

### Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 9.30am  
Council Chambers, Gorge Road, Queenstown

<b>Present:</b>	Mayor Lewers (Chair)	Councillor Guy
	Councillor Bartlett	Councillor Smith (online)
	Councillor Bruce (online)	Councillor Tucker
	Councillor Cocks	Councillor Wong
	Councillor Ferguson	Councillor White
	Councillor Gladding	Councillor Whitehead
<b>Apologies:</b>	No apologies	
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mike Theelen	Dave Wallace
	Katherine Harbrow	Ken Bailey
	Paddy Cribb	Tony Avery
	Alison Kelly	Anthony Hall
	Jeremy Payze	Rachel Beer
	Peter Edie	Hayden Bed
	Victoria Harper	Carrie Edgerton
	Dan Crosby	Caleb Dawson-Swale
	Charlotte Wallis	Christina Hitchcock
	Roger Davidson	Simon Battrick
	Naell Crosby-Roe	Rebecca Pitts
	Melanie Halliday (Quotable Value NZ)	Kylie Helman (Quotable Value NZ)
	Tim McCaw (Quotable Value NZ)	
<b>Media:</b>	One member of the media in attendance.	
<b>Public:</b>	No members of the public in attendance.	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<b>Annual Plan Funding Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.5M of opex expenses = 1% rate increase</li> <li>The average rates increase for 2025-2026 is expected to remain at 13.5%, as indicated in year 2 of the Long Term Plan.</li> <li>QLDC is spending less on consultants (commissioners) than anticipated so can take some capacity into next year and deliver savings without affecting service.</li> </ul>	<b>Fees and Charges</b>  Consultation document needs to provide options for each of the proposed fees and charges.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional fees have increased but are now a smaller proportion of overall expenditure. Workforce review has reduced the need to procure external services.</li> <li>• Savings in interest (lower rates of interest) are offset by increased depreciation.</li> <li>• A higher dividend is projected to come from Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) and will be used to pay down debt (resulting in an interesting saving). Council would need to agree to change this policy in order to use the QAC dividend in a different way.</li> <li>• Discussion about budget provision for extreme weather events, noting however that some provision is in place and the capital programme would be reprioritised if needed to fund emergency work.</li> <li>• There will be a 2% PPI (Producer Price Index) annual adjustment to development contributions. Adjustments to development contributions have traditionally been done every three years but will now be adjusted annually.</li> </ul> <p><i>The meeting adjourned at 10.17am and reconvened at 10.28am.</i></p> <p><b>Fees and Charges</b></p> <p><i>General</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The choice is either to agree increases to fees and charges or add the cost to rates.</li> <li>• Use CPI as basis for fees/charges but also review the \$ amount needed. Aim is to match general inflation charges rather than to have large increases to catch up.</li> <li>• CPI is 2.6%, cost increases in some areas are higher at 5%.</li> </ul> <p><i>Parking</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed parking fees increases are based on the proximity of parks to CBD.</li> <li>• Discussion that broader changes to QLDC's approach to parking changes should wait until the Parking Strategy and Parking Plans are approved for Queenstown, Frankton and Wānaka. (Work on the strategy will be discussed at the Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 March 2025).</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently there is no charge for parking in the Queenstown CBD after 6.00pm but this could change in the future.</li> <li>• Lakeview Carpark is under-utilised and has a height restriction so cannot be used by campervans. Explore incentivising use of Lakeview Carpark by having an 8 hour charge for workers to use, potentially though the app PayMyPark.</li> <li>• Agreement that increased comms about parking to address public perception that there is no parking available in Queenstown CBD is desirable.</li> </ul> <p><i>Dog Registration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are fewer dogs in the district so to maintain current level of service, registration fees must increase greater than CPI. 42 owners in the district have more than two working dogs. If there is a cap on registering just two working dogs, owners may consider registering all the dogs, resulting in better overall records.</li> </ul> <p><i>Sport and recreation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases to user charges are needed to cover increased operating costs.</li> </ul> <p><i>Wānaka Airport landing fees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3 increase is proposed because the fees are lower than comparable airports.</li> <li>• Explore higher fee increases for landing fees for the lowest aircraft weight categories as a means to move closer toward achieving Revenue and Financing Policy targets for private cost recovery.</li> </ul>	

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2.	<p><b>Update on Quotable Value Revaluation Process</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b></p> <p>It is recommended that this subject matter is discussed while the public is excluded. This recommendation is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 680 1442 994"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="320 680 874 719"><i>Section and Grounds</i></th> <th data-bbox="874 680 1442 719"><i>Reason for this recommendation</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 719 874 994">7(2)(c)(i) to protect information where making it available would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.</td> <td data-bbox="874 719 1442 994">At the time of the workshop, the valuation information is preliminary and waiting for audit approval in March 2025. Ratepayers will be informed after Certification by the Valuer General.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Section and Grounds</i>	<i>Reason for this recommendation</i>	7(2)(c)(i) to protect information where making it available would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.	At the time of the workshop, the valuation information is preliminary and waiting for audit approval in March 2025. Ratepayers will be informed after Certification by the Valuer General.	
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*The workshop concluded at 12.46pm.*