

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Councillors  
**FROM:** Community Services Manager  
**REFERENCE:** P951  
**DATE:** 8 September 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Motueka Community Pool Poll

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## PURPOSE

To advise Council of the result of the Motueka Community Pool Poll held on Wednesday 30 August 2006.

## BACKGROUND

The following resolution was passed at the Council meeting held on 1 June 2006:

**“CN06/06/06**

### **THAT:**

- i) The voting paper contains one question only which will ask “Do you support the establishment of a community pool in Motueka which will require you to pay an annual operating rate of approximately \$23.00 on each rating assessment?”**
- ii) The period of 6 August 2006 to 30 August 2006 to be designated as the voting period.**
- iii) The area over which the poll will be conducted is that which has been designated as the blue shaded area on the map attached to the staff report dated 11 May 2006.**
- iv) The first named ratepayer on every property in the polling area be entitled to vote for each property owned, and that properties owned by companies, businesses etc be entitled to nominate a person not already on the roll for the poll, to vote on their behalf.**

- v) The poll be conducted in such a way that results specific to the Motueka Ward and to those parts of the Moutere/Waimea Ward can be separately reported.
- vi) The poll be conducted using the “first past the post” system.
- vii) That the poll be a postal vote.
- viii) **Of those who vote a majority in favour of the project over the entire polling area will represent a clear indication of the public’s support of the project and that the outcome will be binding on Council and will acknowledge community facility rate criteria.”**

## POLLING PAPERS

Polling papers along with an information sheet were posted to all ratepayers on the roll between 7 August 2006 and 12 August 2006.

Polling Papers issued:

Motueka Ward	4 072
Moutere/Waimea Ward	640
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	4 712
Plus Special Votes	197
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	4 909

## RESULTS

	Motueka Ward	Moutere/Waimea Ward	Total
Votes for the proposal	1 304 (48.8%)	129 (38%)	1 433 (47.6%)
Votes against the proposal	1 366 (51.2%)	210 (62%)	1 576 (52.4%)
Informal Votes	9		9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 679</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>3 018</b>

## OPTIONS

- 1 That as the majority who voted did not support the proposal, that the Motueka Community Pool Committee be advised that Council will not be giving approval for this project to proceed to the next stage.

- 2 That as the results were so close Council consider giving the Motueka Community Pool Committee the opportunity to proceed to the next stage of the Community Facility Rate criteria as was the case with the Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That consideration be given to the two options outlined in this regard.

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