated the cost of an IELTS test is excellent value at only \$385 and there are 16 councillors, apparently including a mayor and a deputy mayor, so i multiplied 385 x 16, in my head, [mature people may refer to it as mental arithmetic, less mature people may refer to it as a waste of time as they have computers] without the use of electronic apparatus and the answer was and still is 6160. a small price to pay for wisdom.

Whakarongo mai ki a koe kia roa e noho humarie ana ki to mirumiru

ray alcock

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

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Name of the organisation you represent

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Privacy**Withhold my contact details**

False

Hearings**First choice**

8 May afternoon

Second choice

11 May afternoon

Your feedback**Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

N/A

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

N/A

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

N/A

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

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On behalf of the New Zealand Rugby Museum we would like to make a submission to the Annual Plan for funding of \$20,000 per year for the next three years. The purpose of this application being to support curatorial and collection care costs. The collection work has proven to be vital to the ongoing care and maintenance of the collection. Significant improvements have been made to the storage conditions and the highest standards are being enforced. Furthermore our work has been able to create relationships with current players and collectors, and the New Zealand Rugby Union itself. With the Te Manawa redevelopment not decided on yet, the rugby museum has a small window of opportunity to catch-up and progress the collection work. We realise that in the not too distant future we will have to move the collection at least, if not the entire gallery. By having the collection well housed we make it far easier to move. There is a significant number of objects, over 40,000 along with 15,000 programmes. The NZRM receives on average 180 research requests each year, from journalists, authors and genealogists and it is important that we can readily access the required information from our archives. Due to Covid-19 effects New Zealand Rugby have indicated to the museum that they will not be able to provide our Annual Grant of \$35,000 in 2020. Additionally our own ability to earn income through entry tickets has been and will be severely impacted for the foreseeable future. Summary of recent activity: • 2019 visitor numbers 9,800. Volunteer numbers approx. 50. • April 2019 commemorated the inaugural rugby museum exhibition (April 1969) • September – October 2019 RWC Japan exhibition jointly with Italian Rugby Museum and supported by PNCC. 12,000 visitors approx. • (Postponed) May 2020 Rugby Museum celebrates fifty years since becoming an Incorporated Society • (Postponed) May 2020 Rugby Jamboree II

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PNCC Annual Budget 2020-2021 Submission

Submission from Alan J. Baldwin

Date Friday 17 April 2020

I do not wish my contact details to be made available publically.

I do not wish to appear at a hearing.

My comments on the Annual Plan/budget are as follows:

Capital Projects.

On Capital Projects I support the suspension of deferred projects.

Under the Waste Water Project commission very targeted reviews of technologies that can deal with issues such as minor contaminants Use some in-house resources to estimate costs for options such as land disposal.

Funding

In view of the Covid-19 impacts rework the budget. Finance more of the capital projects with Local Body Bond funding. Use the money saved to lessen the increase in business rates.

Also use the money raised to make provision for distressed businesses to defer rate payments during the lockdown periods over a couple of years..

Rates

In view of the economic situation it would be desirable not to have any rate increase. Or at least limit the increase in rates to a low level. However a small increase and the adoption of the provision to deferred payments for hardship would be my priority payments.

A J Baldwin

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Anne Russell

Name of the organisation you represent

Chairperson: Bunnythorpe Community Centre Association Inc. (BCCA)

Privacy**Withhold my contact details**

False

Hearings**First choice****Second choice****Your feedback****Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21****Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?**

Progress on the building of the Bunnythorpe Community Centre has been delayed in the 2019/ 2020 financial year. This is because our application for further funding to both the Lotteries commission and Eastern and Central was unsuccessful. The Bunnythorpe Community Centre Association Inc (BCCA) has taken a good hard look at the project and has decided to proceed with the funding that we already have. This has necessitated the scaling back of the plans and therefore the costings, having to save about \$700,000. However this has meant the size of the hall is smaller and so for some community activities eg Rally, it will now be too small. The original planned building (Plan A), has been turned around so to allow for hall expansion in the future. The BCCA and the Bunnythorpe Rugby Club have now signed off these new plans (Plan B) and so the project is now proceeding once again. We are very grateful to the PNCC for the funding promised and the assistance given to us so far and we trust that this will continue over to the new financial year. We are nearer calling for tenders than we have ever been before. However we would like to tender for the bigger hall size as well to see if the building of this is achievable and would ask the council permission to do this, If more than our reduced budget then we will settle for Plan B, the smaller size, unless more PNCC funding is forthcoming. Thank you PNCC for your continuing support in the building of the Bunnythorpe Community Centre. We trust you will consider our submission in a favourably as we have waited for and worked so hard for this new community facility. We are nearly there. Anne Russell BCCA Chairperson.

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Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin**10**

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name
 Jessica Hunt

Name of the organisation you represent

Privacy

Withhold my contact details
 True

Hearings

First choice

Second choice

Your feedback**Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

I think in light of the current and future economic stress residents of Palmerston North will be under due to Covid 19 some changes should be made. Home owners and renters are hugely affected by these increases. I think for the next 12-24 months rate increases should be stopped. No improvement will come to Palmerston North if people are driven out of homes. Putting the people of Palmerston North before business decisions is more important. Please consider stopping or dramatically reducing rates increases so that local businesses hugely hit by this lockdown, families, students etc are able to recover or catch their breath.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?**Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment**

I do agree that more repayment needs to be made. However the council chose to take on more debt irregardless of previous plans by previous councils to try be more frugal. So while it's a good idea so would have sticking to previous arrangements have been.

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

The ongoing impacts of covid 19 and the economic downturn this will have.

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name David Chapple
Name of the organisation you represent Menzshed Manawatu
Privacy
Withhold my contact details False
Hearings
First choice 11 May afternoon
Second choice 8 May afternoon
Your feedback
<p>Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21</p> <p>Menzshed Manawatu has appreciated the support received from the City Council, and in return has ensured it maintains a strong community focus. We have proceeded to have detailed plans prepared to enable a start on additions and alterations to the building in Rangitane Park, when funds are available. We are seeking an indication as to when support previously indicated by Council may be available. We consider the building in its present form will be very restricting in the immediate future due to the limited space available, so the additional work areas are now even more critical if we are to maintain our programme in a safe environment.</p>
<p>Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?</p> <p>No comment</p>

Merle Lavin

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From:

Submission

Subject:

FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Michelle Platt

Name of the organisation you represent**Privacy****Withhold my contact details**

True

Hearings**First choice****Second choice****Your feedback****Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

I would like to see the council hold back on major spending that could wait a year or two. Wait for the COVID-19 situation to sort it's self out and see how it has affected the Region. If all the business have to tighten up their spending & finding ways to save money I feel that our council should be doing the same thing. I think everyone would appreciate not having the rates go up while recovering from COVID-19. Major public development plans for entertainment purposes I feel can wait.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Increased funding to enable Central Energy Trust Wildbase to retain opening hours over seven days a week (\$360,000 – this is \$152,000 more than 2019/20). I feel that Wildbase does not need to be open 7 days a week. Or if it does need to stay open to limit staff on some days to what is essential for the birds. Funding to improve the storm water network and to increase the resilience of our wastewater treatment plant. I feel that this is important to do and keep doing as it is essential. But to do the proper research and make sure we are not wasting money on expensive plans that could be a lot cheaper if planned & researched better. Agree to finishing off the plans for James line & starting Stage 2 of the Papaioea Place social housing complex as housing is important. I agree that we should not start any more projects till the other projects are completed. I think street design/new layout can wait a few years till we have over come the effects of covid-19. The arts are important - look after centre point. But maybe hold off with more art work on the walls of the city till we have more money later on. The art work is beautiful but is a want then a need at the moment.

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Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

I think it is important to pay back debt. But we could reduce other funding areas by \$10 so we can still do this and not increase the rates. We should be saving more currently at the moment not spending more because the interest rates are low - due to the current covid-19 situation.

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Save more - hold back on spending. Do the essential things that are vital to keep Palmerston North running. Look after local businesses.

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name

Steve Wrathall

Privacy

Withhold my contact details

True

Hearings

First choice

Second choice

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

Too many nice-to-haves. Needs to be gone over with a razor in the light of the COVID 19 financial crisis, in order to achieve a zero rates increase.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

no

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

Yes, make this repayment, and cut 500K elsewhere

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Council should commit to zero rates increases, and the removal of red tape that will stand in the way of the post-pandemic recovery,

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget Submission

Submission on the Annual budget 2020/21

Submitted by: Larry Haist

I do not wish to be heard.

Just two comments on the proposed annual budget:

1. I was sorry to see some of the initiatives to improve walkways and cycle the network reduced (e.g., lines 732, 1039, 1559). I consider moving away from large personal vehicles very desirable as better for both the city's and personal expenses. Cycling and walking also have health and social benefits.
2. The very large expenses associated with the Arena (e.g., lines 1534, 1082, 1083) should not be made before a new business case is made. The follow-on from the current shutdown on tourism and recreational activities needs to be factored in as well as personal disposable income.

On the repayment of debt, consideration must now be given to reduced economic activity as a result of covid-19 and perhaps changed interest rates.

On considerations for the next 10-year plan and revisions to the current one, it is highly desirable that emphasis be placed on reduced fossil fuel use and improved wilding.

Larry Haist

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Margi Mitcalfe

Privacy**Withhold my contact details**

True

Hearings**First choice****Second choice****Your feedback****Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

Thank you Council, for what you are doing to help people in need. I've been impressed by the accessibility of the messaging on your website for those in need, and by seeing the Council being involved in the new Food Cooperative venture for those in need.

