

MINUTES for an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2021** commencing at **11.30am.**

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Chairperson)

Cr AD Bech *via Audio Visual link*

Cr JA Church

Cr C Eyre

Cr JM Gibb

Cr SL Henderson

Cr SD Lynch

Cr RC McGuire

Cr FM McInally

Cr EM Patterson

Cr JD Sedgwick *via Audio Visual link*

Cr NMD Smith

Cr LR Thomson

Cr C Woolerton

Attending:

Mr D Ofsoske (Election Services)

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)

Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)

Mr J Quinn (Communication, Marketing & Engagement Manager)

Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)

Mr A Marais (Business Intelligence Team Leader)

Ms H Beavan (Corporate Planning Team Leader)

Ms G Kanawa (Democracy Team Leader)

Mr J Brown (Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor)

Ms B Clarke (Corporate Planner)

Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Church/Henderson)

THAT an apology from Councillor Lynch for non attendance be received.

CARRIED

WDC2107/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Gibb)

THAT the agenda for the extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Wednesday, 7 July 2021 be confirmed and all items therein, including the supplementary memorandum circulated on 6 July 2021 with further community board details, maps and updated recommendations be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED

WDC2107/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

REPORTS

Representation Review 2021
Agenda Item 4.1

Tabled Items : Replacement maps for proposed Tuakau Community Board (Attachment 14A) and Raglan Community Board recommendations (Attachment 15)

- The Representation Review process has included community focus groups, online surveys and workshops for Councillors and Community Boards. Feedback from the consultation sessions has helped develop the proposal presented at the meeting.
- Public consultation will begin on Wednesday 14th July 2021 until Friday 20th August 2021. Hearings will be held on Thursday 9th September 2021.
- Concern raised regarding the workload for Maaori ward representatives being appointed to Community Boards. Idea raised that there could be a threshold for involvement in Community Boards with large Maaori constituencies. Suggestion that at least one Maaori ward representatives attends a Community Board meeting and representatives could alternate their attendance.
- Cr McGuire noted his opposition of the proposed Waerenga-Hukanui ward. Concern raised that there were not communities of interest within the ward due to its size and that the proposed ward be split into two smaller wards.
- Cr Bech noted a lot of work has gone into the ward design with careful consideration built largely on input from community consultation and focus groups. Communities of interests can be complex and challenging. Communities can submit on their thoughts during the public consultation period.

- Key point from the previous representation review was proportionality. The proportionality of the population range that Councillors represent was noted to be high within the +/- 10% rule. The proposed Pokeno ward was used as an example. Concern noted how this affects representation in growth areas.
- It was noted that the proposed wards comply with Statistics New Zealand data. The grouping of the proposed wards around key growth node towns was to address these concerns. Little can be done to mitigate future growth fluxuations. It was difficult to get all wards within the recommended +/- 10% proportionality rule.
- The division of the Onewhero – Tuakau Community Board. Report notes that the Community Board can consult with the public during the public consultation period. It was important that the community were aware of their options and that they were conveyed clearly, such as the differences between a Community Board and Community Committee, along with considerations for targeted rates. Question raised about the possibility that Onewhero becomes a division of the current board or become a Community Board or Committee with a targeted rate if public feedback suggested support for that. It was important to listen to the feedback from the community. The current targeted rate for the area could remain if a tier 2 Onewhero Community Committee was established.
- Raglan Community Board boundaries. The Community Board will need to explain and consult areas outside of the current boundaries which they wish to include in their catchment. Reiterated again that it was important to clearly explain the differences between a Community Board and Community Committee.
- Proposed Tamahere-Newcastle ward. Concern raised that Councillors elected for the proposed ward would be too Hamilton focused, not district focused. It was noted that elected members were accountable to the whole district, not just their ward.
- Important for Councillors to support Community Boards and Committees when they want to consult on moving Board/Committee boundaries. Communities have the right to challenge proposals for boundary extensions and targeted rates.
- An extraordinary council meeting will hear the public submissions. The adoption of the final proposal will occur once the public hearings and deliberations have been held. The recommendation for this meeting was only to consider the initial proposal of public consultation.
- Important that there was consistent naming of proposed wards through the consultation document for public clarity. However it was noted that it was important to demonstrate the process for which the finalised proposal came to be.
- The scenario was raised that some submissions may not be within the scope of what was being proposed. Most issues can be dealt with. The final adoption cannot be wildly different from what was originally proposed. Issues such as funding would be out of scope.

