

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 26 June 2025
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Dave Wilson

Membership: Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Paul Sharland

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 26 June 2025 at 1.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 22 May 2025, 29 May 2025 and 5 June 2025 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting – 22 May 2025
2. Ordinary Council Meeting – 29 May 2025
3. Ordinary Council Meeting – 5 June 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2025 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 May 2025 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 June 2025 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Richard Lambert (Zoom)
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety (Zoom)
Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/101

That the apologies be received from Cr Duncan.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/102

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

7 Reports for Decision

7.1 Local Water Done Well: Deliberations on submissions to the Council's consultation document on its proposed model for delivering water services

The Mayor thanked submitters and highlighted that this a significant decision for Council.

The Mayor ruled, that in relation to this item, Standing Orders (Section 22) relating to the number of speakers for and against would be set aside to allow all members an opportunity to express their views.

Councillors highlighted that prior to consultation the opportunity to have a wider grouping with Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council seemed unlikely. Since consultation Rangitikei, Whanganui and Ruapehu District Councils have been asked by Palmerston North and Horowhenua councils to consider a wider grouping.

Officers advised that there has been regular communication between Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and Nga Wairiki Ngāti Apa throughout this process.

Councillors noted that the public liability of the CCO will mean that there is a personal liability for councillors, specifically those councils continuing a stand-alone model. It was noted that those councils with a stand- alone model are likely to be more scrutinised by the economic regulator, the Commerce Commission.

Mrs Gordon advised that Whanganui District Council and Ruapehu District Council timelines for decisions have been pushed out.

Councillors referred to the need for 50,000 connections for scale and the wide Horizons Region grouping allows for further connections. Councillors were positive about their relationship with Palmerston North and Horowhenua councils and highlighted that Whanganui and Ruapehu have been offered the opportunity to join the grouping as well. It was noted that if council were to wait for Ruapehu and Whanganui to decide there is a potential risk that Rangitikei is without any partners.

Councillors acknowledged that there was further information and decisions to come during the delivery plans for Local Water Done Well.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/103

That Rangitikei District Council **receives** the report 'Deliberations on submissions to the Consultation Document *Where's Water @ Rangitikei?*'.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/104

That Rangitikei District Council **receives** the submissions made to the Consultation Document *Where's Water @ Rangitikei*, and **expresses** its appreciation to those people who provided these.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/105

That Rangitikei District Council **notes** that Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils have consulted with their communities on the same model for delivering water services.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/106

That Rangitikei District Council **notes**

- a) the considerable divergence of views expressed by submitters to Consultation Document Where's Water @ Rangitikei?
- b) the majority preference for the establishment of a joint Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO) with Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils rather than continuing to provide water services directly.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/107

That Rangitikei District Council **resolves** to continue discussion with the District's iwi and hapū, in collaboration with our regions councils, on how best to combine iwi and hapū responsibilities as kaitiaki of the waterways and land with the Council's responsibilities for a safe and efficient provision of water services.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/108

That, having regard for sections 61 and 62 of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, Rangitikei District Council –

- a) **agrees** to continue discussions with Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils in establishing a WS-CCO,
- b) **agrees** to continue discussion with Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council about establishing a WS-CCO with them and other councils,
- c) Council has a **preferred** position to work with Palmerston North City, Horowhenua, Ruapehu and Whanganui district councils to establish a WS-CCO **subject to** -
 - meeting the Government's requirements for financial sustainability.
 - delivering savings compared with the in-house model for Rangitikei, and
 - Palmerston North and Horowhenua confirming (for each by Council resolution) that they intend to join a WS-CCO with Rangitikei.
- d) **notes** the continued work in preparing a joint water services plan containing an implementation plan for a joint WS-CCO to the Secretary for Local Government on or before the prescribed date, 3 September 2025, and
- e) **resolves** that the shareholding councils for the joint WS-CCO invite the participation of our iwi and hapū in the WS-CCO design process to the extent that the legislation allows.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried Unanimous.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/109