Regarding those citizens and businesses in need I think it would be good if the rates levels could protect from hardship, perhaps in a targeted way to particular situations of businesses and citizens? Targeting is important I think as we rebuild from the old world to the new. What kinds of initiatives do we most want to support, protect, develop? To me, businesses and initiatives which are not going to damage nature's ecosystem services to the City, and businesses and initiatives that are sustainable need to be given prioritised caring attention. Included in this targeted caring, regarding rates and other prioritised support, should be businesses and initiatives which help people out of poverty by enhancing networked, creative, vibrant, and most importantly socially-resilient communities, ones in which it is easy to help ourselves and each other. It is to the above citizens, businesses and initiatives which the Council will best turn its eye for the future. With regard to that, I would hope any reduction in rates would not affect the increasing of biodiversity, the acknowledgement of ecosystems services, Predator free 2050, sustainable transport (cycling, walking), waste minimisation, wastewater management, and the growth of social enterprises which enhance social wellbeing, generating a profit that future generations will not be harmed by. Kia ora Margi

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?**Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment**

See above

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What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name
 Russell HALLAM

Privacy

Withhold my contact details
 False

Hearings

First choice
 11 May morning

Second choice
 11 May afternoon

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21
 In general I support the main facets of our budget

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment
 This, of course may need to be re addressed under the current situation our country is facing

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

I would like to discuss the use and upkeep of our footpaths. I cannot find any policy on the use of footpaths in our city. Who are legally able to use footpaths as access in our communities? My understanding was that the use of footpaths was solely for pedestrians, with sole exception for postal deliveries on bicycles. The simple fact of the name of this roading feature would seem to support this. However, I do think there could be other considerations for exemption. As a consideration for the advent of mobility scooters, designed to enable those with mobility difficulties, access to their communities, I think would be another exception. Whilst I don't agree with cycles on the footpath, perhaps young people under the age of 5 riding cycles fitted with trainer wheels could use our footpaths, under supervision as part of their gaining the skills of cycling. I point out that children need to learn the skills of cycling on their own property or at safe public reserves. There is also a specifically designed area for this at The Esplanade. They then should be able to use the assigned cycle lanes throughout our city. Footpaths are used

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widely for our citizens to be out walking, as part of their daily exercise. an activity widely promoted as a healthy exercise. Many of these footpath walkers are our senior citizens, who find the sharing of footpaths with bicycles, electric scooters, and the like, that tend to come from behind quietly, quite frightening.. The result is that many of our older citizens are refraining from, going for the walk! For many of our walkers, particularly those who may have mobility problems, the physical state of our footpaths is of definite concern. The risk of falling or tripping from uneven surfaces is real for these people. This is of particular concern in our suburban areas. I look forward to further discussion on this submission.

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Russell HALLAM

Name of the organisation you represent**Privacy****Withhold my contact details**

False

Hearings**First choice**

11 May morning

Second choice

11 May afternoon

Your feedback**Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

In general I support the Annual Budget as presented

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?**Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment****What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?**

In reference to Land Transport section 20. In particular I wish to refer to the section of road in College Street that is between Victoria Ave and Albert Street. I note this end of College street forms part of this street that is defined as Minor Arterial. I have also noted that there are no plans at the moment to make changes to address parking or any other issues. I wonder if this is so because it is different than the rest of this Arterial route through our city.? The section of the road I am referring to, particularly that part closest to Victoria Avenue, is very narrow. It has footpaths each side, grass berms each side in which large trees are planted. It has a shared lane for cars and cyclists. This leaves a narrow section of the road for one lane each for traffic travelling in either direction . As part of an arterial route this street attract high volumes of traffic including public buses, trucks and other commercial vehicles, as well as private through traffic. There is no off street parking in this section of the street, apart from one small indentation. Therefore the

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grass berms are used as parking areas, which I understand is illegal. I suggest a lowering of the legal speed limit in this section of College Street be lowered to 30kmh. Also that (some of) the grass berms be removed to facilitate off street parking for residents and their visitors. This would be as the other half of this part of College Street closer to Albert Street. I submit this as I have concerns of safety in this street, caused by narrow vehicle lanes, on street parking and speeding through traffic. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss these concerns further.

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name
 Stewart Harrex

Name of the organisation you represent
 Environment Network Manawatu

Privacy

Withhold my contact details
 False

Hearings

First choice
 11 May morning

Second choice
 8 May morning

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

We support strengthening and renewing waste and stormwater systems as this is core essential Council work. We support extending walkway networks as ongoing works. Other Observations: • Small City Big Benefits vision will need to be recalibrated post-Covid19, within local constraints and opportunities. As a regional freight hub, and major producer and processor of food, this region will be well placed. We know that we have enough food and that distribution is the issue. A plan around food availability, production and distribution which includes the whole community would be very useful. We know that the large local volunteer sector have relevant experience, and are keen to participate in this space. • Repercussions from Covid19 highlight the need for an EcoCentre as a place where ideas can be distilled and education and training in all things environmental could be centred. An additional benefit would be wellbeing improvement of people, in being able to be more self-sufficient and empowered. Our member groups have the relevant skills. There will also be opportunities for small businesses to be seeded from skills learned. Example of this are in growing seedlings or as with a Supergrans sewing student who has been selling her wares online. • Post Covid19 some assistance from Council would be useful to coordinate volunteers for pest trapping, and also Council could assist with accessing the Waste Minimisation Fund and Predator Free 2050 Government funding. This sort of help could move the sector forward, if we have a commonly understood plan. We believe that great progress could be made, at a time when we expect there will be increasing numbers of volunteers.

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Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

1. Nature Calls – deciding on the best practical option for the treatment of our wastewater: cost overruns. As long as costs are explained and proven to be essential to the best decision being made, we believe they will be accepted by the public at large. We reiterate from last year's submission, that we are keen to work with Council to help "get the word out", and to facilitate opportunities for dialogue about options with the environmental and wider community, within the limits of our own resourcing constraints (we have just 1.3 EFT paid staff members). We are in particular keen to see more discussion around topics such as: • reducing wastewater at source • turning "waste" water into a resource

2. Council's Organizational Changes We see these as a window of opportunity for the Council to update its "Fit for Purpose" analysis in these changing times. • The resilience of the community should be the City's cornerstone. Hence encouraging volunteering, and the training and organising of volunteers, need to be prioritised. • We believe that Council should employ or co-opt a person with knowledge in climate mitigation to assist with the development of the Low Carbon Roadmap (programme 1526) of the Ten-year Plan. Together with this person should be an expert in communication and motivation, to help bring on board business and community at large. Presently there is a gap between Council and its vision becoming a reality for the community. • Staff to facilitate community forums about resilience, how they view it as of now, and opportunities for improvement, would be useful to ascertain just where the City stands in this regard. • While the Council has improved its environmental footprint, the City as a whole needs direction towards better practices for a Sustainable future. This needs to be led by qualified Council staff.

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

This may need to be reconsidered in view of the Covid19 situation. Otherwise the principle is good.

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Resilience: Many of the activities undertaken by the community sector contribute to a reduction of carbon emissions. For example, planting trees for biodiversity/water quality purposes also creates a carbon sink; advocacy for measures to improve cycling infrastructure and safety ultimately reduces the burning of fossil fuels; teaching people how to grow their own food reduces food miles and encourages home composting; reducing the amount of food waste going to landfill reduces methane emissions; education in permaculture principles helps communities to be generally more sustainable and resilient; the re-use economy (for example op-shops) reduces waste and emissions associated with production and transportation. There are many opportunities for employment in this sphere. Action is required across the country, and we submit that by putting this goal into action, PNCC has the opportunity to demonstrate real leadership within local government. Council budgeted \$85,000 in 2019-20 for a "Low carbon roadmap development" (programme 1526). We strongly supported this action by PNCC; The IPCC Report released October 2018 warned at that time that the world had just twelve years to try to limit global warming to 1.5oC, to avoid catastrophic environmental breakdown. Now that we have Senior Staff oversight of the Low Carbon Roadmap, we recommend that: • Council employs/co-opts or promotes a person or persons with a high level of knowledge about climate change and its mitigation to assist with the process of developing the Low carbon roadmap. As well as this person, we need an expert in communication and motivation, to help communicate with business and community at large, in working through the challenges ahead. • That Council invites and supports the wider community to participate in the development of this action plan. It is important that all sectors of the community are invited – this should include businesses generally,

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schools, tertiary educational institutions, youth in general, health and aged care sectors, the community sector (social, arts, environmental and sport), both urban and rural. It is important that the process is not rushed and involves extensive pre-consultation phases as well as a more formal consultation to finalise. One option would be to create a panel that would include representatives from across society as well as experts in the field of climate change mitigation. An example of this working well was the Lido redevelopment. • We request that Council provides information and data on climate change and carbon reduction on its website to enable members of the community to see what actions Council is already doing in this space, what the numbers are and how they are tracking over time. Further budgetary considerations: In light of the above points, we would expect the suggested processes to be adequately budgeted for. We also suggest that Council increases its operational budget to enable it to bring to the leadership team the necessary expertise in sustainability generally, and in climate change and its mitigation. Looking forward, there will also need to be sufficient budget for ongoing implementation of the plan (including engagement, monitoring and updates).

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Hoffman Kiln Submission re: Ground Maintenance
Attachments: Grass 1.jpg; Grass 2.jpg; Grass 3.jpg

I am Cliff Wilson, Chair of the Hoffman Kiln Trust Board.

I wish to speak at a hearing. I am available on both Friday 8 May and Monday 11 May in the afternoons.

Arts Culture & Heritage consideration.

The Hoffman Kiln is we believe Palmerston Norths premier historic industrial building situated on Featherston Street. We are a Charitable Trust set up to maintain and make available to the public this Historic Trust listed category one building constructed and commenced operating in 1904.

It has suffered serious deprivation over time mostly from vandalism but also from its age and weather damage. It suffered a major blow when the whole roof was toppled in a storm and through the largesse of the Higgins Family was rebuilt. This commenced the ongoing public interest in the activity of repair and restoration which is still ongoing today, and will be for many years to come.

All our income comes from donations for the various maintenance projects (of which there are many in a building of this age) and volunteer labour from our small band of volunteers. We have received some grants from the PNCC over the years for various projects for which we are grateful.

One aspect that continues to take up an unreasonable amount of time is the maintenance of the grounds, specifically lawn mowing, to keep the facility attractive to all visitors, pedestrian friendly and vermin free. We have already broken one mower and it has now been replaced, but as you can see from the attached photos this is a task requiring between 90 minutes to two hours of pushing a mower depending on growth and availability of members.

We would ask if the Council could include the mowing of these grounds, which are open to the public and frequented on multiple open days (last year our open days had some 130 visitors in the rain, with the year before some 350 in drier conditions) as well as work undertaken by our volunteers, in their berm mowing programme. The use of a tractor mower would cut the time taken to approx. 10 - 15 minutes and be more consistent in keeping the growth to a minimum. This would allow us extra time spent on maintenance requirements including painting, clearing internal rubble, getting displays relating to the kiln set up and provide more open days for the public.

The kiln is an outlier in terms of it being considered an open public asset but under charitable trust control with limited sources of income available to carry out our restoration work.