- Noted that clear communication within the consultation document was important on what options were available for funding for Community Boards and Committees. Tier two Community Committees can access discretionary funding, funded through a targeted rate, but not committee remunerations.
- Point raised that a clear explanation should be included in the consultation of what the criteria is to have or establish a Community Board.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Woolerton)

a) THAT the Waikato District Council resolves, in accordance with sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for at least the 2022 triennial election:

- i) Waikato District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and 13 councillors elected under the ward system, specifically 11 general ward councillors and two Maaori ward councillors ;**
- ii) Waikato District Council be divided into eight wards, these being:**

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	of Geographic Reference
Te Takiwaa Maaori Ward Two (2) Maaori ward councillors	District-wide	The entire district - proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 1
Central General Ward Two (2) general ward councillors	Huntly, Ngaruawahia, Ohinewai, Rotongaro, Rotowaru, and Taupiri.	The central part of the District with communities either side of the Waikato River - proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 2
Pokeno-Hunua General Ward One (1) general ward councillor	Pokeno, Hunua Ranges (portion) Mangatawhiri, Mangatangi and Mercer.	The northeastern part of the district bordering Auckland Council in the north and Hauraki District in the east – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 3
Port Waikato General Ward One (1) general ward councillor	Aka Aka, Glen Murray, Matira, Naike, Otaua, Onewhero, Port Waikato, Pukekawa-Opuatia, Ruawaro, Te Akau, Te Kohanga, Waikeretu, Waikokowai and Waiuku-Karioitahi.	The northwestern part of the district bordering Auckland Council in the north - the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 4

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Reference
Tamahere-Newcastle General Ward Three (3) general ward councillors	Hautapu, Horotiu, Horsham Downs, Koromatua, Matangi, Puketaha, Rotokauri, Tamahere, Te Kowhai and Whatawhata.	The southeastern part of the district bordering Hamilton City Council in the west/south/east – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 5
Tuakau General Ward One (1) general ward councillor	Tuakau	The northern part of the district bordering Auckland Council in the north – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 6
Waerenga-Hukanui General Ward Two (2) general ward councillors	Eureka, Gordonton, Hampton Downs, Hautapu, Maramarua, Meremere, Miranda, Orini-Tauhei, Pukemoremore, Rangiriri, Te Hoe, Te Kauwhata, Waerenga, Waiterimu-Matahuru Whangamarino, and Whitikahu.	The eastern part of the district bordering Hauraki District Council in the east – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 7
Whaangaroa General Ward One (1) general ward councillor	Glen Afton, Glen Massey, Makomako, Okete, Pukemiro, Raglan, Ruapuke, Te Mata, Te Uku, Waingaro, Waitetuna	The southwestern part of the district bordering Waipa District Council in the east and Otorohanga District Council in the south – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 8

iii) Confirms the population that each ward member represents (based on population estimates as at 30 June 2020) are as follows, noting that:

- I. the population that each general ward councillor represents is within the range of 6155 +/- 10% (5,539 – 6,770) in compliance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001; and**

2. the number of Maaori ward members complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001:

