
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2012

5.36PM – 5.55PM
6.06PM – 8.26PM (PUBLIC EXCLUDED)

Council Chamber
First Floor, Town Hall
Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Best (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Cook (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Coughlan (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Eagle (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Foster (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Gill (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Lester (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor McKinnon (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Marsh (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Morrison (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Pannett (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 8.26pm)
Councillor Pepperell (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 7.38pm, 7.39pm - 8.26pm)
Councillor Ritchie (5.36pm – 5.55pm, 6.06pm – 7.44pm, 7.45pm - 8.26pm)

172/12C **APOLOGIES**
(1215/11/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

173/12C **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
(1215/11/IM)

Moved Councillor Best, seconded Councillor Ritchie, the motion that Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 June 2012, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

The motion was put.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 15:0

The motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

- 1. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 June 2012, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.*

174/12C **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/11/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

175/12C **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**
(1215/11/IM)

NOTED:

There were no announcements from the Mayor.

176/12C **PETITIONS**
(1215/11/IM)

NOTED:

There were no petitions.

177/12C **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/11/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest

General Business

178/12C **APPROVAL OF DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 48: CENTRAL AREA
REVIEW AND VARIATIONS 3 AND 9**
Report of Julia Forsyth – Programme Manager.
(1215/11/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 15:0

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:*THAT Council:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to approve in part District Plan Change 48: Central Area Review and approve in full Variations 3 and 9, in accordance with clause 17 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.*
3. *Agree that the Plan Change and Variations will become operative on Wednesday 12 September 2012.*

Reports from Committees – Committee Decisions requiring Council approval.

179/12C **REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
Meeting of Thursday 9 August 2012
 (1215/11/IM) (REPORT 2)

1. **ITEM 231/12P REPRESENTATION REVIEW – INITIAL REPRESENTATION PROPOSAL FOR THE 2013 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTION**
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Morrison, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 15:0

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Agree that the members of the Wellington City Council (other than the Mayor) be elected under the ward system for the 2013 local authority elections.*
2. *Agree that the city be divided into five wards for the 2013 local authority elections and that the names of those wards and the suburban communities of interest comprised within each of those wards, be as follows:*
 - (a) *Northern Ward*
Comprising Churton Park, Glenside, Grenada North, Grenada Village, Horokiwi, Johnsonville, Newlands, Ohariu, Paparangi, Takapu Valley, Tawa and Woodridge (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Northern Ward Boundary Map dated July 2012 – Appendix 1 of the minutes).
 - (b) *Onslow/Western Ward*
Comprising Broadmeadows, Crofton Downs, Kaiwharawhara, Karori, Khandallah, Makara, Makara Beach, Ngaio, Ngauranga, Northland, Wadestown and Wilton (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Onslow/Western Ward Boundary Map dated July 2012 - Appendix 2 of the minutes).
 - (c) *Lambton Ward*
Comprising Aro Valley, Part Brooklyn, Highbury, Kelburn, Mt Cook, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Pipitea, Te Aro, Thorndon and Wellington Central (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Lambton Ward Boundary Map dated July 2012 - Appendix 3 of the minutes).
 - (d) *Southern Ward*
Comprising Berhampore, Part Brooklyn, Island Bay, Kingston, Mornington, Newtown, Owhiro Bay Southgate and Vogeltown (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Southern Ward Boundary Map July 2012 - Appendix 4 of the minutes).
 - (e) *Eastern Ward*
Comprising Breaker Bay, Hataitai, Houghton Bay, Karaka Bays, Kilbirnie, Lyall Bay, Maupuia, Melrose, Miramar, Moa Point, Rongotai, Roseneath, Seatoun, and Strathmore Park (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Eastern Ward Boundary Map dated July 2012 - Appendix 5 of the minutes).

Note: The recommendation is to retain the status quo with no boundary changes.

3. *Agree to recommend to Council that the number of elected members (excluding the Mayor) be retained at 14 and that the distribution of those numbers between the five wards is as follows:*

<i>Northern Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>
<i>Onslow/Western Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>
<i>Lambton Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>
<i>Southern Ward</i>	<i>2 Councillors</i>
<i>Eastern Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>

4. *Agree to recommend to Council that the Tawa Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries (as shown in Appendix 6), that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its existing membership of six elected members continue to be elected by the electors of the Tawa community as a whole, plus two appointed members.*

Note:

The Tawa Community Board voted unanimously in support of this recommendation at its meeting held on 12 July 2012.

5. *Agree that the boundary of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board be adjusted to exclude meshblock 2104603 from the current board area, as shown on the map attached to this report (Appendix 7 of the minutes).*

Note:

The Makara/Ohariu Community Board voted unanimously in support of this recommendation at its meeting held on 19 July 2012.

6. *Agree that subject to the approval of the boundary alteration referred to in recommendation 5 above, the existing Makara/Ohariu Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries (as shown in Appendix 7), that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its existing membership of six elected members (and no appointed members) continue to be elected by the electors of the Makara/Ohariu community as a whole.*

Note:

The Makara/Ohariu Community Board voted in support of this recommendation (by 4 votes to 1) at its meeting held on 19 July 2012.

7. *Agree that no further community boards be established across the city at this time.*

Note:

The Tawa Community Board voted in support of this recommendation at its meeting on 12 July 2012. The decision was made on the understanding that more community boards could be established if the required level interest was shown from a particular community.

The Makara/Ohariu Community Board considered the recommendation at its meeting on 19 July 2012 but decided it was not appropriate for them to vote on this issue.

8. *Agree that the following days be set aside to hear submissions received on the Council's initial representation proposal:*
- *Tuesday 9 October 2012 (1pm - 4pm)*
 - *Wednesday 10 October 2012 (9.15am – 4pm).*

180/12C **REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
Meeting of Thursday 16 August 2012
 (1215/11/IM) (REPORT 3)

1. **ITEM 238/12P STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION ON TRAFFIC BYLAWS AND TAXIS USING PAY AND DISPLAY AREAS**
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Marsh, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett and Pepperell.

Voting against: Councillor Ritchie.

Majority Vote: 14:1

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Adopt the Statement of Proposal attached as Appendix 1 to the report of the Committee.*
2. *Agree to initiate the special consultative procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

2. **ITEM 239/12P ADOPTION OF THE FINAL POSITIVE AGEING POLICY**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Cook seconded Councillor Morrison, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Councillor Pannett.