Councils consideration of including this small matter in their general grounds maintenance budget under the preserving its heritage allocation would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Cliff Wilson
Chair/Trustee
Hoffman Kiln Trust Board

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Merle Lavin**19**

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Alan Stockwell

Name of the organisation you represent**Privacy****Withhold my contact details**

False

Hearings**First choice****Second choice****Your feedback****Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

Given the absolute shock to the system that is COVID-19 and the massive drop in the cost of delivery of council services over the last month (how much did running the library cost during the lock-down?) along with the general societal pain being experienced by myriad people getting pay cuts, reduced hours, job losses it is cruel to be considering an increase of any amount at this time. Even Jacinda took a pay cut, surely the council can pull back on some spending increases.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?**Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment****What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?**

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name Jena Ivamy
Name of the organisation you represent
Privacy
Withhold my contact details True
Hearings
First choice
Second choice
Your feedback
<p>Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21</p> <p>A "proposed" rates increase is simply appalling and shows how out-of-touch with reality and disconnected from the community the council really is. The community should be able to rely on the council to match the sacrifices all ratepayers and businesses are having to make during this economic hardship by cutting rates, not forcing additional payment increases. In regards to "Increased funding to improve and build the capability of our organisation to improve the delivery of Council services and work programmes. This will contribute to ensuring we are an efficient organisation, committed to achieving our vision and goals". - What on earth is the council doing if they aren't doing this now, in addition to the already spent half a million for the same thing last year?!</p>
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?
Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment
What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin**21**

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Brock Ivamy

Name of the organisation you represent**Privacy****Withhold my contact details**

True

Hearings**First choice****Second choice****Your feedback****Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

A rates increase is not acceptable; council must cut rates to match the sacrifices all ratepayers and businesses are having to make

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?**Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment****What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?**

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Annette Nixon

SUBMISSION TO PNCC ANNUAL BUDGET 2020-2021

The **budget** is well written for a pre-COVID-19 city. Recent developments require a substantial re-think and adjustment to priorities. At this Year 3 stage this is timely to precede the development of the next 10 year plan. City and community resilience are important considerations. Above all PNCC must keep the people needs to the fore as the budget is re-worked. These are the needs for overcoming isolation through re-establishing daily routines, affordable recreation, open spaces for activity, the ability to meet without incurring large costs, communication that clearly sets out what is or is not possible, and an invitation to be involved.

Rates, reduce from 4.4%

Nature Calls - continue with this planning and upgrade development.

Capital Development - Shovel Ready projects that allow for development that benefits the whole area are preferable to those which focus on beautification or redevelopment of a specific area. Projects should have wide community use and value in a way that supports local well-being.

Organisational Development - We cannot escape the need for digital innovation and capacity and increased Customer Service (including safe personal contact)

Additional Debt Repayment - Can this be reasonably accommodated in the coming year, even though I support the intention? Maybe wait until financial demands are clearer and include in the 10 Year Plan.

Comment on reaction to COVID-19 Lockdown, and the longer term implications

People miss their LIBRARIES. This is the complaint I hear most often. They've run out of reading material, miss the outing. Please resolve the City Library EQ safety issues to allow complete access to those services. Digital support in the same mode as MakerSpace please, now we are learning ZOOM, Trello, on-line banking and Skype. MakerSpace is a treasure. Many thanks for the joy of having this space and technology with a helper on hand. What else can develop from or like this by PNCC or in partnership with others?

Active Transport - Please focus on the Walkable City - safe places to walk for all ages, free from bikes and electric scooters. Sort travel lanes to meet the speed of the users, rather than mixing transport modes. I do not support "shared pathways" unless they are sufficiently wide to provide safe access, but do support footpath renewals.

Active Community - Please preserve and add to our walkable spaces, provide incentives for people to walk to parks, walkways, river settings and bush remnants.

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Along with our great sports fields, play grounds and exercise opportunities these are essential for healthy recreation and well-being and have had great use recently.

Importance of Neighbourhood services / hub / village / parks - We value our Awapuni Village with Pharmacy, Dairy, Vet, Garage, Post Box still operating. Access (vehicle or walking) is a blessing for local residents and increases resilience and compliance with Lockdown directions. The wisdom of including such hubs in new housing developments is so sensible, providing convenience to essential services in difficult times.

Awapuni Park - While the Community Centre and Play Ground are not available the Community Garden is, along with the walkways through the Park. E.g Rhubarb was planted by Awapuni Garden Club members in the community share portion of the garden for community harvest. It has been good to see the Park used by families and individuals during Lockdown.

Gardening - the Plant to Plate website and facebook traffic has increased dramatically as people seek to add gardening to their Lockdown activity. With the development of gardens at a number of Primary Schools, maybe there is scope for Community Gardens to exist alongside these as intergenerational activities and to help keep them going through holiday times. What "picking" gardens can PNCC add to their public planting throughout the year? We need to keep this interest buoyant.

Project Support - Park Road Realignment - At last, please complete this project that has featured in project lists for far too long. It will expedite safe entry to The Victoria Esplanade.

Bonsai House / Lath House Projects - Please proceed with this features planned for inclusion with The Victoria Esplanade upgrade. We have many wonderful botanical treasures in this location, it is wise to add to it to further enhance the reputation of the city.

Personal comment about valued assistance received from PNCC services recently: Archives - what a great service this is. Thanks to Lesley and team.

Eco Design Advisor and City Planners - very helpful discussion for potential activity

Awapuni Community Library - A pleasure to spend time with Laura and team.

That's quite enough for you to read. Best wishes for all your efforts on behalf of all of us.

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20 April 2020

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Dear Heather,

ANNUAL BUDGET 2020-21 – HORIZONS' SUBMISSION

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Palmerston North City Council's (PNCC) 2020-21 budget. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons), more than ever, values the strong relationships between our two organisations and the other local authorities in the region – these will be vital over the coming months and years of recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

With regard to your proposed budget for the coming financial year, Horizons acknowledges that this has been prepared and presented to the public with the caveat that you will be reconsidering your assumptions and final position in the light of the seriousness of COVID-19.

We also note that PNCC has made significant progress towards upgrading treatment and management of the city's wastewater discharge, with public engagement now underway. Horizons urges you to maintain the momentum of this project, so agreed timeframes for applying for resource consent can be met and water quality in the Manawātū River be improved.

Horizons wishes to continue working collaboratively with Palmerston North City Council to create a reliable, integrated, accessible and sustainable public transport system. For 2020/21 this means completing the Palmerston North bus review which potentially will recommend changes to bus routes, bus stop infrastructure, development of public transport priority measures, and supportive policies. We also envisage progress being made on the re-design of the bus terminal to support growth and efficient operations of the bus services. Horizons supports the ongoing inclusion of suitable funding provisions to enable this.

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Horizons does not wish to present this submission at the annual plan hearings.

Yours sincerely,



Michael McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name Michael Dilger
Name of the organisation you represent
Privacy
Withhold my contact details True
Hearings
First choice
Second choice
Your feedback
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21 I think council needs to focus on EFFICIENCY within the limited budget it already has, given that you cannot squeeze blood from turnips. We are all suffering double-digit losses of income. This is an impossible time to raise rates at all, if anything they should be lowered. Put off projects if necessary, but focus on efficiency and CUT THE DEAD WOOD.
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?
Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment Delay it. Delay the wastewater treatment rework. We are NOT in normal times. We have to SCRAPE by now and you guys are acting like rich pricks totally out of touch with what is going on. We are watching your votes and will be campaigning against councillors that want to raise rates during this COVID-19 crisis.
What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin**25**

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name
 Harrison Morris

Name of the organisation you represent

Privacy

Withhold my contact details
 True

Hearings

First choice

Second choice

Your feedback**Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

Given the current state of business around the world let alone in NZ it seems to be poor timing to ask business owners and homeowners who are taking pay cuts or even redundancies to pay more in rates. If anything there should be a rates decrease with a push to have people spend more on local businesses once quarantine subsidies.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name Zane Yates
Name of the organisation you represent
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Hearings
First choice
Second choice
Your feedback
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21 One key message. Given the unprecedented situation that COVID-19 Pandemic puts so many residents and business in Palmerston North in. Council must send a clear signal they are here to do the right thing for residents and businesses and freeze rates immediately. That is all.
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?
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Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

Plan looks good 90% happy with content. Re Rates - Decrease from 5.2% to 4.4% -- Seems good but i would like to see the proposed rates reduced to 3.4%. This will allow for ratepayers to have some relief from the hardship they are suffering through the level 4 lock down. Council should also look at reducing the 10% late penalty fee payment to 5% for the same reason for the 20/21 Rateable year. I have noted that the WDCC have already taken onboard this recommendation.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Page 8 - Increased funding to improve and build the capability of Council. While i agree in principle to the proposed changes i would ask the Council to defer the proposed funding of \$ 500K to improve and build the capability and delivery of Council services until year 4 (2021/2022). to allow for full consultation and working plan to achieve this is developed and approved by full Council.

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

Totally agree with this .

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Re Capital Development. - Page 11. Would urge the Council to withhold anymore plans for the City Centre Streetscape " Streets for People" once stage 2 is completed and re look at the monies budgeted for the Victoria Esplanade Masterplan. I agree with the

building of the Bonsai House/Lath House project in the 2020/2021 Financial Year . But suggest that the Park Road entrance be deferred until the 2021/22 Financial. year. I do not see this proposed new entrance as being a development that will improve the visitor experience at this stage.

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Presbyterian New Church (Rev Susan Blaikie)

Submission PNCC Annual Budget 2020-21

In 2019 the parishes of St David's (Roslyn), St Marks and St Andrews (Awapuni and Central City) combined to create a new parish, presently named Presbyterian New Church (PNC).

Rev Susan Blaikie, Wellington, moved to Palmerston North to live in the Manse at Awapuni as the new full time Minister.

The Parish re-organisation with 3 earthquake-prone worship buildings has necessitated worship at the Lychway in Roy Street. PNC Awapuni now has one building strengthened and used as a community resource along with the Church Office, an Op Shop and ample off street parks and undeveloped green space. PNC Roslyn contains the lounge, hall, pre-school facility, office and parking space.

PNC Central on the corner of Ashley / Church Streets is to become the worship centre. Plans for earthquake strengthening and interior redesign are underway.

A comprehensive mission plan is in place providing strategic direction for the future. We will have a clearer idea next year as to the strength of our plan and our future direction, eg excess space at Awapuni.

Our response to COVID -19

With a largely older congregation many living alone, we have set up teams to meet individual and household needs, to facilitate online services and meetings, to safely support, call and deliver goods and provide comfort and connection during this time of lockdown and whatever may replace it.

This is a major challenge that has caught us, as a Parish, along with others as unprepared and unresourced for a timely and satisfactory response. This especially relates to the use of digital technology. Many people are not digitally literate, not used to handling digital devices. Even locating and using TV for worship is not what most of us are used to.

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One need for our future is for finance and assistance to help with our digital connectedness, to cover devices, programmes, training and technical support. While PNCC has had digital support sessions available through libraries, now that the whole community requires this further learning, education and support, we ask you to consider how best as a city this can be provided.