That Rangitīkei District Council **notes** that Parliament’s Finance and Expenditure Committee is not due to report on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill until 17 June 2025, with enactment probably in August/September 2025, which means the outcome of the Council’s submission will not be known until then, i.e. after the intended adoption of the water services delivery plan.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/110

That Rangitīkei District Council **resolves** to accept expert technical advice that the intention behind clause 10 in the Local Government (Water Services) Bill prohibiting transport corridor stormwater infrastructure from being transferred outside the Council’s direct control is confined to a very small number of assets and does not materially affect the ability for the Council to transfer stormwater assets to the WS-CCO, and that the Council **resolves** to do this.

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HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/111

That Rangitīkei District Council **notes** the advantages and disadvantages of transferring the three ‘mixed-use’ rural water supply schemes (Erewhon, Hunterville and Omatane) to the Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO) and the outcome of discussion with the chairs of these three schemes and **resolves** to not include the three ‘mixed-use’ rural water supply schemes in the list of water assets to be transferred to the WS-CCO, and to signal the Council’s intention for a discussion about a service arrangement with the WS-CCO Board within the first two years of its establishment for any scheme which requests this.

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.29pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 May 2025.

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Chairperson

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UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 29 May 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management
Ms Sharon Bennett, Group Manager - People and Performance
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/112

That the apologies be received from Cr Wilson and Cr Dalgety.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G Maughan. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest with item 8.1 Mayors Report relating to the Bulls Museum funding request.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Cr Raukawa stated her apology was not reflected in the attachment of meeting attendance in the Mayor's Report.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/113

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025 **as amended** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr J Wong/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The follow up action items were taken as read. It was noted Item 2 – Scott’s Ferry is included in the Projects Update report.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/114

That the report ‘Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings’ be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8 Mayor’s Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2025

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest in regard to the request from the Bulls Museum.

Funding Request from the Bulls Museum Trust – Devils on Horses

The Mayor received a request from the Bulls Museum Trust to provide funding towards pamphlets and noted that Palmerston North City Council is providing \$1,000. Councillors did noted there is a process to apply for funds and requested officers provide this feedback to the museum. Officers noted there is existing budget the funding could be provided from.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/115

That the Mayor’s Report – May 2025 be accepted.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/116

That Council provide funding for the Devils on Horses premier pamphlet to the value of \$500 to be funded from district promotions.

Cr B Carter/Cr J Wong. Carried Against Cr Maughan.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/117

That His Worship the Mayor appoints Cr Jeff Wong and Mr Chalky Leary to be members of the District Licensing Committee for the hearing to be held on 24 June 2025.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9 Chief Executive’s Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - May 2025

Submissions

Officers responded to questions that there has not been any specific feedback on the fracking application in Taranaki. process. Council have requested being an interested party, Officers noted that the application sits with the Environmental Protection Agency and the application has not been lodged to their knowledge.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/118

That that the Chief Executive Report – May 2025 be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/119

That the request from the Lake Alice Survivors Group for the erection of a Lake Alice memorial plaque on the Lake Alice Road, Marton, road reserve be agreed to and formalised in a written agreement.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Council Controlled Organisations Exemption

The report was taken as read, noting this is routine item to Council.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/120

That the “Council Controlled Organisations Exemption” Report be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/121

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

Cr G Duncan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/122

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Disaster Relief Trust from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr J Wong. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Resource Consent Fee Calculations

Officers responded to questions that the internal audit began due to a query which picked up the anomaly. Councillors acknowledged the process undertaken.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/123

That the report "Resource Consent Fee Calculations" be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

11.2 Project Updates Report - May 2025

Ratana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Mr Benadie highlighted section 3.4 that officers are looking at an alternative option that would decrease the capital and operational costs.