Ward	Population Estimate (as at 1 July 2021)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	+/- 10%
Te Takiwaa Maaori Ward	15,150	2	7,575	100%
Central General Ward	12,400	2	6,200	101%
Pokeno-Hunua General Ward	6,510	1	6,510	106%
Port Waikato General Ward	6,520	1	6,760	106%
Tamahere-Newcastle General Ward	17,150	3	5,617	93%
Tuakau General Ward	6,420	1	6,180	104%
Waerenga-Hukanui General Ward	12,250	2	6,125	100%
Whaaingaroa General Ward	6,610	1	6,155	107%

iv) Retains five (5) community boards representing five (5) urban communities, these being:

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Reference
Huntly Community Board Six (6) elected members and two appointed members, being one of the Central general ward councillors and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori Ward councillors.	Huntly	The current Huntly Community Board area with a minor addition to a mesh block in the north-east border - the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 10

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Reference
<p>Ngaruawahia Community Board</p> <p>Six elected members and two appointed members, being one of the Central General Ward councillors and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori ward councillors.</p>	<p>Ngaruawahia</p>	<p>The current Ngaruawahia Community Board area with slight boundary adjustments to incorporate the mesh block that includes the new development at River Terraces and stops the boundary at the golf course – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 12</p>
<p>Tuakau Community Board</p> <p>Six elected members and two appointed members, being the Tuakau General Ward councillor and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori ward councillors.</p>	<p>Tuakau</p>	<p>The Tuakau Community Board reduced to the Tuakau General Ward boundaries – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on tabled updated Attachment 14A</p> <p>Removal of the Onewhero section of the existing community board area and consult with the community in regard to the establishment of a community committee.</p>
<p>Raglan Community Board</p> <p>Six elected members and two appointed members, being the Whaaingaroa general ward councillor and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori Ward councillors.</p>	<p>Raglan</p>	<p>Retain the current Raglan Community Board area - the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 16</p>

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Reference
<p>Taupiri Community Board</p> <p>Six elected members and two appointed members, being one of the Central general Ward councillors and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori ward councillors.</p>	<p>Taupiri</p>	<p>Retain the current Taupiri Community Board area - the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 18</p>

v) In accordance with section 19K(2) of the Local Electoral Act, the Council resolves that the reasons for the proposed changes to the current representation arrangements are:

1. To reflect the establishment of one or more Maaori wards in accordance with Council's resolution on 20 May 2021;
2. To reflect the population growth across the district since the last representation review and the associated effect on communities of interest within the district;
3. To better align names of wards with the location and significance of the communities represented in those wards;
4. To reflect the common interests of communities directly neighbouring Hamilton city;
5. To provide effective and accessible representation to rural communities of interest within the district;
6. For the minor boundary alterations to the community boards, to reflect growth in the respective communities and ensure effective representation of those communities.

b) THAT the Waikato District Council adopt the Waikato District Council's Representation Review 2021 Initial Proposal for consultation starting 14 July 2021 and closing 20 August 2021 and a public notice is published to that effect, in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

c) THAT the Waikato District Council agrees to hear submissions on the Initial Proposal at an extraordinary Council meeting on 9 September 2021 and, if required, 10 September 2021.

- d) **THAT the Waikato District Council authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Political Working Group (consisting of Mayor Sanson, Cr Bech and Cr Sedgwick), to approve the Statement of Proposal consultation document and submission form.**

CARRIED

WDC2107/03

Cr McGuire requested his vote against the above resolutions be recorded.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12:20pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2021.