How can we as a parish work with PNCC to create community resilience, neighbourhood well-being and connection? At all 3 sites, Roslyn, Central and Awapuni there are resources available to extend current activities (when permitted) to provide further outreach and opportunity.

PNC Roslyn

Current activities included Lighthouse pre-school groups, Meeting Point (regular community gatherings with many years of local support), church groups, hall and lounge used extensively by outside groups. While there is no "village" nearby activities can expand to Memorial Park eg Carol Singing, youth group activities.

PNC Awapuni

This site is blessed with connection to Awapuni Village with a strong neighbourhood of interaction and activities. The Op Shop, open 2 mornings a week, supplies more than second hand goods, also acting as an informal drop in and help centre. A Games Afternoon x2 p/mth has a strong following from across the city. The main building provides a useful community space for hire when not required for parish programmes.

PNC Central

We look forward to resuming the Music Mission, Mini Movers and Korean Church services when the building is safe to use again, along with all the other user activities this central site previously provided.

Murals

PNC Central is the site of 2 murals completed in January as part of the International Street Arts Festival. Their depiction of 1) the Trinity and 2) Kia tau te Rangimarie - Peace be with you is very appropriate and appreciated.

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Rates

The financial hardships and job losses prevailing or about to prevail in our community suggest that a 4.4% increase and continuation of other PNCC projects is too much at this time. A re-think of the budget to support community based welfare and well-being organisations and projects through the next year at least is an important and necessary consideration.

Rev Susan Blaikie

Annette Nixon

Minister

Church Council representative

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Extinction Rebellion Manawatū Submission
Te Kaunihera o Papaioea Palmerston North City Council
Annual Budget 2020/2021
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Extinction Rebellion Manawatū is part of the international movement Extinction Rebellion. We are concerned about the Climate and Ecological Crisis we are in and the impact it will have on all life as we know it. Our concerns are based on solid science.

- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] October 2018 Report stated that we have less than 10-12 years to act before catastrophic climate change is irreversible. It stated we must reduce our emissions by at least 50% by 2030 to stay under the 1.5 °C maximum temperature rise that was agreed to in Paris.
- Carbon emissions in the atmosphere continued to rise until the very recent pause in human activity with the Corvid 19 Lockdown. Because of there is a time-lag between Greenhouse gases being emitted and their impact on the climate being manifested our emissions by 2030 will determine the minimum temperature rise by the end of this century. Hence it is not just climate warming but climate catastrophe

What do we think of the proposed Annual Budget for 2020/2021.

- We think it totally ignores the looming Climate Crisis which is at risk of causing irreversible change.
- In the forward to the Draft Annual Budget by Heather Shotter she referred to ongoing growth in Palmerston North as exciting but it is actually very risky.
- As humans we have already exceeded the planetary growth limits. As a city we urgently need to stop using fossil fuels now but this is not mentioned. We need to find ways to shrink rather than grow without hurting the most vulnerable in our society.

A Roadmap to reducing Climate Change was supposedly underway a year ago but is not mentioned in the current information for the 2020-21 budget. Has this been completed and if so what did it say?

Comments on Changes from Year 3 of the Annual Plan

- We think upgrading roads [as opposed to ongoing maintenance] is a waste of money as we need to be using roads less. Even vehicles that run on alternative energy sources such electricity or hydrogen consume a lot of fossil fuels during construction. We cannot continue to use private vehicles of any sort as much as we currently do. So new and bigger roads are unnecessary.
- Given the looming crisis money spent upgrading and improving sports fields [\$393,000] is unnecessary.
- We like footpath renewal which hopefully includes widening so there is space and accessibility for pedestrians, push chairs, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and slow skateboards scooters and cyclists.
- We support maintaining and replacing Recycling Trucks but in the long term we would want more emphasis on repairing refurbishing and reusing items many many times before it is recycled. In the short term more needs to be done to recycle plastic bags and other items within the region.

Re the Proposal to repay the \$500,000 of debt and Nature Calls Waste Water Plant options

- In principle we support minimising debt and living within our means.

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- However with the Covid19 crisis there is likely to be increased unemployment and if ways can be found to use this money to create local jobs which require little fossil fuel then that would be a better option. E.g. repairing and finding new uses for broken stuff, growing local food e.g. community gardens and vegetable farming, planting fruit trees in reserves and on roadsides.
- We support investing in a long term superior land-based Waste Water System that befits an eco-city

What should be considered for the next 10 year plan

- A new 10 year plan needs to be developed this year. Unless PNCC changes direction sooner there is likely to be irreversible environmental and societal collapse. The IPCC has given us only till 2030 to make changes
- A new plan now could assist Palmerston North to be an Eco city which is doing its bit to save life as we know it.

A possible vision for Palmerston North is that it would be:

- Net zero carbon emissions
- Citizens are becoming familiar with new ways of living that respect both the physical limits of the planet and our local environment while also ensuring that everyone's basic needs are met.
- Community development libraries, the Arts and a wide variety of cultural events are supported. Community facilities such as halls playgrounds and parks should be within walking distance of every house.
- The housing shortage will have been solved partly by modifying hotels and motels [originally intended for overseas tourists] into housing for local people.
- Housing density will be increasing rather than the city spreading out over productive farmland. Cohousing developments will be being built to make good use of land and foster a sense of community.
- Public transport will need to be free and the buses frequent with the addition of routes that allow people north east to south east for example without having to go via the CBD.
- Transport options such as cycling and walking will be easy and safe for everybody on footpaths that are being widened and with fewer cars on the road. PNCC recently hosted Rodney Tolley to talk in PN. He had lots of information about how minimising cars and maximising pedestrians increases community wellbeing and helps a city thrive.
- Organisations and businesses focussed on repairing and reusing items will be well supported and flourishing and the demand for new consumer goods will be decreasing as items are used for a long time before finally being recycled.
- Plastic packaging will be at a minimum and reused many times before being recycled
- The measurements of PNCC's success will be the wellbeing of the poor and most vulnerable, the health of the local ecosystems and the amount of carbon dioxide [if any] emitted. Measuring the city's success in terms of growth will be totally outdated.

The new city plan to support the above changes could benefit from:

- A skilled PNCC staff member as the Communicator [similar to Ashley Bloomfield] who could inform guide and support Palmerston North through the changes. The Covid 19 crisis is minimal compared to what a full blown Climate Crisis would be like.
- Setting up a Citizen's Assembly. Making decisions around the Climate Crisis is challenging for politicians locally nationally and internationally. One helpful tool would be to have a Citizen's Assembly. This process has been used in Ireland re Abortion Law Reform and is currently being used in France and the UK regarding Climate Change. In a Citizens Assembly a group of people representing a cross section of the community are chosen in a process similar to that used in jury selection. The assembly meets regularly to learn about the issue they are addressing from experts and then make recommendations for the elected representatives to act on as they choose. Such a process could be extremely helpful in Palmerston North to guide the Council in decision making around the Climate Crisis. It needs to happen soon.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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Beth Tolley

On behalf of Extinction Rebellion Manawatū

NB Representatives from Extinction Rebellion can make themselves available to talk to this submission on any of the suggested days and times

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Date: 20/04/2020
To: Palmerston North City Council
From: Manawatū Tenants' Union (MTU)
Subject: MTU Submission for PNCC Annual Budget 2020-2021 Consultation

Introduction

The Manawatū Tenants' Union (MTU) advocates at the individual and social level to improve the rights and welfare of tenants in the Manawatū. We provide free advice, advocacy, and education services, and work closely with other community organisations and government departments. We see the day to day effects of the housing crisis, and the need for a strong response from local government.

We continue to see an increase in contacts with tenants and cases over time, with over 60 new cases and 200 tenant contacts in March 2020, a substantial increase from 22 new cases in March the year before. While not our core focus, we have also seen a substantial increase in the numbers of homeless coming to our doors. This has increased from 13 in the last six months of 2018 to 36 in the second half of 2019. The stories and situations of these tenants informs the comments that we make on this proposed budget.

We wish to speak to this submission. We are available to speak to this submission on the 11th of May from 3:30 to 5:30pm or 7pm to 9pm.

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Comments on Social Housing

We are strongly supportive of the continued funding and development of Council social housing, and acknowledge that the PNCC is one of the few councils nationally maintaining and expanding social housing.

However, we are concerned that the budget suggests delaying the development of further social housing until Papaioea Place is completed. In the current housing crisis and COVID-19 crisis, stable and affordable housing is important more than ever. With unemployment predicted to rise, social housing will likely be in increasing demand.

Housing is a basic human right.

"He whare āhuru, he oranga tāngata, he oranga whānau."

"Comfortable housing, healthy people, healthy families."

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Instead, we suggest that the Council further increases funding for social housing so that both projects can be continued concurrently.

More social housing will provide safe housing for our most vulnerable, allowing people to participate and thrive in their communities while reducing the negative health impacts associated with poor housing. It also helps direct the spending of low income tenants towards more fulfilling and productive sectors of the local economy than that achieved by paying high rents to private landlords.

Comments on Community Spending

We are also concerned about the inequity in the proposed budget regarding community funding. We recommend that, at minimum, funding towards community support should be equal to or greater than that allocated for economic development. Strong communities are essential for equitable economic development.

We also wish to remind the Council that it is essential to maintain funding for community organisations coming out of the COVID-19 crisis and in future years. Community organisations are critical for enabling a safe and thriving community, and it can be expected that the demand for these services will continue to increase as the country manages COVID-19. In addition, community organisations often provide these services at a cost to the community well below what would be charged by an equivalent business, relying heavily on volunteer labour and going the extra mile while also providing some employment.

Conclusion

As tenant advocates who see daily the impact of the housing crisis and funding decisions on our most vulnerable citizens, we urge the council to maintain funding for social housing and community organisations, and to further increase funding for social housing to meet the needs of our community.

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ANNUAL BUDGET 20/21

Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan 2018 - 2028

This form is for you to let us know what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan for 2018 - 2028 and what we should be thinking about going into the next 10 Year Plan. Please print clearly so this form can be easily photocopied, read and understood. Provide all of your contact details including postal address, phone and/or email. Make it clear if you're representing an organisation by filling out the relevant field below.

Full Name: Gaewyn Grant (Treasurer of Trust)

Name of the organisation you represent (only if applicable): Plant to Plate Aotearoa

Address: Handcock House

Phone: (mobile) (hm) (wk)

Email: Kingst PN NZ

Signature:

SUBMISSION FORM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOUR SUBMISSION AT A HEARING

Select your preferred dates and times:

1ST OPTION

Date: _____ 2020 Time: _____

2ND OPTION

Date: _____ 2020 Time: _____

All submissions will be acknowledged in writing and given to the Mayor and Councillors, who will consider the views and comments expressed when finalising the Annual Budget.