Majority Vote: 14:1

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Adopt the Positive Ageing Policy attached as Appendix 8 of the minutes.*
2. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and the Social Portfolio leader, the authority to amend the Positive Ageing Policy to include any amendments agreed by the Council and any associated minor consequential edits.*

181/12C **REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
Meeting of Wednesday 29 August 2012
(1215/11/IM) (REPORT 4)

1. **REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2012
 - **Report of Audit and Risk Management Subcommittee**
Meeting of Wednesday 22 August 2012 (2011/2012 Financial Statements and Statements of Service Performance)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 15:0

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Confirm the Statement of Accounting Policies, as contained within the financial statements, for Wellington City Council and Group for the year ended 30 June 2012.*
2. *Adopt the Annual Report for Wellington City Council and Group for the year ended 30 June 2012 (attached in Appendix 1 of the report of the Committee).*
3. *Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make minor editorial changes that may arise as part of preparing the 2011/12 Annual Report document for publication.*

182/12C **REPORT OF THE REGULATORY PROCESSES COMMITTEE**
Meeting of Wednesday 15 August 2012
 (1215/11/IM) (REPORT 5)

1. **ITEM 046/12P ROAD STOPPING AND DISPOSAL – LEGAL ROAD ADJOINING 214 EVANS BAY PARADE, HATAITAI**
 (1215/53/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Gill, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 15:0

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. (a) *Agree that approximately 71m² (subject to survey) of unformed legal road land (Road Land) adjoining 214 Evans Bay Parade, Hataitai, is not required for a Public Work.*
- (b) *Approve the disposal of the Road Land to the owners of 214 Evans Bay Parade, Hataitai.*
- (c) *Authorise Council officers to commission a section 40 Public Works Act 1981 (PWA) report from suitably qualified consultants to identify whether the area of unformed legal road land must be offered back to its former owner or their successor, or whether exemptions from offer back applies.*
- (d) *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to either offer the Road Land back to its former owner(s) or their successor(s), or to approve the exercise of exemptions from offer back under section 40(2), 40(3), or 40(4) PWA(if appropriate).*
- (e) *Authorise Council officers to initiate the road stopping process for the Road Land in accordance with Section 342 and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974.*
- (f) *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to formally approve the road stopping, and issue the public notice to declare the Road Land stopped as road, subject to all statutory and Council requirements being met with no objections being received.*

- (g) *Delegate to the Chief Executive Office the power to negotiate the terms of sale, impose any reasonable covenants, and enter into a sale and purchase agreement in respect of the Road Land, either with the former owner, or their successor, or the owner of 214 Evans Bay Parade, provided any such agreement is conditional upon the road being stopped.*

183/12C **QUESTIONS**
(1215/11/IM)

NOTED:

There were no questions.

184/12C **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/11/IM)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Pepperell, the motion to exclude the public.

The motion was put:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 15:0

The motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolve that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

Report 6 – Report of the Performance Review Committee, Extraordinary Meeting of Wednesday 29 August 2012

Grounds: Section 48(1) (a) that public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of

the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

Reason: Section 7(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons

Section 7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege.

- 2. *Permit Jennifer McDonald of Continuum Consulting to remain after the exclusion of the public for Report 6 – Report of the Performance Review Committee, Extraordinary Meeting of Wednesday 29 August 2012 as they have specialist knowledge and advice relevant to the topics under discussion.*

For item 185/12C, please see the public excluded minutes.

The meeting went into public excluded session at 5.54pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5.55pm and reconvened at 6.06pm.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 7.38pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 7.39pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 7.44pm.)

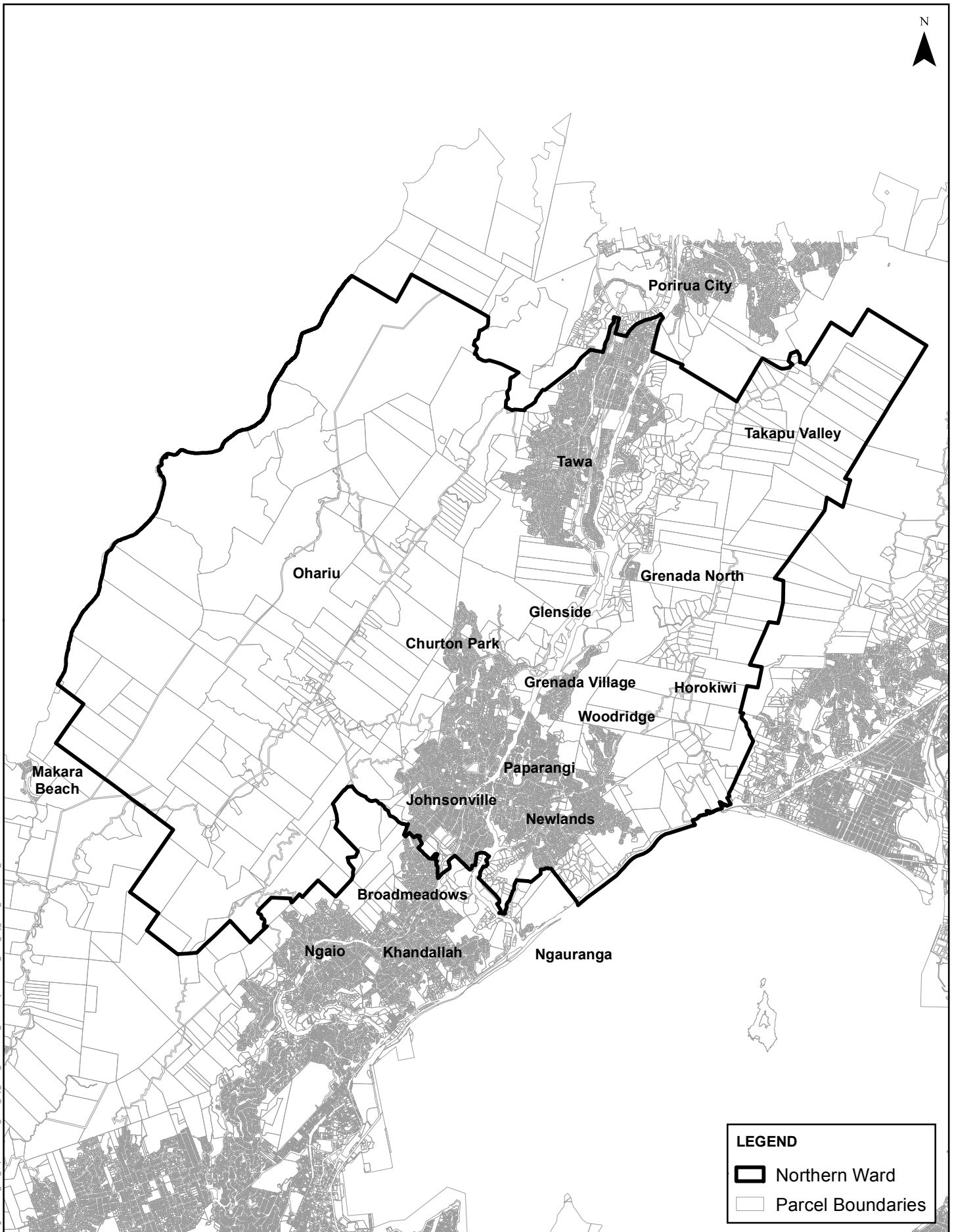
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 7.45pm.)