Councillors asked about the salinity issues identified with the land and asked if officers would have been known before the land was purchased. Officers responded that this was identified after the purchase of the land.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie will bring a timeline on this item to a future Council meeting.

Marton Offices and Library

It was noted that the inclusion of Horizons Regional Council is still undecided.

Mr Ganapathi responded to questions that the geotechnical work is planned.

Scotts Ferry

Mrs Gordon updated that the further feedback from the farmer has come back to officers.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/124

That the report 'Project Updates Report – April 2025' be received.

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/125

That the following minutes are received:

- Finance/Performance – 30 Apr 25

Cr G Maughan/Cr J Wong. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendations Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Council discussed the options available for the road, including the potential of stopping the road. It was noted the stopping of the road is a long process.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/126

That the recommendations from Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/127

That Council does approve the Option 1 (WSP) repair at a cost of \$350,000 to remediate the slip on Kaimatawi Road to be funded from the General Purpose (Capital Works) Reserve, noting that Council's local share is 34% of the total cost.

Cr J Wong/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Cr Maughan against. Cr Hiroa abstained.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/128

That Council does approve that the Roading Reserve is accessed to fund Emergency Works repairs required on the Kuripapango Bridge with a local share value of \$73,803 (full cost \$217,069).

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.23pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/129

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting – 30 April 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Recommendation Assets/Infrastructure Committee

4. Public Excluded Resolutions

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
14.0 – Public Excluded Council Meeting – 30 April 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 30 April meeting.	s48(1)(a)
14.1 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.2 - Recommendation Assets/Infrastructure Committee	To consider recommendation from Assets/Infrastructure on commercial activities. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.3 - Public Excluded Resolutions	To consider previous public excluded decisions and bring these into the open. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 2.41pm

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/130**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

25/RDC/131 - 25/RDC/134

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.41pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 June 2025.

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Chairperson

MINUTES



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 5 June 2025
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety (Zoom)
Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
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Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
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ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.30am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/136

That the apologies be received from Cr Raukawa and Cr Hiroa.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Simon Loudon declared a conflict of interest with the group Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei as he is a member.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/137

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Reports for Decision

7.1 Analysis of Submissions for the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co

Mrs Harris took councillors through the report.

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Policy

Officers responded to questions that when the earthquake prone building policy is reviewed by central government if there are impacts these policies will be reviewed and will come back to council.

Policy to re-develop and re-furbish existing buildings

Officers responded to questions that rating remissions are primarily for earthquake prone buildings, and this is a separate request.

Councillors discussed that this is a broad request and noted that there are several avenues that people and businesses can approach council.

Officers will include the current policies in place as part of the response to the submitter and clarity to councillors be made available.

Fees and Charges 2025/26

Officers have tabled further changes at this meeting for the dog control fees.

Wellington Road to Hawkestone Road

Councillors were in favour due to the wellbeing and safety on the road.

McPhersons Reserve

Officers noted that this is a capital expense and is unsubsidised roading, however, council does not loan fund roading and therefore would result in rates increase.

Officers responded to questions that this is not a major road and therefore there is no traffic count.

BBQ facilities for the Taihape Playground

Officers responded to questions that the \$25,000 would be in addition to the \$50,000 that has already been approved for the group.

Councillors acknowledged that the frustration of the group for the slow process but preferred that the group focus on the core project.

Feasibility study for Gorges To See Cycle Trail

Councillors acknowledged that there have been some public meetings for those interested and affected.

Councillors noted that the group may consider an application to grants funding to support costs.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/138

That the report 'Analysis of Submissions for the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/139

That Council receives all submissions made to the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei consultation, including the late submission received prior to this report being published.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/140

That Council acknowledges all submissions made to the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei consultation and thanks all submitters for their participation.

Cr S Loudon/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/141

That Council adopts the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan without amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/142

That Council adopts the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy without amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/143

That Council does not ask Officers to investigate options that may include a policy to support building owners to re-develop and re-furbish existing buildings and to bring this back to Council for its consideration in the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/144

That Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26 with amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/145

That Council agrees that Officers apply to the Director of Land Transport to extend the 50km/h zone on Wellington Road to Hawkestone Road.

Cr R Lambert/HWTM Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/146

That Council does not agree to fund improvements to enable off road parking at McPhersons Reserve to the value of \$46,000, and that this shall be funded as a new capital expense in the Urban Reconstructions cost centre.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/147

That Council does agree to fund a covered area with BBQ facilities for the Taihape Playground to the value of \$25,000, and this will require additional rate funded operational expense in the Parks and Reserves cost centre.

Cr J Wong/Cr G Duncan. Lost

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/148

That Council does not agree to fund the feasibility study for the Gorges To See Cycle Trail.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried Against Cr Loudon.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/149

That Council accepts the Officer analysis made in the Officer Analysis of Submissions with amendment to be used as Council's response to submitters.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Meeting Closed.

The meeting closed at 10.37am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025.

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Chairperson

ITEM 7.1
7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings****Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Council meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for each follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions					
Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	29-May-25	Timeline of Marton Water Strategy be included in a projects update to Council.	Arno	Will be included in a future report.	In progress
2	5-Jun-25	Roading budget - provide more detail on the unfunded programmes. Paper for Assets/Infrastructure. Include unfunded and unsubsidised.	Arno / Leanne	An update was provided at the 12 June Assets/Infrastructure Committee Workshop	Completed
3	27-Mar-25	Provide further commentary on the presentations previously provided to Council by Tamata Hauha and VonLanthen on opportunities for the land and how they might relate to the feasibility assessments occurring now	Arno	No update at this stage.	In progress
4	26-Feb-25	MOU Scotts Ferry	Carol / Kevin / Arno	Update is included in the projects report.	In progress
5	26-Feb-25	Install correct signage on McHardies road (noting that one end of the road is correct and the other end is incorrect)	Arno / Darryn	New signage has been installed.	Completed
6	24-Apr-24	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. From Bulls Community Committee	Arno	Council wants to progress this as soon as possible, noting the item was not included in the annual works programme and would either be unbudgeted and will stay on the radar to see if there is any funding available at the end of the financial year. Therefore this item will remain on the action list until the end of the financial year.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - June 2025

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

King's Birthday Honours List 2025

I would like to pass on my congratulations to the following recipients of the recent King's Birthday Honours –

Ian McKelvie - Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit - "for services to local government, governance and as a Member of Parliament". Although not in our district, Ian has a special relationship as being the National Party MP for Rangitikei for many years.

Alan (Curly) Troon – King's Service Medal – "for services to Fire and Emergency New Zealand". This recognition goes far beyond Curly's Gold Star with the Fire Brigade for 25+ years service (he has served 34 years to date, becoming Chief Fire Officer in 2009) and recognises his involvement with everything else in Taihape including gumboot throwing, rural games and overall community support and also overseeing the rebuild of the Taihape Fire Station in 2022.

2025 Youth Awards

On 29 May I attended the 2025 Youth Awards evening at Te Matapihi and was astonished at the incredible things our rangatahi have accomplished over the last year. I have listed the winners below and a brief outline of their achievements so you, like me, can take pride in all the great work and initiatives our youth in the district are involved in.

Winner of the Northern Rural/Rangatahi Taiwhenua Award (sponsored by Hautapu Pine) - Isobel Phynn. Isobel raised over \$3,400 for the Manawatu-Rangitikei Rural Support Trust to support rural mental health. In addition to raffles Isobel also organised a "gumboots and pyjama's" mufti day at school raising another \$400 for this Trust. Isobel also organised someone from the Trust to come and speak at the House Dinner, to explain the work of the Trust.

Winner of the Southern/Rangatahi Taiwhenua Rural Youth Award (sponsored by The Downs Group) - Olivia Ward. Olivia helped Rangitikei College become an Enviroschool. She took the initiative to thoroughly research the programme's criteria and navigate the application process, which included securing board commitment and policy changes, liaising with external agencies, and demonstrating excellent organisational skills and commitment. Ultimately leading to Rangitikei College successfully achieving Enviroschool status.

Winner of the Youth of Arts/Rangatahi Toi Award (sponsored by Te Rūnanga O Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa) - Eva Dreliozis. Eva has played key roles in school productions, notably co-choreographing the Showquest team in 2024. A gifted musician and vocalist, she plays the guitar and sings with confidence and expression. Her academic achievements in Speech and Drama further highlight her artistic dedication, receiving Honours Plus.

Winner of the Youth in Sports/Hākinakina Award (sponsored by New World Marton) - Poppy Joy Priddle. Poppy is a natural athlete with exceptional speed and skills that has her noticed across many sports. Softball, football, tennis, athletics, netball and cricket, where she was a Whanganui rep in each code. She was noticed at the National U17 Representative Softball Tournament by National Selectors, making the 2024 NZ Junior White Sox. She was picked up by Hawkes Bay National Fastpitch team to compete at Women's NFC 2025, she's played for the Whanganui Women's team in the inaugural Heartland Championship and Selected for NZ White Sox Canada Cup Tour 2025. Quote from NZ White Sox Head Coach - "Poppy has the one skill we haven't had in the White Sox for a long time, and that is her elite speed".

Winners of Eco Warrior/Taiao Award (sponsored by River Valley) - 3 amazing rangatahi, Ketana Musgrove, Aaron-Lee Sime & Tseleste Tahau. They are a part of the "Mōkai Arikinui" group run by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki – The Taiao portfolio. Under the Rūnanga, they have been trained to correctly collect samples, test water samples, to read data and give recommendations to iwi/hapu, and are a part of the development of the Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki - Freshwater testing Science Laboratory at Winiata Marae, which is the first freshwater testing lab at a Marae in Aotearoa!

Winner of Youth in Work Development/ Rangatahi Whanaketanga Award (sponsored by Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs) - Jake Inwood. Jake was an apprentice in 2020 and having now finished his Apprenticeship has set up in business as Taihape Auto Service.

Winner of Youth Of Hope/Rangatahi Tūmanako Award (sponsored by Rangitīkei Anglican Parish) - Te Arawa Ratana. Te Arawa works alongside the Māngai and our Mōrehu people across Marton, Rangitīkei, and wider Aotearoa, supporting whānau through tangihanga, uplifting the hauora of those who are māuiui/sick, and standing on the paepae to uphold the mana of our marae and our people. His connection to Rātana is not just one of service but of deep aroha and responsibility, ensuring that tikanga, faith, and kaupapa Māori remain strong.

Winner of Youth in Leadership/Manukura Award (sponsored by Evans Henderson Woodbridge) - Denise Pio. Denise is currently Head Prefect at Rangitīkei College, student Board of Trustees representative and leader of the Pasifika Aiga group, she has consistently inspired and motivated her peers. She possesses a natural and remarkable ability to foster collaboration, communicate effectively and guide teams towards achieving common goals. At Pasifika Fusion she has been involved in Samoan cultural performances, debating, public speaking, and visual art.

Winner of the "John Turkington Best Over all Youth of the Year" – Denise Pio. This rangatahi is one of a kind. She's the type of rangatahi that radiates excellence in everything she does, whether she's in the classroom, on stage, in the community, church, or with whānau. She brings her full heart, energy and dedication. She leads, inspires and uplifts those around. Earlier this year she took part in the Race Unity Speech Awards, delivering a heartfelt speech which spoke against racism and racial prejudice earning the runner up award for Manawatu Regionals. She is a passionate artist and musician. She got 1st place at the 2024 Pasifika Fusion Festival, her theme "Dawn Raids," reflecting history and strength. She is also the main bass player in her year group band, which won their school's Talent Showcase performing "Sweet Child O' Mine" in May 2024. Last year, she returned to her primary school to honour a dedicated teacher by creating a large painting about preserving traditions and culture. She has performed at many music events in the Rangitīkei region, including Christmas Carols (2024), the Pink Cancer Foundation event in Bulls (2024), the festival in Bulls earlier this year (2025) and music and cultural concerts at Marton Bible Chapel. She has played many sports