If you would like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission before a Committee of Councillors, please tell us your choices of dates and times in order of preference. Options for dates and times are listed on page 16 of the Consultation Document.

As required by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, all submissions will be publicly available, including their placement on the Council's website, although you may request that your contact details (but not your name) be regarded as confidential. If you want your contact details withheld please let us know by ticking this box:

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Let us know by 20 April 2020

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SUBMISSION FORM

ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/21

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020/21

The Budget is fair but hopefully with all that is happening in the world right now we hope that money set aside for the community projects stays in place esp. the Eco City idea.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?
see page 8 and 9

Now that Covid 19 is with us, changes could happen each year.

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Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this budget for additional debt repayment. This has added approximately \$10 per year to the average residential rates bill, and is included in the calculations on pages 6, 7 and 15

Well if all the proposals take place
Ratepayers should not complain on an
increase as they will benefit but the proposals
must take place.

SUBMISSION FORM

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Plant to Plate Aotearoa has benefitted from the PNCC for
many years now and we would like to state that we appreciate
the support. We are glad you see our programme is beneficial
to the city through the volunteers we have. Very multicultural
and the benefit the chn in schools gains knowledge from our
activities of Gardening + Cooking of Vegetables + Fruit.
With the Pandemic on at present our organisation has come to the fore.
Our Website + Facebook page has had numerous requests for tips on
gardening + recipes for family eating. Folk are becoming self sufficient

We would like the PNCC to take the lead in Community gardens
as all our schools are the start of this. We would like to see
help with folk setting them up, make land available at no cost
and assist in leadership here.

Maybe assist + support Ratepayers to put in own gardens + fruit trees
by a subsidy on rates - just an idea. This is so imp. in 2020!
If you need more writing space, just attach additional pages to this form.

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20 April 2020

 Palmerston North City Council
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ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FROM SPORT MANAWATU

Sport Manawatu is a charitable trust and non-profit organisation that was established in 1987, and has grown from small beginnings to become a substantial provider of services and events benefiting the sporting and active recreation interests of the Manawatu, Horowhenua, and Taranaki communities. Sport Manawatu have a long and proud history of supporting and delivering on local council outcomes. Our headquarters is located at Sports House in Palmerston North, in addition we have satellite offices based in Feilding and Dannevirke.

The Value of Sport and Active Recreation

Sport Manawatu has a vision of Everyone Active, achieved by building stronger communities through sport and active recreation. A recent national report highlighted that participation in sport and physical activity reduces the incidence of heart disease, Type 2 Diabetes, Obesity, some forms of cancer, depression, and dementia. In addition, sport and active recreation contributes to vibrant and stimulating communities and we believe that our work would complement the councils approach to delivering on community outcomes.

What we do

We are inspired to make a positive difference in people's lives and aim to achieve the following strategic outcomes by 2024:

- More children- Better opportunities for kids to enjoy quality sport experiences.
- More adults – Participating in more sport and active recreation in our community.
- More game makers – Thousands of people across our region willingly volunteering time to make sport happen.

What do we think about the proposed budget for 2020/21

Sport Manawatu supports funding to renew key equipment for water, wastewater, and stormwater systems to lower the risk of system failure. We acknowledge that this is a significant undertaking and the project is focused on future proofing the city. We need to ensure a robust system is in place for our generation and the generations to come. We do however feel the Council need to have options available for us to consider, of which a plan is in place for this to occur.

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We support the Council funding to maintain the successful extension to the walkway network. A [Ministry of Transport Household Travel Survey](#) showed that 19% of New Zealanders have biked in the last few months. In addition, 67 percent of those aged 5-12 years old, and 53 percent of those 13-17 years have biked in the last year. Commuting by bike is increasing in many cities including Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch while 2018 Active NZ survey figures show that cycling is in the top 10 most popular leisure activities (youth and adult) in terms of weekly participation.

People are demanding recreation activities which are localised and tailored to their needs and work in with their lifestyle. According to Sport NZ, "91.3% of adults take part in sport and recreation at one or more man-made facilities. The most popular being path, cycleway or walkway in town or city (53.1%). Testament to this impact locally has been the newly constructed He Ara Kotahi bridge which has seen a surge in the number and frequency of cyclists using the shared path for both training and recreation.

We also support the Council increasing funding to the sports fields renovations programme to improve their durability. We have some fantastic Spaces and Places around the city for the community to take part in sport and active recreation activities, and surface upgrades complement what is currently accessible. We are conscious that the surfaces need to cater for a range of user groups and we are working with these users to address their concerns based on code specific standards, and find ways to support a range of multisport activities.

Further funding for an increased level of service for our regional sports fields such as Fitzherbert Ave, Colquhoun Park, and Memorial Park. Residents in our city love being active and parks and reserves provide fantastic environments for physical activity to occur. There is clear evidence of the huge and wide-ranging benefits of sport and active recreation – improved physical and mental health and wellbeing, social connectedness, economic and productivity gains, and educational outcomes. We believe all residents, regardless of age, ethnicity, and ability level, should be able to participate in sport, recreation, and physical activity in fit for purpose facilities and spaces to enable them to live active, healthy lives with positive health, community, and economic benefits. We're also aware that emerging evidence would suggest that underspending on facilities leads directly to lower participation. The Regional Sports Facilities Plan requires us to optimize facilities, and to find ways to better cater for a range of multisport options of which funding in this area will achieve this outcome.

We also support the Councils continued investment into footpath renewal. The 2018 Active NZ survey highlighted walking as the top physical activity carried out by individuals (Manawatu region 56.6%). Footpath improvements will significantly increase access for community groups such as the

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elderly and people with physical impairments. Links to walking trails and loops will also have benefits and should be considered ways of integrating improvements and city connectivity to pathways.

Comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

We believe that in light of the COVID-19 situation, the plan will need to be reviewed as part of the Council's recovery action plan. A number of projects may not be considered a priority under the present environment and we would expect a revised plan to be implemented.

What do we think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this budget for additional debt repayment?

Council could consider not to allocate this budget for additional debt repayment, and instead utilise these funds to support rescue or recovery packages for sectors or specific organisations who still could be struggling in the current environment.

What should the Council be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Please see additional information included from the Chair of the Sport Manawātū Board in relation to Council's planned contribution towards Sports House.

Do we agree with the vision statement?

Sport Manawatu believe the Council is well placed to deliver on its vision, however there will need to be changes made in the way we do things following the COVID19 situation. We will be entering uncharted territory and for some, they will want to take off from where we were prior to lockdown. We believe this won't be possible due to financial, social, and economic impacts. We also have work to do to support our sector that will involve short term, medium term, and long term outcomes. Sport Manawatu feels that Play, Active Recreation, and Sport will play a critical role to achieve the council's vision. The Active Communities Plan has set the foundation for the work we need to do and we will need to position ourselves in partnership with the Council to lead out a new way of doing things.

We feel that the sector is demonstrating a maturity in creating a sensible and responsible partnership and collaborative approach, no more so than facility planning. As well as the partnerships we have with Sports through the General Manager Network, we feel we are playing our part in making sure every Council dollar is invested wisely for maximum return in benefits to the community. Sport Manawatu's new 2020 strategy sets out a clear direction on where we feel we need to be in four years' time. This document has been created in partnership with our strategic stakeholders and we feel it is a comprehensive tool to help Play, Active Recreation, and Sport thrive. The strategy gives priority to the cities young people, and priority populations. We continue to coordinate with these groups. As well, it will allow us to provide significant support to volunteers, administrators, and coaches, and promotes shared multi-sport facilities, and supports school/sport partnerships, involving community use of facilities.

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Thank you for the opportunity in allowing us to make this submission.

Yours Sincerely



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Sport Manawātū Submission on PNCC Annual Budget 2020/21 – Sports House

Sport Manawātū continues to make progress on establishing a regional hub for sport and active recreation through a fit-for-purpose Sports House. Since this time last year we have considered several alternative sites, determined our preferred site, and have completed draft concept designs. We remain focused and committed to supporting the sustainability of sport and active recreation in our region, particularly given the significant impact of COVID-19.

Like many parts of our society, the sport and active recreation sector will see some significant changes and shifts over coming months. While it is too early to understand these changes in detail, one theme that is coming out of discussions with our stakeholders and funders is the increased importance of hubs and shared services across all organisations involved in sport and active recreation. Delivering on this type of collaboration has been and continues to be an important focus for Sport Manawātū, with Sports House being a key driver.

Our region and New Zealand overall are likely to feel the economic impacts of Covid19 for at least 18 months, if not longer. The Sport Manawātū Board has temporarily paused the Sports House project to enable our team to pro-actively focus on supporting our critical local and regional sport and active recreation organisations at this time.

We were in the planning phase for Sports House and were aiming to build in early 2021. However, Covid19 appeared just as we were planning to meet with neighbours of our proposed site. Given lockdown restrictions we have postponed this, but are progressing planning and designs as far as possible until we can carry out the necessary engagement. We also recognise how important development and construction projects are for economic stimulus, and intend to move things forward when it is prudent to do so.

Council had previously voted to include a contribution of \$1.5 million over two years for Sports House. This signalled the importance that Council placed on the need for a collaborative shared space for more than a dozen sports organisations that rely on working alongside Sport Manawātū. We are asking for this to be reinstated, split evenly over the 2020/21 and 2021/22 years to support Sport Manawātū to continue to pursue a fit-for-purpose Sports House, which supports a regional hub approach for the sector.

We would like to speak to our submission and can be available on either the 8th or 11th of May.

Yours sincerely



Nolan King
Chair, Sport Manawātū

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Full name: Mary Ellen Legg

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020/21

I think the budget for 20/21 should be cut wherever feasible. We are entering a recession and it is possible that the rates revenue (based on property values) will decline as it likely that property values will fall over the next few years. Of course, 'where feasible' is vague, but unless it is a core service like water, wastewater or rubbish collection, then spending should be reduced. This should include spending on sports fields, roading, arts etc. There are going to more people unemployed in our city, and I think it's unfair of the Council to keep on spending as if the country and the world are in a boom time. They need to cut back.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan? see page 8 and 9

I would like to see the Esplanade changes placed on hold until the financial climate improves.

I think spending on sports fields should be reduced. I don't see sports fields durability enhancements as crucial.

I agree that city centre streetscape should be put on hold. I think PNCC should put in some bids for the 'Innovating Streets Pilot Fund'. I think reversible changes should be trialled, where the changes allow for physical distancing or separation of cyclists from cars, but these trialled changes can be done with removable barriers, not complete rebuild of the roads and footpaths. It doesn't have to look perfect for a trial.