AM Sanson
CHAIRPERSON

Proposed

Tuakau Community Board

Existing Community Board

Onewhero - Tuakau Community Board

Water Body

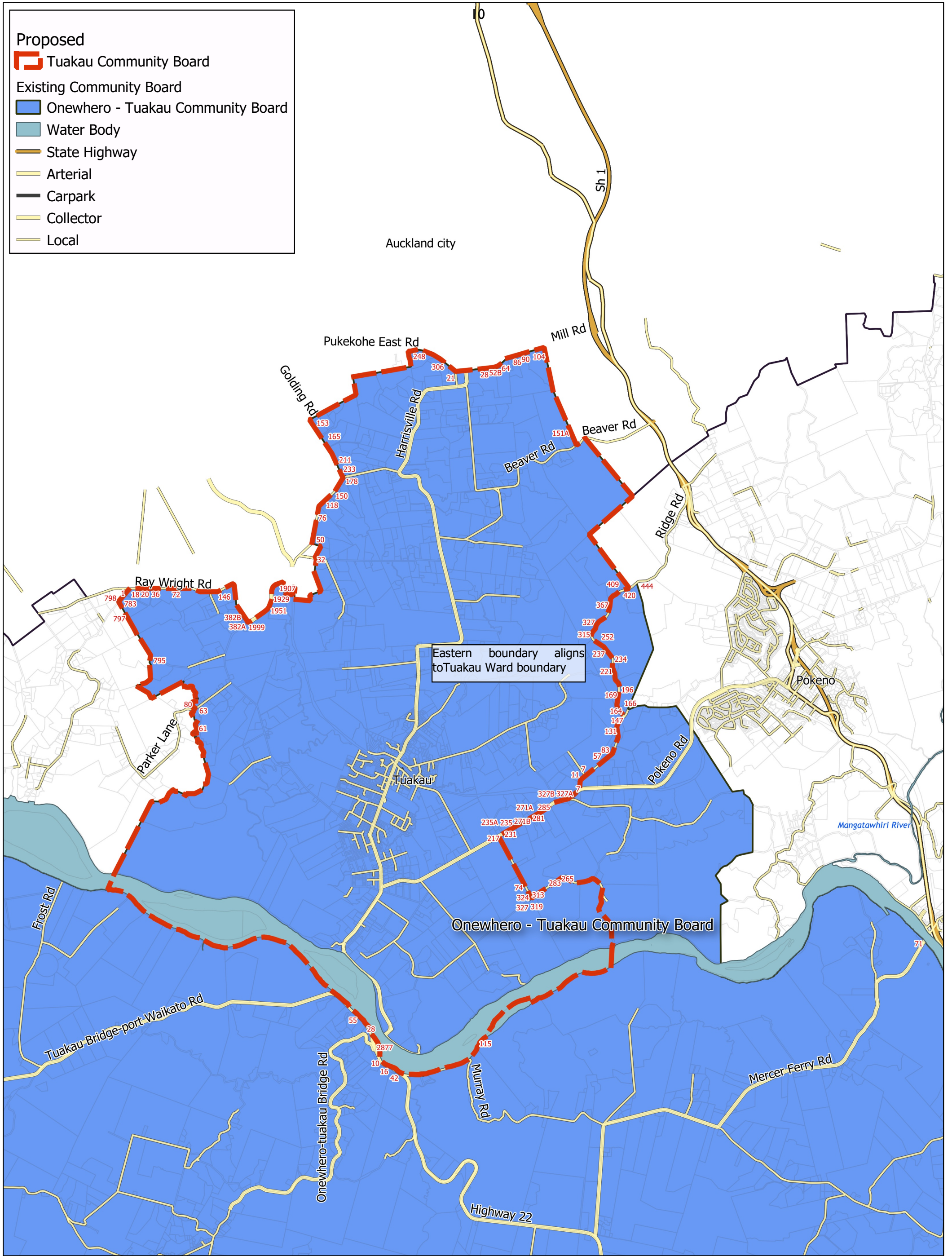
State Highway

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Collector

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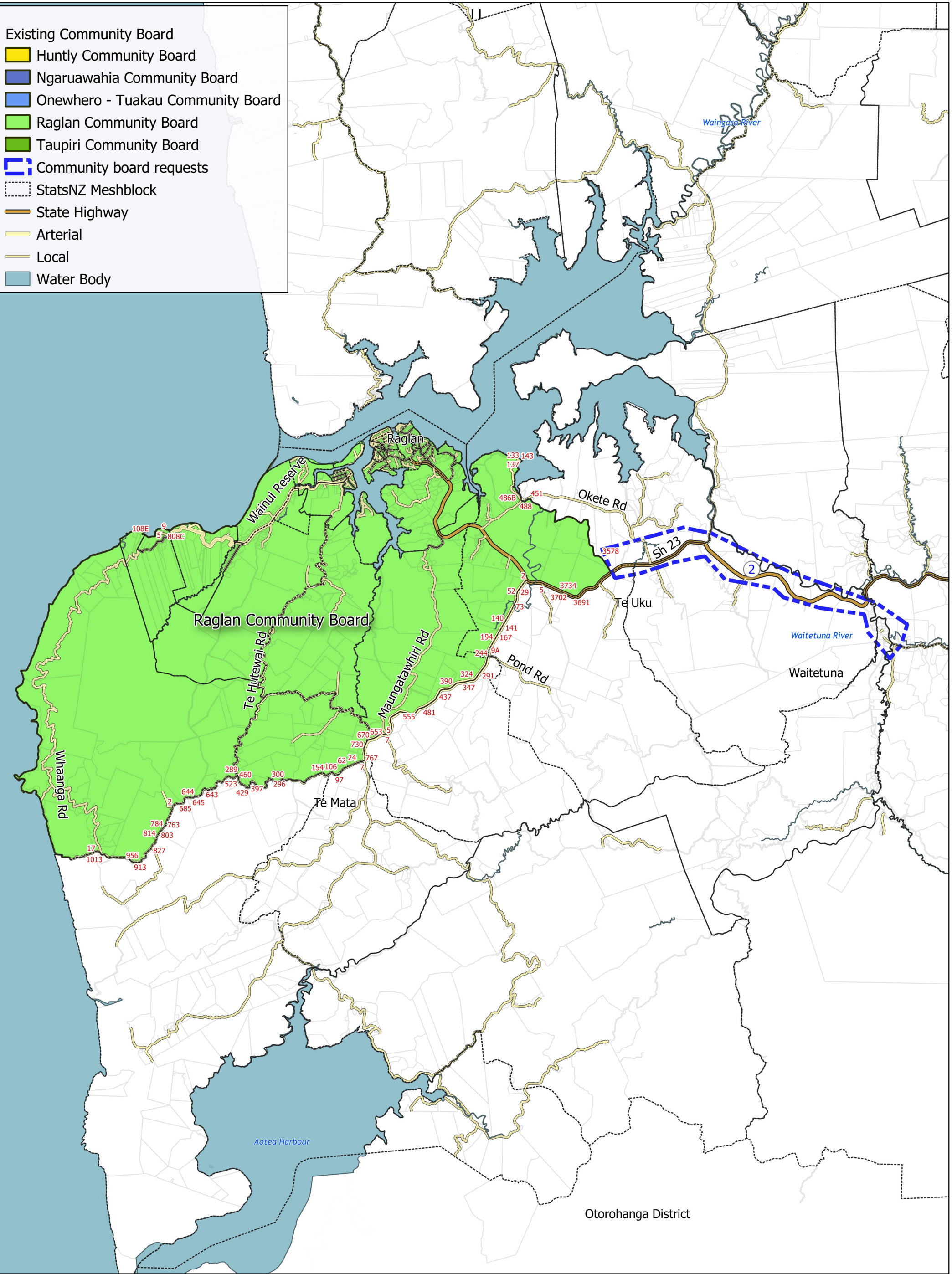


Attachment 14A - Map of proposed Tuakau Community Board area

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- Existing Community Board
- Huntly Community Board
- Ngaruawahia Community Board
- Onewhero - Tuakau Community Board
- Raglan Community Board
- Taupiri Community Board
- Community board requests
- StatsNZ Meshblock
- State Highway
- Arterial
- Local
- Water Body



Attachment 15 - Map of changes recommended by the Raglan Community Board area

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