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throughout her college years and has captained several teams, including netball, basketball, volleyball, and badminton. Last year, she took a break from playing winter netball for her college teams in Palmerston North to focus on school but continued to referee games for her former primary school. She placed 1st in her school's athletic throwing events, earning a spot at the interschool athletics in Whanganui. There she won 1st place in shot-put and broke a school record set in 1969. This achievement qualified her to compete at the North Island Secondary School Athletic Championships. Without professional training just self-taught and she gave it her best, finishing close to the Top 10. She is proud to represent her small school and appreciates the support she received. While she was training for the North Island Secondary School Athletics Championships, her former primary school reached out to ask if she could run workshops for students preparing for their athletics day in Hunterville, volunteering her time to guide students in discus and shot-put techniques. Her coaching proved successful, with Pati, a Year 7 student, breaking the senior section discus record which had stood for 17 years. Denise is always happy to contribute to her team's success as well as her own. She has consistently achieved Excellence endorsements in NCEA within the college, her leadership has been impactful. As Head Prefect, student Board of Trustees representative, and leader of the Pasifika Aiga group, she has consistently inspired and motivated her peers. She possesses a natural and remarkable ability to foster collaboration, communicate effectively, and guide teams towards achieving common goals. At Pasifika Fusion she has been involved in Samoan cultural performances, debating, public speaking, and visual art. Beyond the school, her commitment to leadership extends to various community organisations. Her active participation and leadership in the Youth Council highlights her dedication to making a positive difference in the wider community. Through forum such as the Race Unity Speech Awards, debating and Pasifika Fusion, she has also been a key agent of change and advocacy for youth. Significantly, she was also a member through 2023-2024 of the Children's Commission 'Youth Voices Group', which involved 30 young people throughout Aotearoa-New Zealand providing input, insight, advocacy directly through to the Children's Commissioner. Underlying all of her achievements is a strong sense of integrity and humility. Denise consistently acts with honesty, kindness, fairness, and respect, and so earns the trust and admiration of those around her. Her commitment to her values is evident in all she does, making her a role model for all other young people in our community, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity of background. She is hugely respected at school and fully embodies everything this award stands for.

I personally congratulate each and every one of the winners on their remarkable achievements.

RDC Matariki Stars Awards 2025

The Matariki Stars Staff Awards were held on 13 June and I will leave the detailing of this to Carol which is appropriate as an operational matter however I would like to say the awards highlighted to me just how hard our staff have worked and what they are involved with outside of work in the community. It gave me a real thrill to hear Marita Wilkinson awarded the Hiwa-I-Te-Rangi/Personal Achiever award for passing her final exam towards an accountancy degree (while also working full-time) – this is such a special occasion and highlight in her life. The overall Matariki Star/Chief Executive's Award presented to Mike Hart was richly deserved – Mike's commitment to council and the community is outstanding and much appreciated.

Local Water Done Well

I will follow these accolades with a report on "the never-ending story about LWDW"

- After months of analysis and consultation, our preferred solution was to form a Regional CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) with Whanganui and Ruapehu.