I think Wildbase opening should be limited to six days per week. Seven days a week is too costly. Every museum in Europe is closed on Mondays, I don't see that Palmerston North needs to be different. It's a great space, but five or six days a week is enough.

I don't agree with the extra \$500,000 so that the capability of the PNCC to improve the delivery of services and work programmes can be achieved. I think they should try to be capable without that extra money.

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this budget for additional debt repayment. This has added approximately \$10 per year to the average residential rates bill, and is included in the calculations on pages 6, 7 and 15

I think it might be a good idea to repay some debt, but I more strongly think that it would be wise to not incur new debt. I think we could save \$500,000 by not PNCC not giving \$500,000 to itself to improve the delivery of Council services and work programmes and to improve the capability of the PNCC. Surely this is a goal of every organisation as a core value and can't just have an extra \$0.5m as a budget item? It's pretty basic budgeting to first try to not incur debt unless it's for something really concrete and longlasting.

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

For the 10 Year Plan, I think we should look at slightly increasing spending on biodiversity from its current 0.67 %. I think Council spending on biodiversity is too light, and the budget could take some money from arts and culture, and reduce some spending on sports, and also make a tiny cut in leadership spending. A small amount from each area moved over to biodiversity would make a huge difference to the biodiversity budget. Enhancing biodiversity gives true lasting long-term enhancement to the city, and makes it a nicer place to live in and to visit. It makes it more in sync with the more popular parts of New Zealand,

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where there is either more native bush, or great beaches. Palmerston North is currently weak in both these areas. More funding and effort should be put into the reintroduction of toutouwai into the Turitea Reserve. More should be spent on weed control in places like Ahimate Park, where there are many weeds like pampas grass and willow. Weed control and more native trees are needed on most of the city tracks. Some funding from roading could be diverted for this purpose. Less mowing of lawn on walking tracks could allow for native tree planting on these areas. As well the tasks laid out in the current Biodiversity Plan, the idea and reality of biodiversity could be encouraged into our suburbs by gifting of native trees by the council to residents. This practice is in place in Wellington and it works well to provide more bird habitat. It encourages people to move away from the idea that a mowed lawn is a great use for a back yard. As well, as already described in our Biodiversity Plan, community predator control could be rolled out into the suburbs. So with more planting of trees and less predatory pests, native birds would have more opportunity to flourish in town. The native street trees are great, but on their own they are not enough and don't really give habitat for birds as they're on the sides of car-filled streets.

Merle Lavin

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From: Karen Adams
Sent: Sunday, 19 April 2020 4:07 PM
To: submission@pncc.govt.nz
Subject: Annual Budget/Path and Cycleways

Mayor, Councillors and CE,

I would like to start this submission with a request that before anything is considered in the Plan, that is it revisited Post Covid 19 and I would hope the Council and CE will be reprioritising expenditure to core service infrastructure completion and maintenance over new or nice to have projects. Therefore rather than specific references to the plan which may now be void I shall make some general comments for your consideration.

He Ara Kotahi Bridge

First I would like to make a submission and comment around the new bridge- quality of work, surfacing of the pathway up towards Ahimate Park, the speed of cyclists, increased cyclists along the path from Dittmar Rd (Slacks Rd). I walk or run this area everyday I am here and have done since 2008.

The quality of the finish of the Ruha St road and connecting area up to the bridge is extremely poorly done, it is less than a year old. There are numerous cracks in the concrete surface and edges even though expansion cracks have been added. There is a "lump" of concrete, possibly a repair, that hasn't been smoothed down, the cobblestones are coming away at the top where it goes to the bridge, the textured "pattern" has overspray from when it was applied and is already coming away and worn through in places on both the bridge and the road. It looks as if two stormwater cover have been sealed over on Ruha and Dittmer intersection and the aluminium? tread is extremely slippery and I have seen several people slip in the rain. Also of note in this area is there is only one bin by the toilets that is often overfilled especially when the coffee cart is there and is often not emptied for several days (I have already sent photos through and contacted the help desk around this).

The surfacing of the path towards Ahimate Park- I can't recall that being on the original plan? The surface is totally unsuitable and this too already has cracks as this area has been flooded several times in the past 10 years. Why wasn't at least asphalt used which has more give? As a runner I find the surface quite hard to run on and that was a regular run route for me up to Maxwells Line and back and is now giving me knee pain from the hardness of the surface.

The speed and increase of cyclists from the Slacks Rd connection has increased exponentially since it has been paved, this is the OFF LEASH area for dogs and has been at least since we moved here. I have observed cyclists are now riding through it at speed getting aggressive and angry if people or dogs get in their way. I have witnessed two small children being knocked over and an elderly man clipped as someone has ridden past. This used to be a dirt path and was utilised by many and even limestone slowed down the cyclists I hope the Massey side remains limestone and that the pathway towards Ahimate ceases where it is now. College St cycle upgrade.

1. I notice that the cyclists connecting from Awapuni aren't going along College past the shops often getting on at Maxwells Line or Dittmer from Pitama Rd to go to Massey so is there a requirement for the College Rd cycle lanes to go ahead given they are now using the river path?
2. The footpaths along College St are broken and as more people walk or run that road then cycle and combined with reduced parking you have to walk to your home for many people or visitors. These paths are dangerous, I have sent photos outside my property and one further down that is completely lifted by tree roots surely these should be repaired before, I have several elderly neighbours nearby my College Rd Property that have stumbled and fallen.

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Waste Water Options.

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I would like to submit my preferred option being the discharge to land with the emergency overflow to the river but with the following caveats.

That the water is as close to neutral prior to discharge, that the Council seeks to make a submission for permission to both the Regional Council and Central government that the water be able to be used for irrigation. (NB Changes to expedite RMA changes, post Covid 19, for infrastructure progression by Minister Shane Jones). Any increased costs of this option be borne by reprioritisation of any other expenditure and be future proofed for city expansion growth.

A minimum permeable area be included for town planning especially in subdivision of existing and new sections, these are common in many areas around the country and help to offset the amount of water that goes into the waste or storm water from properties, if a property wishes to go under the threshold then they would have to have a holding tank fitted with trickle system.

Storm water improvements.

In keeping out solid waste I would like the council to add roadway drain catches as have been used in other countries and clear drains more frequently as the amount of rubbish that goes directly into the Manawatu can often be found at Foxton Beach, notably PNCC parking tickets, takeaway rubbish from stores only found in Palmerston North as well as other general waste. I think this would help clear the waterways surrounding Palmerston North as well which have rubbish from drains and roadways.

Water Catchment/Town Planning

Any intensification of the town plan and increase in the population should require a plan and solution for the extra strain on all of the services. A rates rebate or subsidised residential water tanks should be offered for existing homes and should be a requirement for any new build. This is a common regulation for many territories and cities in Australia and can greatly ease the pressure on town supply for things like gardens, car washing and lawns for example. In new builds can be connected to plumbing. This will also takes the pressure off smaller sections and permeable allowances into waste water.

Rubbish and Recycling.

The current model of landfills and the processing of recycling needs to find a long term solution and I would like to see the incineration method be fully explored. The emissions far outweigh the longterm pollution and given we are in the innovation hub I am sure a solution to neutralise the waste could be found. We should take ownership of the waste we generate and sending it away when it doesn't get processed is not a solution that is fair to the environment.

I have noticed that there is more fly-tipping and then increased charges have exacerbated it into drains, public spaces and outside charity stores. If incineration after actual recycling, repurposing is done then there would be less spend on dumping and clean up charges.

Needs and Wants

I notice in the first part of the plan, a Mr Charles Landry is quoted and speaks of walkable and vibrant cities. That's fine if the city itself can sustain and has the population that requires that. I would like to see the population that currently lives and works here supported by the council in ensuring we have a safe, clean, functional place to live first than one that is geared towards expensive expenditure on nice to haves. For example all the "extras" on the new bridge, additional surfacing which is now coming away instead of more rubbish bins near and along the pathway that are cleared frequently. The new proposed walkway at the Arena which would build several houses. Arts and cycleway spending when very few people can afford or do either.

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I hope that post Covid 19 that local governments can lead the way with repriorisation of expenditure and doing so in a responsible, efficient and effective way.

Kind regards,

Karen Adams

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name

Kevin Kelliher

Name of the organisation you represent

Privacy

Withhold my contact details

True

Hearings

First choice

Second choice

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

Due to Covid 19 and the predicted major effect on the local economy I suggest Council needs to consider the position of all ratepayers and their financial ability to pay increased rates over the next 2 years. Personally I do not think a 4.4% increase for the next year is prudent. It should be at a lesser level (suggest 1.5%). Recent history: PNCC ratepayers have had to accept increases every year for the last decade. Each annual increase compounds on the increase from the previous year. No local business I know of can increase their charges by 4% per annum yet this is what Council expects of it's ratepayers every year. In the current economic climate this is untenable. As a business person I appreciate the city must spend money to expand and prosper but within realistic monetary increases. So what decisions should be made this year: Council should categorise all planned major projects into: a. essential (absolute must have's). Sewage upgrade, duplicate water mains, Stoney Creek Rd improvements, College St road improvements and b. Nice to have's: Square improvements, Memorial Park & Linklater Reserve upgrade, sealing of bridle track, Further improvements to The Square, river walkways. This will reduce the increase required to a more realistic level. The other items can be reassessed next year, dependent on the state of the economy. Shovel ready projects: If Government funding is available I support proceeding with those projects to inject money into the local economy. (i.e. Arena improvements, more community housing, KB Road improvements). Summary: Council needs to look at all areas of unnecessary spending including staff bonus's, annual grants to all organisations, Square Circular (don't print it, put it on the web) and many more items. Finally as a long term ratepayer I have not forgotten Council's \$391,000 secret payment to Toyota in 2017 from the discretionary fund. This payment was wrong for so many reasons, least of all that

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Council voted for this to be kept secret from ratepayers and we still do not the real reasons behind it. That money could have been put to much better use now. I mention this purely for you all to think long an hard before making decisions on annual rates increases and remember who you are elected to represent. Regards

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

I agree with this proposed debt repayment.