The meeting concluded at 8.26pm.

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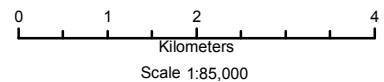
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Northern Ward
Wellington City Council

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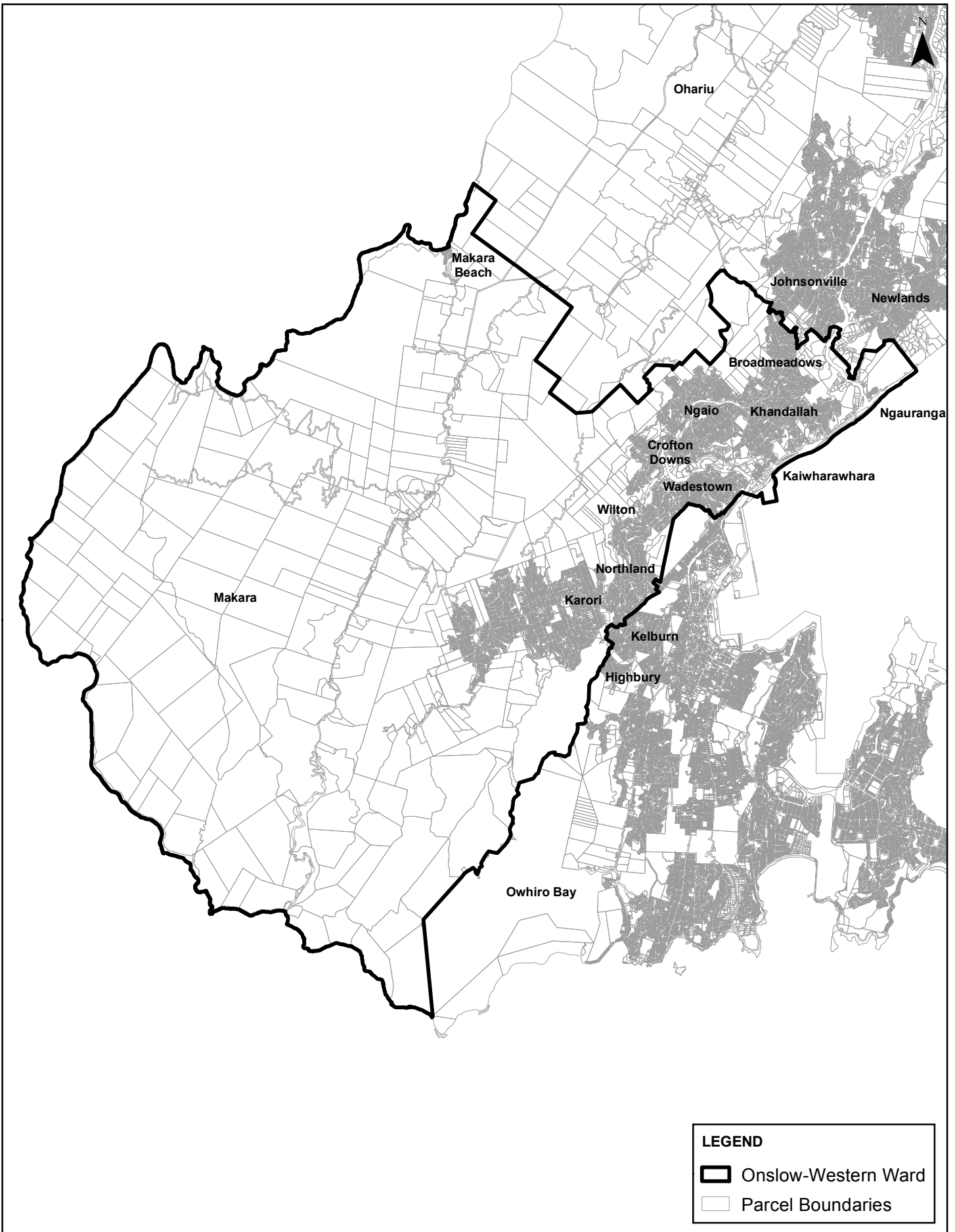


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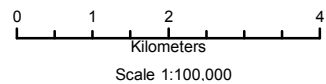


LEGEND

- Onslow-Western Ward
- Parcel Boundaries

Onslow-Western Ward
Wellington City Council

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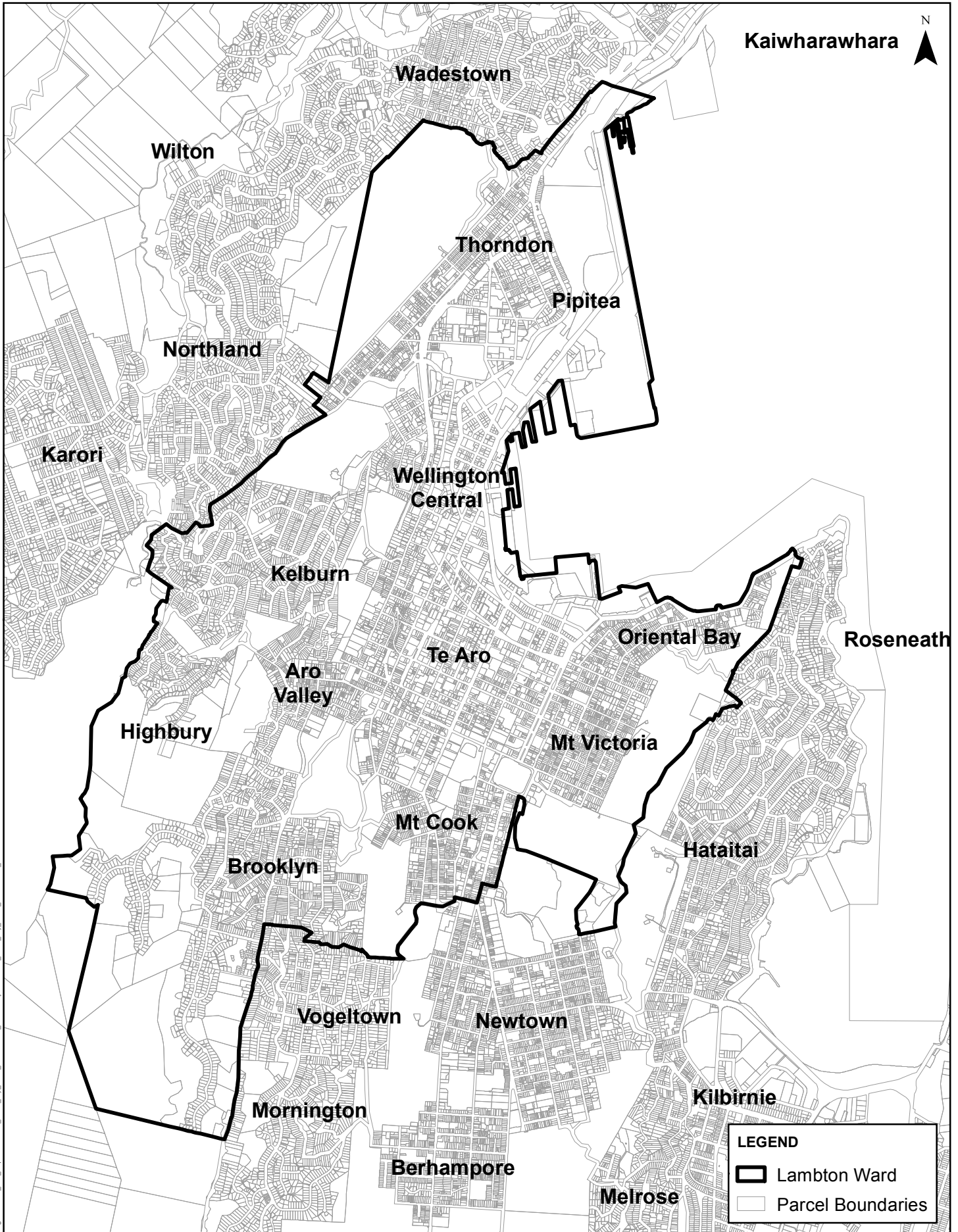
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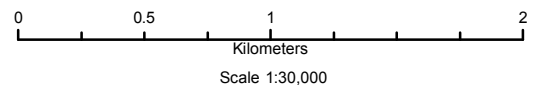


