



Rates Review

TOWN CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

Let’s consider making our town centre refurbishment costs into one district wide rate. We are one Tararua and together we support each other to thrive, powering the progress of the entire district.

Context

Right now our town centre refurbishment rate is split, so there’s a rate for Dannevirke in the North and Woodville, Pahiatua, and Eketāhuna in the South. That’s because historically when town refurbishment has occurred, the town getting the makeover pays an extra 10%, and the rest of the cost is split equally.

We’re keen to simplify this with one district-wide rate and avoid the North vs. South vibe that’s not great for our district unity.

What’s happening now?

Council has already been looking at ways to switch to one district-wide rate for town centre refurbishment and no new money is needed: it’s simply shifting rates around.

If we moved to one district-wide charge, in 2024/25 the new rate will be \$71.06 p.a. – so that’s a reduction of \$7 p.a. for the south and an increase of \$7 p.a. for the north.

We’re also moving away from the North vs. South language in our policies, so we can thrive as one district together.

It’s important to note for ratepayers who have already paid a lump sum for the Dannevirke town centre refurbishment – you won’t pay again with the new district-wide rate. There will still be a charge for the Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment for ratepayers that did not take up the Lump Sum Option. You’ve got five years for that transition, and once it’s done, all ratepayers will end up paying just ‘The District Town Centre Refurbishment Rate’ on your rates notice.

We need your feedback on this proposal so we can make a final decision so let’s look at our options.

Let’s take a look at the options

OPTION 1 - no change	
<p>In this option we carry on as we are paying different rates for north and south</p> <p>This year ratepayers in the north will pay \$65.01 p.a. for town centre refurbishment, and ratepayers in the south will pay \$78.26 p.a.</p>	<p>What is the cost?</p> <p>NIL</p>
	<p>How does that impact rates? Per property p.a.</p> <p>Northern - \$ 59.61</p> <p>Southern - \$ 73.87</p> <p>Dannevirke North -\$ 5.40</p> <p>Dannevirke South - \$ 4.39</p>
	<p>What is the impact on debt?</p> <p>NIL</p>
	<p>Impact on level of service?</p> <p>No change</p>

We prefer this option

OPTION 2 - District wide town refurbishment rates.

In this option everyone will pay an equal amount from now on This year that will be \$71.06 p.a. – so that’s a reduction of about \$7 p.a. for the south and an increase of about \$6 p.a. for the north

Whichever option you choose the total overall cost to ratepayers is the same

Included in the \$ above is the charge of \$4.86 for those who did not take the lump sum option for the Dannevirke town refurbishment

What is the cost?

NIL

How does that impact rates?

\$71.06 p.a

What is the impact on debt?

NIL

Impact on the level of service?

NIL

Under this plan we remove the North/South ward allocation of rates and pay one district wide rate, allowing us to extend upgrades to our smaller towns, all while fostering a more unified, flourishing district.



Thriving District



Improving our Environment



Connected Communities



Interactive Council

OUR PREFERRED OPTION.

We prefer option 2.

We would like to see one district wide rate for town centre refurbishment costs and move away from North vs. South language.

Closing date for submissions is 30 May 2024 at 5pm

Let us know

What do you think?

We want to hear your thoughts on the proposed options.

1. Stick with what we currently have?
2. Create one district wide rate for town centre refurbishment cost.

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