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name

Linda Stewart

Name of the organisation you represent

CEDA

Privacy

Withhold my contact details

False

Hearings

First choice

Second choice

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

The Central Economic Development Agency is supportive of the proposal to increase total rates by 4.4%, and acknowledges that this is down from 5.2% projected in the 10 Year Plan. In light of the current regional, national and global impact of Covid-19 on our economy, CEDA recognises that Palmerston North City Council has an important role in supporting and stimulating the economic recovery of the city - investment into strategic projects, such as the 'catalyst' projects identified is even more critical now than before. There is a significant amount of data available that demonstrates the austerity in a crisis, such as the one we are facing now, is bad. Rates relief may be felt to be politically necessary, but, some food for thought: • \$1m of rates relief supports 8.5 jobs • \$1m of interest payments for investment supports 155 jobs A more prudent approach may be to run a hard ruler over costs and make savings on operational aspects, seek additional funding from central government and private partnerships, and provided targeted rates relief, at a level that will actually make a difference, to your most vulnerable citizens. CEDA recognises the efforts of the Council to actively seek other funding avenues (full or in part) for some of these projects, offsetting the investment by ratepayers where possible, and commends these efforts.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

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What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin

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From:

Submission

Subject:

FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Callum Wilson

Name of the organisation you represent**Privacy****Withhold my contact details**

False

Hearings**First choice****Second choice****Your feedback****Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

Even as a 'good times' budget, the tone of spending outlined in the PNCC 2020-21 Annual Budget is self-serving and full of waste and extravagance. It is clear that the council is increasingly operating for itself, and not for the people who provide for its existence. I strongly object to the proposed 4.4% increase, and call for a substantial rates cut. The significant economic impact of Covid-19 must be immediately recognised and addressed. Any notion that the council 'leads the recovery effort' by spending needs to be dispelled. Business and private enterprise will lead this recovery and the council has obligation to allow that to happen. To that effect I call for council to immediately take steps to decrease the rates burden on residents and businesses, by way of a reduction, not deferral. In respect of businesses, I call for the council to immediately remove or substantially reduce the commercial rating differential for commercial properties. There must be immediate cuts to council expenditure, which I believe can be achieved without loss of services. Private enterprise has no choice but to achieve this, and so should council. In the council's own words, 'we're all in this together', so there should be immediate pay cuts for executives; immediate freeze on hiring; and immediate freeze on all idealist spending that would not be supported in the private sector. We live in a new world, and the council must react accordingly and achieve a substantial rates reduction.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

A number of the proposed changes from Year 3 of the 10 Year plan must be abandoned and replaced with far more substantial changes to achieve a rates reduction. Of particular note, "Organisational Development", \$500,00 for "Increased funding to improve and build the capability of our organisation to improve the delivery of Council services and

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work programmes. This will contribute to ensuring we are an efficient organisation, committed to achieving our vision and goals.” This is disgraceful. As far as management and the council organisation is concerned, these aspects are called ‘doing your job’. No competitive enterprise has the luxury of suggesting such a thing as additional spending to this magnitude. My understanding is that this was also in last year’s budget, but to what effect? It is clear the work must happen, but that’s why there are many highly paid and resourced managers already in place. Questions must be asked why this is not happening as a matter of course already. Consider the changes that the Covid-19 situation has forced on private enterprise, with less than no budget to deal with or adapt. Other obvious additional expenditure which should be wiped; includes proposed purchase capital items including rubbish trucks, and a lighting rig for the arena. Continue to hire. Cut free swimming which resulted from a dodgy consultation without proper costs; \$150,00 is not acceptable. Hancock Community House management; where is the saving from outsourcing work to the tune of \$60,000. There is a clear pattern of council using additions to lock in future spending, which is unacceptable and must be reversed.

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

This is an absolute distraction. Why is this item being specially consulted on but so many others are not? This is exactly the sort of economic decision that the council should be capable of making without direct public consultation, especially given the magnitude of other decisions being made without direct consultation. I offer no opinion on this repayment, except to say that there are many more areas that council could save far in excess of \$500,00, to make this item a complete non-issue. Look harder at other savings.

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

For the upcoming 10 year plan the council should be considering its role in our ‘new world’ where the ever-growing rates burden and lack of accountability for spending will not be tolerated. The council must consider how to utterly slash spending by focusing on core roles, reduce overhead, reducing waste and extravagance. The council cannot continue to live beyond its means and impose an unsustainable burden on ratepayers.

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name

Emma Ochei

Name of the organisation you represent

Palmerston North Community Services Council

Privacy

Withhold my contact details

True

Hearings

First choice

11 May morning

Second choice

11 May afternoon

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

Please see comments in support of the \$60,000 for administration of Hancock Community House - I have put these under next question.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

We submit in support of continuing the \$60,000 funding for the administration of Hancock Community House (HCH). As you know, our organization, the Palmerston North Community Services Council (PNCSC), was selected to provide services for the day-to-day management of HCH, following a review of HCH in late 2018. We support the continuation of this contract, and we are happy with the level of funding remaining at \$60,000 for this coming year. From our perspective, the contract has allowed PNCSC to provide services which were previously sorely missing at HCH. As part of our contract for the "Provision of Services for HCH", we provide a reception service, which means there is a friendly welcome and a clear point of information for everyone arriving at HCH. This has been well received by visitors, who were often previously unsure of where they needed to go, or where to ask for help. While the reception has been the most noticeable development as part of our new contracted role, and other services include: - coordinating reporting of maintenance issues and liaise with the PNCC Property Team - management of Health and Safety issues - management of meeting room bookings - regular tenant meetings and tenant liaison - continuing to develop shared services to benefit tenant organisations. We are comfortable that \$60,000 for this HCH work

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adequately covers expenses of the services for which we are currently contracted. However, in future years, we might need to request a 'cost of living' adjusted increase, or potentially an increase in funding. However, with the economic impact of Covid-19 already impacting our community, we submit the current \$60,000 proposed is sufficient in this climate. In addition, we are assuming the \$5000 for an operational programme for furniture and equipment at HCH will also be continue. We believe this is also an appropriate level of funding at this stage.

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name
 Helen Sneddon

Name of the organisation you represent
 The Order of St John

Privacy

Withhold my contact details
 False

Hearings

First choice
 11 May morning

Second choice
 8 May afternoon

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?
 N/A

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment
 N/A

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

We thank you and appreciate the opportunity to submit a submission to the Palmerston North City Council. This submission seeks funding of \$200,000 towards the cost of building a new Ambulance Station in Palmerston North. The St John Ambulance service in Palmerston North currently has 3 ambulances operating during the day and 2 operating at night to ensure we can provide emergency medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to Palmerston North and the surrounding communities. St John needs to build the new ambulance station on Willis Street to help with the increase in demand for our service. Since 2013 there has been a 20% increase in the number of call outs attended by our ambulances. Without the ambulance service in Palmerston North, St John simply would not be able to respond to people with life threatening injuries or

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conditions and urgently dispatch the care and treatment needed. Any Government funding St John does have received is allocated to operational costs not infrastructure, making our submission to the Palmerston North City Council essential to cope with the increasing demand on the Palmerston North Service. With the support of the Palmerston North City Council, St John Palmerston North Area Committee can ensure Palmerston North has a world class ambulance service. St John will acknowledge the support in social media and newsletters that go out to our 30,000 members.

Merle Lavin

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From:

Submission

Subject:

FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details**Full name**

Rosie Yates

Name of the organisation you represent**Privacy****Withhold my contact details**

True

Hearings**First choice****Second choice****Your feedback****Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21**

I think that there should not be a rates increase due to the current Covid situation, the council should be cutting back spending and rates rather than increasing them. We as a district need to be doing all that we can to ensure business and employment are looked after in this period and households do not need the added pressure of an increase at this time. There also needs to be increased clarity and accountability regarding how some of this funding is spent eg the \$500,000 allocated to this "Increased funding to improve and build the capability of our organisation to improve the delivery of Council services and work programmes. This will contribute to ensuring we are an efficient organisation, committed to achieving our vision and goals"

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?**Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment****What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?**

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name Flo Gibson
Name of the organisation you represent Bunnythorpe Community Committee/Public
Privacy
Withhold my contact details False
Hearings
First choice
Second choice
Your feedback
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21 See submission
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan? See submission
Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment See submission
What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan? SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF THE BUNNYTHORPE COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETINGS/COMMITTEE TO THE PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL 2020 PLAN. Bunnythorpe Community Centre: We endorse the project of this long awaited build for the Bunnythorpe Community in Partnership with the Bunnythorpe Rugby Football Club and Palmerston North City Council. Walking Path - Stoney Creek Road (Nathan Place to Parr's Road) This subject has been submitted for a number of years. To Reiterate: Dangerous for pedestrians, Adults, adults with children/toddlers, pushchairs, and using a walking frame, to walk on either side of Stoney Creek Road between above as mentioned. Blind rise, open drain, some in 100kph and some in 70kph, steep bank. Requesting lime chip footpath for safety of all users of such. Street Lighting: This has been requested over a number of years particularly from Nathan Place to Parr's Road.

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Adult Exercise Equipment: This has been submitted over the past two years. Just one piece has ever been requested to be placed just outside the Small Children's Playground in Campbell Road. There are a number of under 65 & over 65's who would use this type of equipment rather than what is actually in the playground itself. Gateway to Bunnythorpe: Whilst the main structures have been put in place we are still awaiting the written information to go with it on that site. An update would be appreciated. Proposed Freight Ring Road: an update has been requested in the past. Due to Kiwi Rail wanting to expand out towards Bunnythorpe this question is even more imperative that we be kept up to date with each and every decision made along the way. Upgrade of Raymond Street. Please advise progress on this subject. We were advised at a Bunnythorpe Public Meeting by Mayor Grant Smith that this would be looked at in the March/April Annual Plan particularly in light of the proposed new Community Centre being built in the very near future. Due to the unique position all of NZ is under with Level 4 at this point in time, it has not been easy for our Executives to ensure the Submissions were attended to as they all have young children. Following a discussion with the Executives of the Bunnythorpe Community Committee it is on their behalf that I have volunteered to take on that responsibility. Thank you for all items in previous years submissions that have been attended to. Flo Gibson, Treasurer, Bunnythorpe Community Centre Association/Bunnythorpe Community Committee via Public meetings. P O Box 5130, Terrace End, Palmerston North 4441 - Telephone: 06 329 2738 - Email: fbgibson@inspire.net.nz

Merle Lavin
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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details
Full name Doug Tietjens
Name of the organisation you represent
Privacy
Withhold my contact details True
Hearings
First choice
Second choice
Your feedback
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21 a rates increase is not acceptable; council must cut rates to match the sacrifices all ratepayers and businesses are having to make in the current times.
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?
Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment
What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name
 Luke Tracey

Name of the organisation you represent

Privacy

Withhold my contact details
 True

Hearings

First choice

Second choice

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

I think this is generally solid, but would like to see planned improvements to urban cycleways prioritized. If we truly wish to be an eco-city, then we need to make the city much more friendly to low emission options. Lockdown has seen increased use of bicycles to exercise, and with falling e-bike prices the timing could be right to really promote this.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Social housing is still a significant need in the city, and the construction of units will help the local economy. I am disappointed that this is being deferred and hope this will be reconsidered in light of COVID-19.