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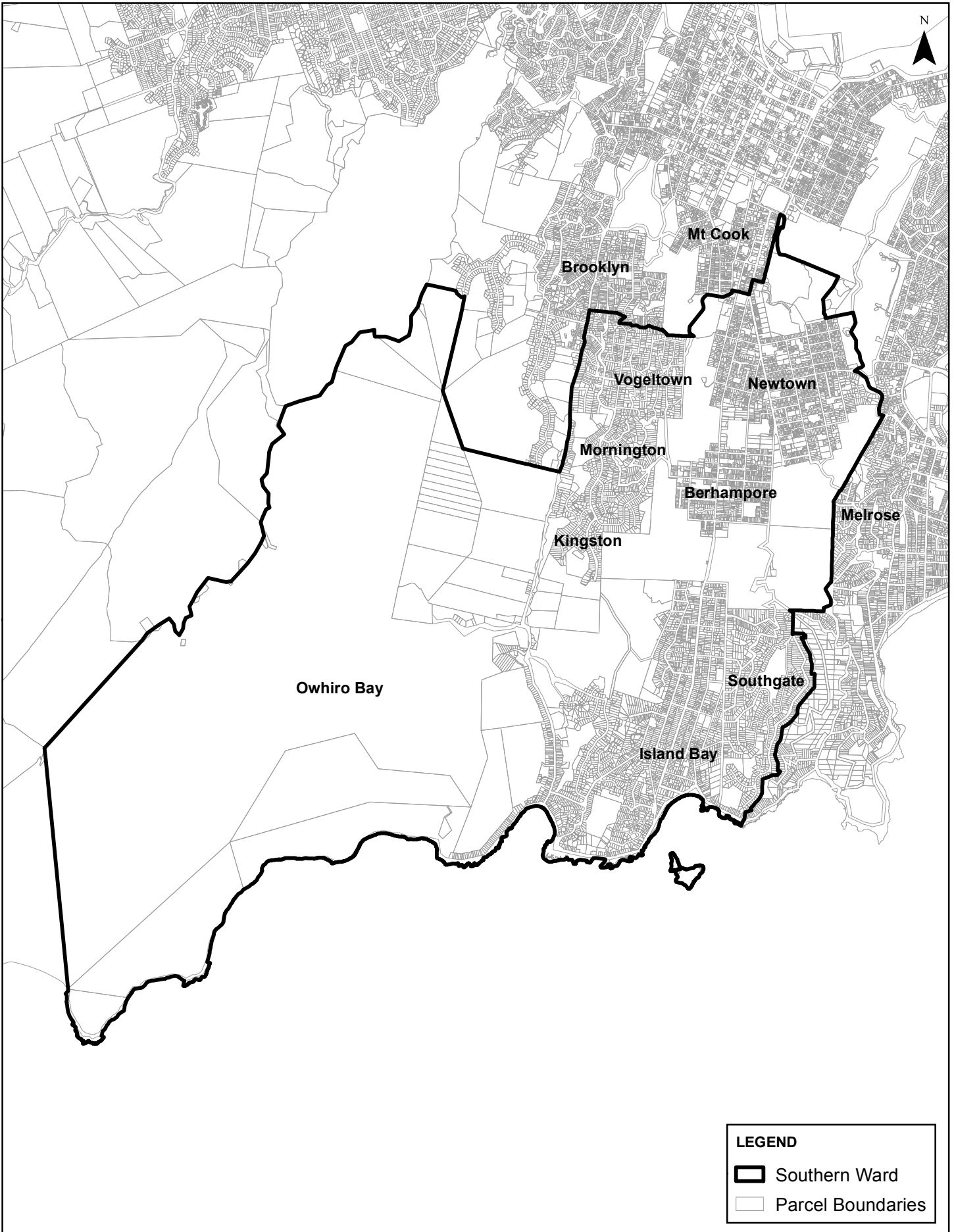


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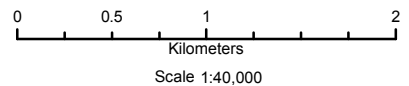


