

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Murray Staite  
**DATE:** 25 January 2008  
**SUBJECT:** **Port Nelson Share Buy-Back**

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## Background

At its meeting of 28 November 2007, the Corporate Services Committee passed the resolution to repay debt from the \$12.5 million Port Nelson share buy-back.

## Discussion

While the resolution to repay debt was passed, the decision on which debt to repay was deferred to the Council workshop of 5 and 6 December 2007.

The view of those Councillors at the workshop was that the benefits of the debt repayment should benefit the district as a whole. This is achieved by repaying debt that is funded by general rate.

## Recommendation

**That the \$12.5 million Port Nelson share buy-back be used to repay debt currently funded from the general rate.**

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