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

Given COVID-19, we will need stimulus spending to avoid the worst of the economic slowdown. I would prefer that this money be put towards projects which provide work and support the worst-off in our communities.

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

We should consider adding kerbside compost collection to services provided by council. This would divert food from landfill and reduce our emissions, and the compost would be a valuable resource to be resold or reused by the community.

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Annual Budget submission

Your details

Full name
Heike Schiele

Name of the organisation you represent
Manawatū River Source to Sea

Privacy

Withhold my contact details
True

Hearings

First choice
11 May morning

Second choice
11 May afternoon

Your feedback

Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the PNCC Annual Plan 2020/21. Manawatū River Source to Sea (Source to Sea) is a community-led and catchment-wide initiative focused on providing positive outcomes for our community, from the headwaters of the Manawatū River in the Ruahine Ranges, through to the confluence at Foxton Estuary in Horowhenua. The positive outcomes include: - Enhancing biodiversity, both flora and fauna; - Building awareness and capability through citizen science (e.g. Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge); - Support and encourage more nature-based experiences; - Social enterprises contributing to economic wellbeing; - Social and cultural wellbeing. This community initiative has been developed by the Biodiversity Cluster, a subset of Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) member groups. It is closely aligned with Palmerston North City Council's Goal 4, an Eco-City, especially with the Biodiversity Plan, and with parts of the Three Waters Plan and the Waste Plan. It is also well aligned with Goal 2, a Creative & Exciting City. We look forward to continuing to work with Council towards common goals. We encourage Council to consider Source to Sea as a strategic partner in the implementation of the Eco-City goal, particularly in relation to the Biodiversity Strategy, the Three Waters Plan and the Waste Plan. The community sector can help the council achieve its goals through community engagement (including citizen science), maximising the opportunities for collective action and by leveraging funding. Biodiversity enhancement We fully support the Council's investment in biodiversity and sustainable practices (currently 0.67% of

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Council spending), and believe that more should be done going forward. This is because our environment is under increasing threats, anthropogenically initiated due to a mix of over-population and excessive resource demands, resulting in its capacity to support future humans declining. Protecting biodiversity in the wider community will become increasingly important post-Covid. The very likely decline in international tourism could be off-set by the development of nature-based domestic visitor experiences, especially in the Manawatu and adjacent areas which are currently not high on the tourism agenda. We see the opportunity to engage visitors in guided walks and on the ground efforts to enhance biodiversity, such as walking traplines or engaging in planting activities. In order to align our efforts, we would like to initiate a joint planning session between Source to Sea and Council staff in preparation for the upcoming 10-year plan. This session should cover: - Opportunities to increase native biodiversity in the city; - Valuation of functioning eco-systems services to the city; - Opportunities to increase sustainable practices for living in the city; - Opportunities for co-funding (E.g. Predator Free 2050, Waste Minimisation Fund, etc.) to grow available funds to achieve outcomes of mutual interest; - Opportunities to offer a range of nature-based experiences for locals and visitors. Three Waters Plan Source to Sea will take a particular interest in the Nature Calls consultation process, because it is essential that humans take responsibility for sustainable disposal of their waste products. Further this must be done in the context of upcoming climate change, which will change the ability of future generations to employ parts of their environment for waste processing, whilst adding many new, unpredictable challenges which they will need to address. Waste Plan Source to Sea through Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge sees opportunities to further align Council- and Community-driven activities around education and action. We suggest a planning session with Council staff in preparation for the 10-year plan. Eco-city This is a major aim of PNCC, and the current Covid-19 situation has many lessons which Source to Sea would like to share with PNCC. These include: - Improving cycling in the city; currently riding a bicycle around town is a pleasant and safe exercise, due to the decline in traffic, and the even more important decline in the aggressiveness of that traffic. This suggests there are many ways to improve the cycling experience, particularly in terms of creating, marking and surfacing cycleways. - Financial changes are inevitable post-Covid, and this, unless counteracted by strong and clear moves on the parts of community leaders, could impact negatively on local biodiversity. - At the same time, these changes will promote the development of many new businesses for the region, and PNCC has a major role to play in directing these towards greener alternatives, with which Source to Sea would be keen to assist.

Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

Please tell us what you think about Council's proposal to allocate \$500,000 in this year's budget for additional debt repayment

What should we be considering for the upcoming 10 Year Plan?

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Your details	
Full name	James Martin Wilson
Name of the organisation you represent	
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Your submission	
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21	
<p>I'm seriously concerned over the proposed rates increase of 4.4% overall, given the unprecedented upheaval to our economy and conditions.</p> <p>Rates on my simple grazing block at 1068 Napier Road are steep enough in good times, against benefits.</p> <p>Council must operate under the new economic order ahead in a supportive manner, taking a fair and proper share of the upcoming burdens.</p> <p>A rates cut is sought, NOT an increase.</p>	
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?	

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Your details	
Full name	James Martin Wilson
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Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21	
<p>Your proposed budget for 2020-21 requires serious re-working to reflect projected recessionary times.</p> <p>The proposal for a 4.4% rates increase overall is totally unacceptable for this period. Council should be supporting ratepayers with a proposal to cut rates. A zero increase has been promised by some Councils.</p> <p>Council must become a team player in our economic challenges, to be taken seriously and respected.</p> <p>Council persistence with a rates increase engenders a case for a rates revolt, given the magnitude of negative changes we are likely to suffer in the coming year and beyond. Not a platform for City progress.</p> <p>I await Council's decisions with interest and certain expectations.</p>	
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?	

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Your details	
Full name	Lynley Anne Wilson
Name of the organisation you represent	Cottage flowers
Address	
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Your submission	
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21	
I am shocked as any increase at present is unacceptable. My section is rated on land value and the rates that apply are exorbitant given my situation. Please be a team player and recognise the situation we are likely to be facing in the coming year. I would have expected a decrease in rates or at least a rates freeze.	
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?	

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Your details
Full name Kyle Willoughby
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Your submission
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21 <p>Whilst I accept the Council has stepped back its rates increase from 5.2% to 4.4% this is simply not enough. The Council is currently attempting to parley this horrendous situation that is COVID-19 and the level 4 lockdown into an item through which they can serve their own purposes for political gain. This rhetoric of "we are being thoughtful to our community by only raising the rates by 4.4%" which realistically is a 0.8% reduction is nothing more than a justification for an unjustified increase.</p> <p>The Council has advised it is not running the recycling programs during the level 4 lockout, and again I accept the reasoning behind this decision however we have also been given assurances that our waste will be dealt with mindfully by the Council in the past, and a portion of our rates is meant to go to this. So in essence we are currently paying for a service we are not receiving. I am fascinated to hear the justification for how this is an adequate use of our rates.</p> <p>Further we are all currently under massive social and economic hardship thanks to the level 4 restrictions. Families are facing hardships unseen in this country for generations. Unemployment is on the rise, families are facing mental health struggles due to confinement, there is expected to be a rise in suicide and PTSD cases due to this current environment, is now really an appropriate time to be adding to the already tense atmosphere many Palmerston North families find themselves in?</p> <p>This Council has been elected to serve the needs of the community. It would be nice to believe that they would honour that privilege by being mindful of what these rates increases would mean, who would be impacted and the knock on effects these families would be facing - especially those who are already on the edge of ruin now - and that the Council would act appropriately to support the community they represent.</p>
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan?

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Your details
Full name Eric Franklyn
Name of the organisation you represent
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Your submission
Please tell us what you think about our proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21 <p>A request for appropriate warning signs on Fitchett Street advising motorists of the likely presence of elderly persons crossing the road between the two sections of Metlifecare and using a raised traffic calming section of the road has been made without success for a number of years. The latest reply indicated they could not be installed for probably five years.</p> <p>This crossing (which is not a designated pedestrian crossing) is in continual use by residents using walkers and wheel chairs and who are not active enough to evade the vehicles, some of which use excessive speed particularly when coming around the corner.</p> <p>We request two signs, one on each side of the elevated portion of the road, indicating to motorists the presence of elderly persons crossing the road.</p>
Do you want to make any comments about what's changed from Year 3 of the 10 Year Plan? No comment

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Submission to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)
From
Manawatu Chamber of Commerce (MCoC)

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1. The Manawatu Chamber of Commerce ("MCoC") is a 400+ Business Member organisation, accounting for a large proportion of the City and Region's GDP. This submission is presented to Council by the Board of MCoC after consultation and on behalf of our Members.

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2. MCoC thank PNCC for the opportunity to consult on this matter.
3. MCoC recognise that the proposed rate increase was indicated to be 4.4%, which is a reduction from the 5.2% increase initially projected in the 10 Year Plan.
4. MCoC are aware that since the Annual Budget was prepared the impact and seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic has become more evident and that as a result PNCC will be reviewing and reassessing its assumptions about costs and revenues.
5. We are all navigating through the most challenging times that our country (and the world) has known in many decades. We understand that in that context some parties are calling for a freeze in rates for the 2020/2021 rating year. However, we do not support that call for the following reasons:

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- a. In order for PNCC to continue delivering the services that the City requires focus should be given to where costs might be cut (at least temporarily) whilst continuing to invest in infrastructure and other programmes as planned. Such an approach might consequently result in a further reduction to the proposed rates increase, but without taking the quite drastic step of a total rates increase freeze. It remains very important That PNCC (like any other organisation) is sufficiently funded to deliver required services across the City. Any cuts to the City's funding model would flow through to those services, and would likely shift the rates burden to future rating years. .
- b. Investing now (through rates funded projects) will assist in keeping the economy moving forward and also provide additional jobs that are going to be so crucial to our regional (and national) recovery. MCoC believes that continued investment in programmes now will ultimately provide more jobs than any form of rates relief. We ask that PNCC gives this careful consideration..
- c. MCoC are conscious of the hardships that are affecting many of our ratepayers. However, our role is to focus specifically on business interests in our region. Thus, we also ask PNCC to consider rates payments deferral if appropriate, but only if that deferral is passed through to the business tenant where appropriate, or shared in some way. That could be made a condition of any deferral agreement.

Summary

MCoC urge PNCC to review their proposed rates increase within the Annual Budget for 2020/2021, but not to freeze rates in order to maintain investment for infrastructure and other projects, which will assist in longer term financial recovery. MCoC request PNCC to consider rates payments deferral for specific hardship cases, but with some conditionality around this.

Yours sincerely

Signed on behalf of the Manawatu Chamber of Commerce Board
by;



Amanda Linsley
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