LEGEND

- Southern Ward
- Parcel Boundaries

Southern Ward
Wellington City Council

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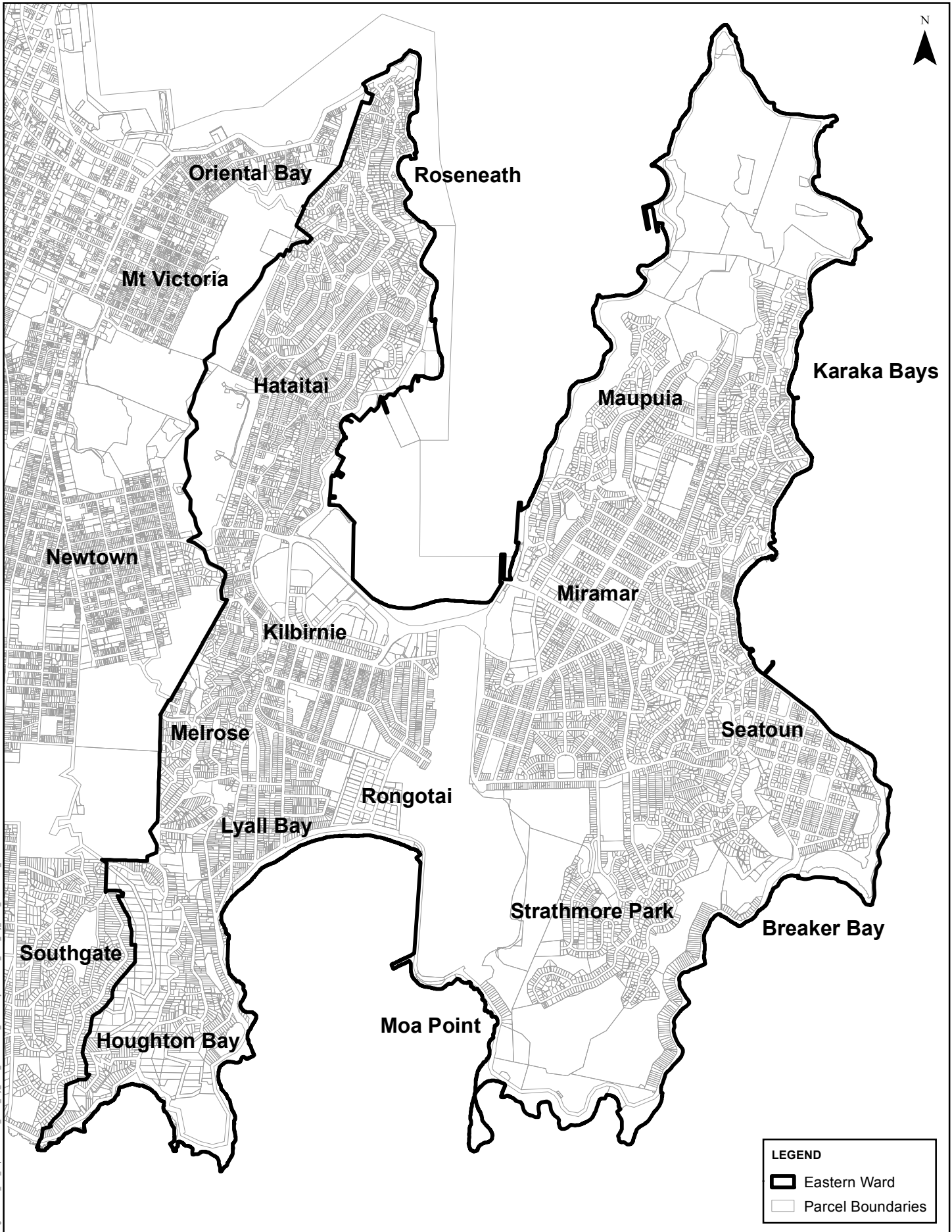
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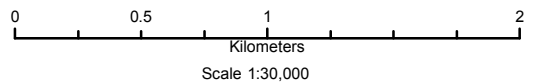


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Eastern Ward
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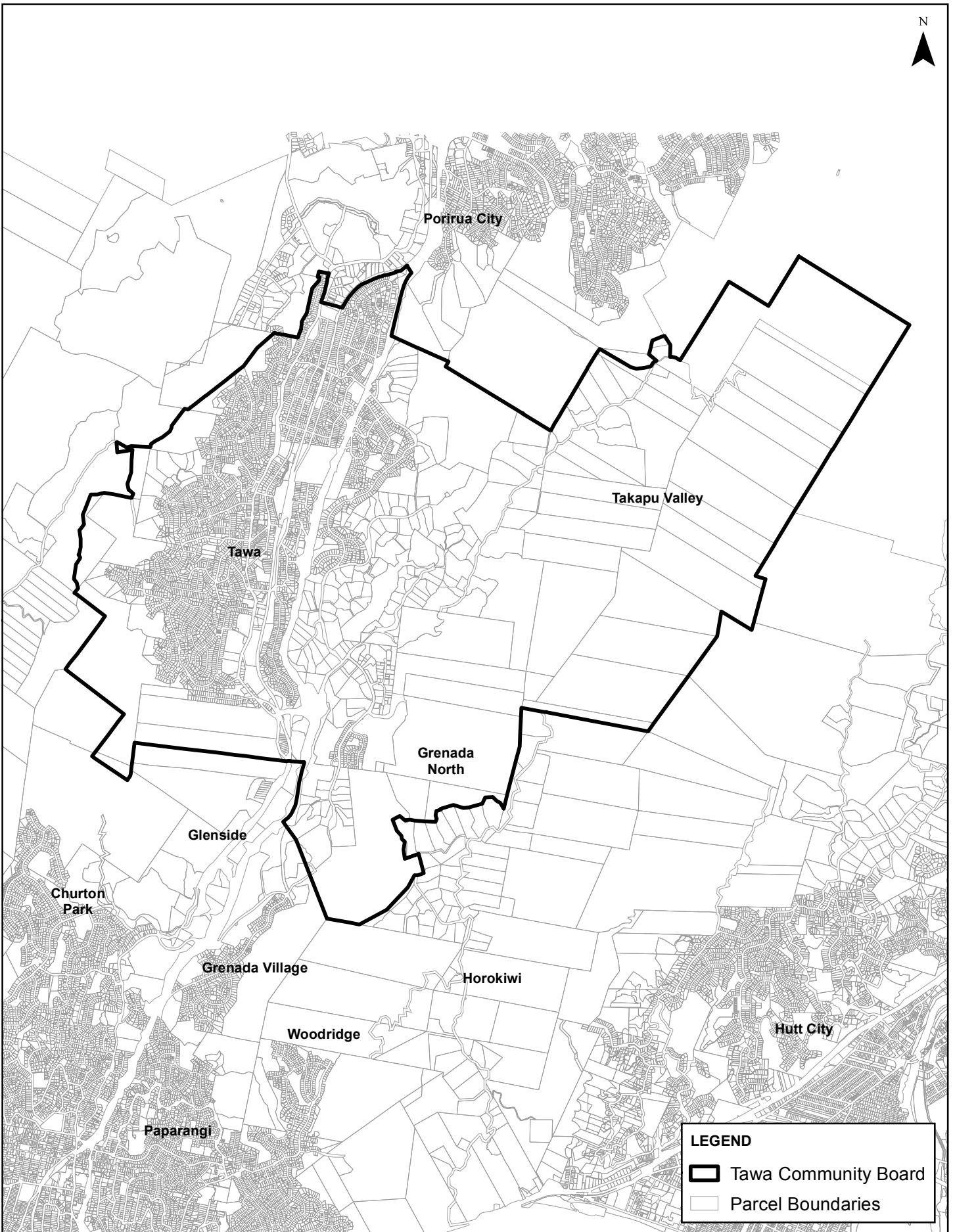
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LEGEND

