



**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATED THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2019, IN  
THE OPOTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 108 ST JOHN STREET, OPOTIKI AT 12.58PM**

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PRESENT:

Mayor Lyn Riesterer (Chairperson)  
Deputy Mayor Shona Browne (Deputy Chairperson)  
Councillors:  
Debi Hocart  
Barry Howe  
David Moore  
Steve Nelson  
Louis Rāpihana

IN ATTENDANCE:

Aileen Lawrie (Chief Executive Officer)  
Gerard McCormack (Planning and regulatory Group Manager)  
Ari Erickson (Engineering and Services Group Manager)  
Greg Robertson (Chief Financial Officer)  
Peter Bridgwater (Accountant)  
Tracey McNaughtan (Business Innovation and Communications Advisor)  
Gae Finlay (Executive Assistant and Governance Support Officer)

GUEST:

Clarence Susan (Audit New Zealand)

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**APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS IN RELATION TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil.

**1. ADOPTION OF 2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Chief Financial Officer gave an introduction to the Annual Report, the Annual Plan and the Long Term Plan processes.

Council was then given an overview of the 2018-2019 Annual Report by the Chief Financial Officer, together with information around members' interests.

Clarence Susan from Audit New Zealand gave Council an outline of the Annual Report process.

Councillor Howe referred to the consultation process undertaken on the Library redevelopment as noted in the Annual Report. He stated that a lot of people do not think a proper consultation process was followed and that the process was flawed. He questioned how he could adopt a report which has a sentence in it about the Library which he does not agree with.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Library consultation met the requirements of the legislation. Advice was obtained from the Office of the Auditor-General, along with legal advice, which confirmed that Council did not need to undertake a special consultative process. Council undertook a process anyway, very similar to a special consultative process.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that this will be the last time Clarence Susan will formally be attending Council. She extended thanks to him for the work he has done for Council, especially his assistance with a big issue at the time of the last Long Term Plan.

Her Worship the Mayor also extended thanks to Clarence Susan on behalf of Council.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the report titled "Adoption of 2018/2019 Annual Report" be received.**
- (2) That the 2018/2019 Annual Report and Summary Annual Report be adopted.**

HWTM/Browne

**Carried**

Against: Councillor Howe, Councillor Moore

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.36PM.**

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE CERTIFIED AS BEING A  
TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A SUBSEQUENT  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER  
2019**

**L J RIESTERER  
HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR**