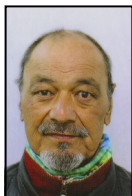


Ōpōtiki District Council
Ōpōtiki Ward
Electing 3 Councillors



Spike COLLIER

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Ōpōtiki Ward area. I am also standing for Coast Community Board.

I am a current elected member of Opotiki District Council's Coast Community Board for the past two terms. My knowledge of council processes and procedures has prepared me for a shift in council's role in our community. While I applaud the work and commitment of our mayor and councillors in achieving improved services and facilities there remains much more to be done. I will support council staff to perform and deliver programmes of the highest calibre in preparation for the years to come. All the work over the past 20 years will be in vain if Council cannot build strength, leadership, and resilience into our community. I believe council has a responsibility to ratepayers in the delivery of cost effective, targetted, expenditure for all projects. I am a farmer and orchardist with a talent for problem solving utilising the tools on offer. Climate change is upon us and steps need to be taken with a long term strategy that the whole community can have input to. As a ratepayer, I need to know if my annual rates are delivering value for money. There is a perception in our community that rates and services provided by council is imbalanced. I will represent all points of view without pre judgement. To our young voters, it's time you were heard.