- Eastern Ward
- Parcel Boundaries

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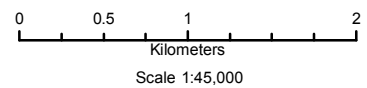


LEGEND

- Tawa Community Board
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Tawa Community Board
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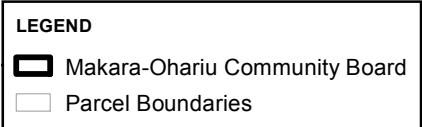
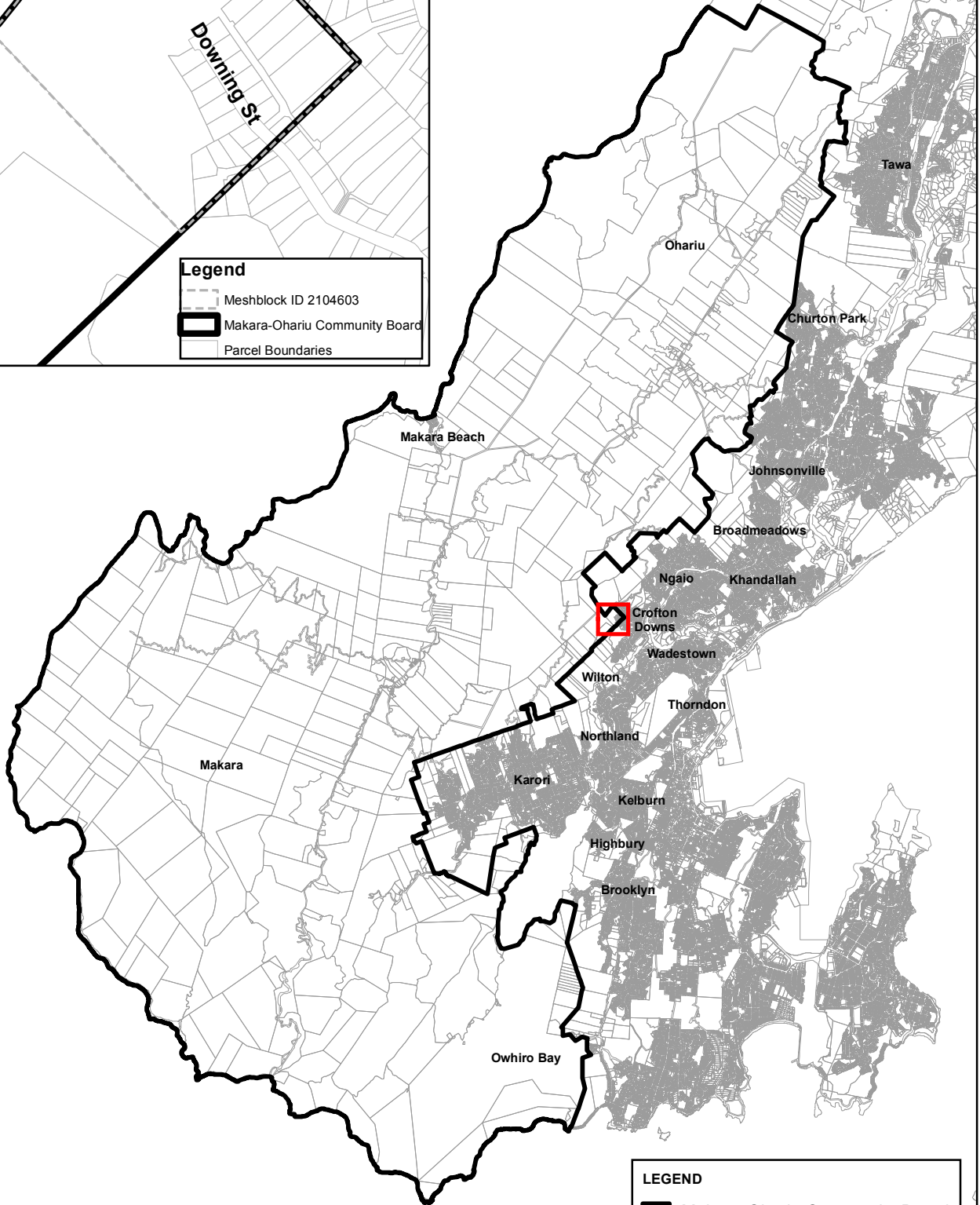
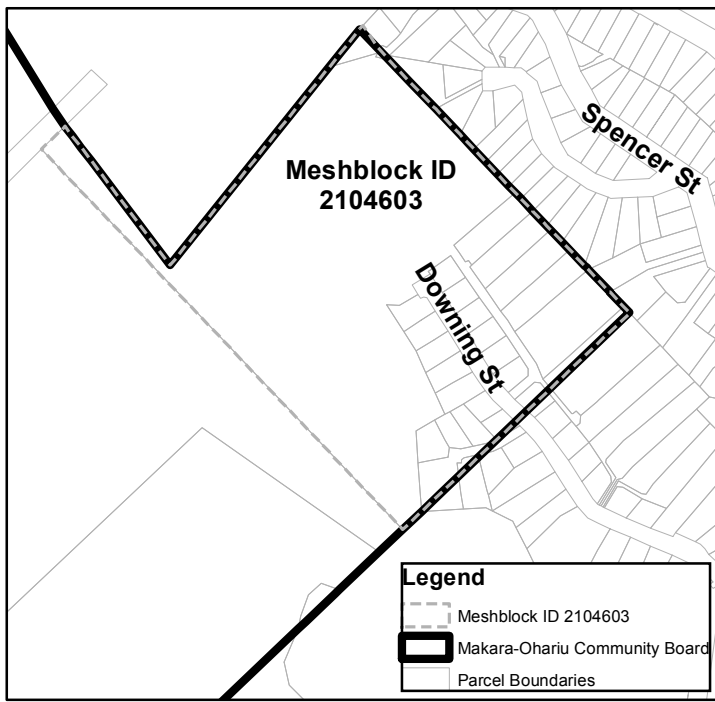
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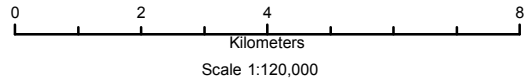


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Makara-Ohariu Community Board
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POSITIVE AGEING POLICY

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

August 2012

INTRODUCTION

Why a policy for positive ageing

The baby boomers are entering the 65 year and plus age group. Over the next twenty years their number will almost double in New Zealand to over a million. This unprecedented rate of growth has major implications on the demand for services, the city's economic performance and community resilience. The city needs to understand, prepare and respond to the ageing phenomena in ways that are not reflected in the past.

Nearly half of New Zealand's wealth resides with the 55+ age group and the average age of a business owner is estimated at 58 years old. The ability to support and engage with these people as they move into retirement will be crucial for the city's economic future.

The provision of social and support services to the growing number of elderly, particularly as they live longer, is a known challenge. The solutions reside with government, Council, families and the wider community.

Purpose of the policy

This *Positive Ageing Policy* is to provide direction for the Council to consider and plan for the impacts of an ageing population across all of its activities. This will help ensure that the city accommodates the needs of its citizens as they age. It will also help support the valuable contributions of older persons as they continue to shape the city's future.

Positive Ageing is a reflection of the Council's desire for older people to remain engaged with the wider community and contribute to its vitality. At the same time, the Council recognises the need to support older persons in the community as their needs change over time.

Scope of the policy

The scope of this policy is broad. It considers what roles the Council can play in:

- Positioning Wellington as a desirable choice for older persons
- Promoting the city as a safe, attractive, inclusive and vital place for older people to live
- Ensuring that neighbourhoods are supportive and caring; and resilient in times of need
- Ensuring that people have the necessary access to health, housing and social services as required
- Ensuring that people remain engaged and valued members of the city as they age, and in retirement.

Most activity related to the impacts of an ageing population will benefit all of the community.

BACKGROUND

The ageing population in New Zealand will result in significant social, economic and cultural changes for the city. The city's *Towards Wellington 2040: Smart Capital* provides a vision for the future that recognises the impacts for the city from the ageing phenomena.

In partnership with the Government and the community, Council will play a critical role in meeting the future needs of older people. Research into the impacts of an ageing population indicates that older persons will tend to be:

- More active and engaged thus placing greater demands on infrastructure and facilities; and providing opportunities for support of community activities
- More likely to remain in employment beyond retirement age
- Place an increased demand on social and health services and expenditure over time
- More likely to leave the city as they enter retirement however this trend may change as they become more economically active than previous generations. We currently have a third less +65 age group as a percentage of population than the New Zealand average
- More ethnically, socially and economically diverse which means they cannot be treated as an homogeneous group
- Increasingly isolated due to cultural, affordability, health policy, family support and language factors
- More likely to be “ageing in place” and a bias towards solo women as they outlive their male partners
- Increasingly caring for grandchildren or family which has implications for home support services.

Such trends pose opportunities and challenges for the city as it plans for the future. We will need to adapt to new lifestyle demands. The Council's policy also recognises the need for a partnership approach and is therefore aligned with government priorities in the *Positive Ageing Strategy*.

Opportunities include retaining Wellingtonians in the city as they age. This will help ensure that the city has access to the skills, knowledge and finance it will require for economic growth and vitality.

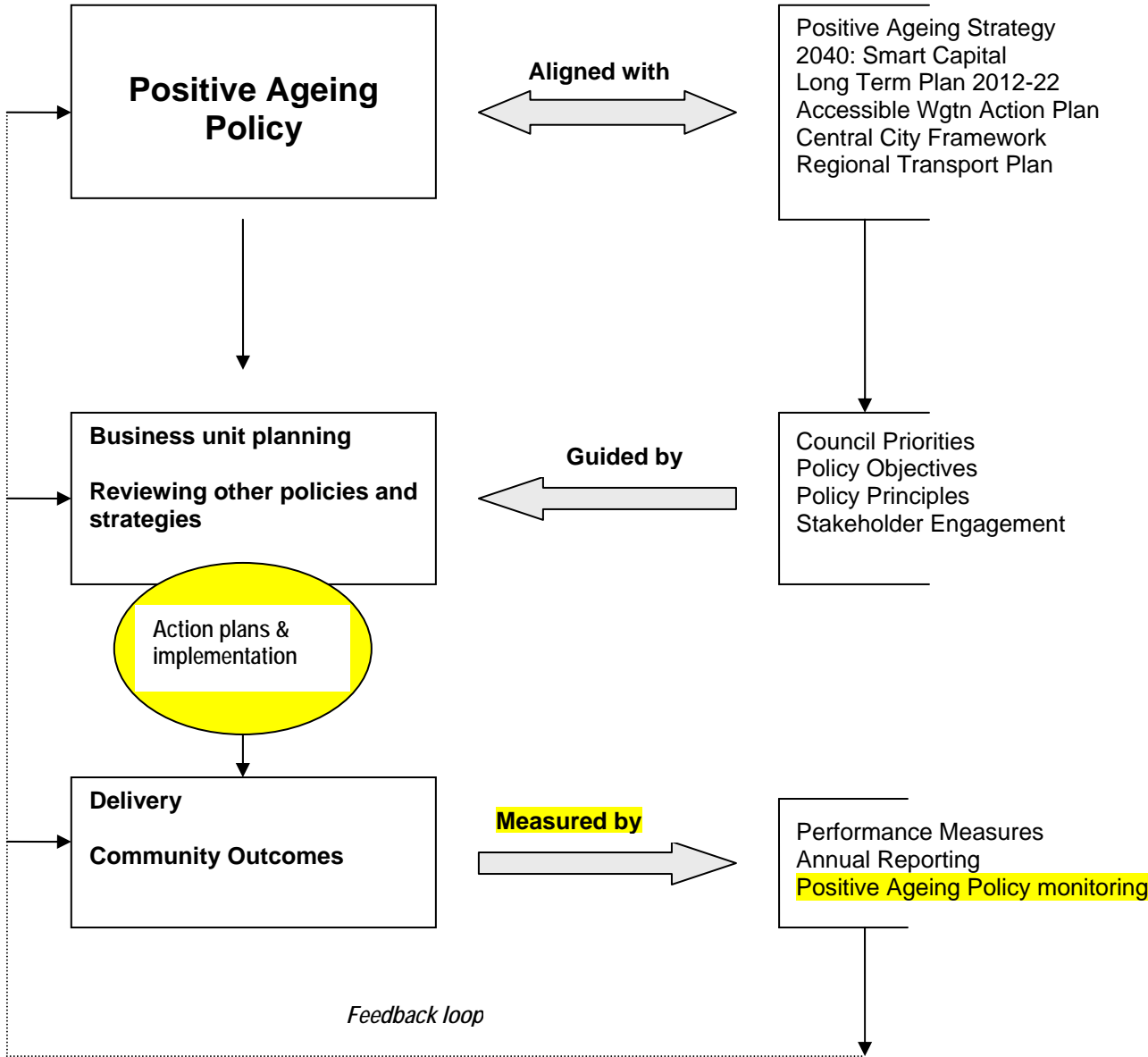
Challenges include changing attitudes towards retirement so that citizens prepare for a lifestyle change, however remain active and engaged in the community and the workplace.

POLICY APPROACH

The policy approach promotes an enduring response to the impacts of ageing and priority needs as they arise. It consists of the following elements:

- 1. Alignment with the national *Positive Ageing Strategy* and Council’s strategic documents and plans
- 2. Principles to help guide Council’s decision-making and planned activities
- 3. Objectives, Council roles and actions assigned to the strategic work areas in *Wellington 2040: Smart Capital*
- 4. Measurement and monitoring of progress

Diagram 1: Alignment with key documents through to objectives and implementation



Alignment

The Positive Ageing Strategy Goals

Government has responded to the growing proportion of older people by developing a *Positive Ageing Strategy (2001)*. This affirms and supports the contributions of older people in society. It sets down ten goals, each with a set of actions that aim to improve opportunities for older people to participate in the community. This Council policy adopts these goals (except for that specifically concerned with rural issues) which are incorporated in the policy objectives and Council roles below.

Towards Wellington 2040: Smart Capital

In 2011, the Council adopted a vision for Wellington in the future. This project considered the major drivers for change of which the ageing population was an important factor. Subsequent strategies, urban design frameworks and actions plans will recognise, and plan for, the needs of an ageing population.

Long Term Plan (LTP) 2012 -22 Outcomes

Councils are required to develop and review LTPs. These explain what the Council plans to achieve over a ten year period, why it plans to do it, the associated costs and how it will be funded. Activity areas reflect the community outcomes desired by Wellingtonians, including those that impact on the ageing population.

Accessible Wellington Action Plan

This plan outlines a set of actions designed to improve Wellington's reputation as an inclusive and socially responsible city - one that is accessible, safe and easy to get around. It has a focus on making the city and its amenities more accessible for those with physical limitations of any nature.

Other policies, strategies and plans will be regularly reviewed. This provides the opportunity to refresh our thinking and consider what Council responses might be included to achieve the policy objectives.

Principles

The Council commits to some broad principles to help guide its decision-making processes and service provision, specifically:

- actively engaging older persons in more economic, social, and political ways
- tangata whenua and our multi cultural diversity will be recognised and valued, and reflected in our city's culture
- acknowledging that ageing is a state of mind, not a factor of age.
- considering the impacts of an ageing population in its strategic decision-making, planning and consultation activities :- now and for the future

- working collegially, internally and with affected parties, to help inform decision-making and setting targets
- making decisions based on sound information and future needs
- having a shared responsibility with government and the community in promoting the interests of older people
- focussing on older persons' services, programmes and activities where it has greatest leverage and responsibility
- offering support to those who most need it
- providing opportunity to those who want it

Outcome

A future position for the city is one that embraces changing notions of 'retirement'; where Wellington is a city choice for older persons wishing to contribute to our social and economic vitality; a city that is appealing for older persons to remain because they are stimulated by the variety of social interactions provided and supported as their needs change over time.

Council Roles

Because the policy provides a framework for future planning and provision of services to help meet a more desirable state, the four strategic areas of *Towards Wellington 2040: Smart Capital* are adapted. These reflect the focus on positive ageing objectives.

Council roles are a mix of service provision, facilitation, advocacy to government agencies and communications. The four strategic areas are:

1. People Centred City – an open and welcoming city, with healthy and safe suburban communities

Role for Council:

- Consulting with older persons' representatives and groups as part of its engagement framework
- Providing an accountability framework, including a feedback loop, for older persons' outcomes
- Supporting the needs of an ageing population in its strategic, annual and long-term planning processes
- Remaining updated on ageing population research and international best practice service delivery
- Providing and promoting access to information required by older persons, and in a form that recognises language and disability barriers
- Promoting and supporting the retention of older persons living in the city

- Supporting the participation of older persons in recreation, employment, community services, volunteering, life long learning and technology usage
- Promoting and supporting the diversity of the local population and the contributions made by older persons
- Supporting community resilience through neighbourhood programmes and support networks
- Facilitating community collaboration and mobilisation of resources available for older persons needs
- Ensuring that safety programmes in the city consider the needs and rights of older people
- Including older persons as a target group in the provision of social housing, recreational programmes and information services
- Promoting healthy living for an ageing population
- Supporting a responsive social sector for the city, social cohesiveness and a strong volunteer sector
- Providing opportunities for active and passive recreation that are diverse, safe, affordable, accessible and attractive.

2. Connected City - there is effective and efficient infrastructure

Role for Council:

- Planning and providing for the parking and public transport needs of older persons
- Promoting a public transport system that is accessible and affordable for all
- Planning for the city to be pedestrian and cycle friendly
- Supporting ready access to a digital environment.

3. Eco-City – the urban environment reflects our needs and values

Role for Council:

- Providing accessibility options in open and public spaces
- Promoting the availability and application of sustainable energy and building performance options that reduce household costs
- Planning for a built environment that provides for a walkable city, sheltered corridors and attractive open spaces
- Involving volunteers and older person's organisations in environmental projects of benefit to the city.

4. Dynamic Central City – the central city accommodates the changing demands of an ageing population

Role for Council:

- Planning for the city and its amenities to be accessible for all
- Supporting the retention of ageing skilled workers and flexible work arrangements

- Promoting city activities targeted at an older age group for entertainment, investment, employment, community development and social networking objectives.

Actions and Implementation

For many Council activities implementation of this policy will be a business as usual approach. For others a more radical shift is required. An example of this is addressing the demands and opportunities presented as baby boomers remain in work longer, invest in the city and contribute to economic growth.

Other activities that will require a more direct approach are facilitating the limited resources available being effectively targeted to those who require services. And easy and central access to the increasing volume of information available for older people.

A business unit within the Council will be tasked with ensuring that Council roles in the policy are properly considered in all operational planning processes, and subsequently reported.

Measurement and Monitoring

A three tier measurement and monitoring regime is promoted. This involves a hierarchy from assessing citywide trends through to annual reporting of activities by Council business units. Thus the collective actions of government agencies, community organisations and the Council are captured and reported.

The three areas are:

Research and evaluation

City trends for older persons can be analysed from census data to determine factors such as accommodation types, the retention of older people in the city, income levels and employment levels. There is also a growing body of ageing related research that can be collated and applied to Wellington city.

Assessing progress

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly Checklist provides a useful assessment tool to regularly test how the city measures up in responding to the needs of ageing citizens. This checklist covers activities in which the Council has influence to a greater or lesser degree. These include transportation, outdoor spaces, housing, social participation, communications and information, respect and social inclusion, social participation, and civic participation and employment.

These factors will be modified in the WHO checklist to reflect Wellington specific conditions and needs.

Council activities

From a Council delivery perspective, existing measurement and monitoring processes can be used or adapted. The annual ratepayer survey information used to inform Council's annual report can, in some cases, be analysed by age groupings. This would give a measure in each of the seven work areas of how older persons rated Council performance, their use of facilities and perception of things such as safety in the city.

Other specific measures related to Council activities that can be included in Annual Plans are:

- Council Housing – waiting times and percentage of elderly tenants
- Transport – number of disability parks and the public provision of mobility equipment
- Recreation – number leisure card holders (+65)