- What we have now is a Regional CCO to be set up with Palmerston North City, Horowhenua District Council and ourselves, the Rangitikei, with the hope that Whanganui and Ruapehu will join us. These are now decisions made by the first three councils. Ruapehu and Whanganui will decide over the next 2-3 weeks.
- I suspect that Whanganui and Ruapehu may not join with us.
- This Regional CCO is based on savings to the ratepayer by way of loan structures and efficiencies and includes scale of about 50,000+ connections.
- We will argue as part of the governance board of the new entity for –
 - a) Each council will have an equal vote (we have support for this)
 - b) Price harmonisation or cross-subsidy over time where everyone pays the same charges for water. (This will need to be a long term discussion and will not be happening in the short term).
 - c) That price harmonisation should happen initially in reach respective district, i.e. the charges in the Rangitikei will be the same throughout the district (this should be straightforward).
 - d) That the shareholding will be based on the value of assets transferred (expected to be a given).
 - e) That there will be mechanisms worked out to capture the collective lwi considerations (this could, in my opinion, be by an advisory board).
 - f) The Board will probably have an independent chair.
 - g) The rural water schemes such as Omatane, Erewhon, Hunterville and Putorino will be set aside from the entity (the mechanism for this will need to be approved by Government).

So what happens now???

1. We wait on Ruapehu/Whanganui decisions
2. The operational plan for delivery needs to be submitted to Wellington for approval/ratification by 3 September.
3. The councils will form the governance boards to work on strategy/pricing.
4. The governance board will need to start interviewing/searching for a chief executive of the entity. (I note these positions will be competitive and I suspect entities will need to act quickly to get preferred staff).
5. The formation of these entities will result in significant changes to councils' LTPs (Long Term Plans) this will be complex and include –
 - Staffing changes (although many staff of the entity will remain in-situ with each council);
 - There will be, I think, rating changes especially in the areas of public good concerning water/wastewater delivery and there may need to be some rebalancing here with other charges;
 - Council's debt/loan structure will alter;
 - As we transfer the assets we have the loan component 'handed back' in some form and in stages to the council. How we choose to handle that leaves many interesting options that I will expand on at another time.
 - Yes we have made a decision but the work gets tough from hereon in!

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Recently I spent a couple of hours listening to the details around a new fund set up by Government – The Social Investment Fund. This fund of \$275m, of which \$190m will be new money, will be focussed on early prevention and supporting New Zealand social outcomes.

The fund has Andrew Coster as it's Chief Executive and he introduced the fund with a lot of 'government speak' –

- Supporting social outcomes;
- Will use outcome focussed contractors (i.e. they will contract out services to committees to deliver);
- The fund will look for 'innovations';
- The fund will focus on set outcomes (presumably this is a reference to accountability conditions).

He ended his presentation by saying significantly, the fund has mechanisms where it can grow, i.e. it can draw on funding from other agencies. I think these comments reference that the New Zealand Government pays out around \$7b annually in buying services from non-government agencies. The Government is concerned about the accountability and performance (value for money) of this purchase. This fund would then be a mechanism to re-distribute this money with better checks and balances.

Andrew Coster was followed by Joe Fowler, the interim Head of Commissioning for the fund, who talked about how the fund will work. There are three pathways to access this fund –

1. Pathway 1 –
 - a) Applications will open in July with 5-8 initiatives funded in August.
 - b) Government is looking for 20-30 initiatives over the next 12-18 months.
 - c) Priorities for funding have not yet been set but are likely to be focussed on youth and children.
 - d) The programme will need to reach several hundred people over the coming years.
2. Pathway 2 – this pathway targets secondary prevention though I am not sure what it covers and I'm not sure Government is aware of what it covers either.
3. Pathway 3 –
 - a) "still in early development".
 - b) Government is interested in speaking to organisations that already operate as a collective impact model with Local Government arrangements.

Summary of my thoughts -

1. This is rushed, not fully developed to coincide again with Government wanting to see it established in this term of office.
2. It is under the control of the Minister of Finance who definitely wants more accountability. In my opinion many organisations that currently receive money could stand to lose their financing in the future.
3. But it does open up the opportunity for Local Government. This may indicate that Central Government is too heavily burdened with staffing/administration costs.
4. Part of the fund is already allocated –
 - a) \$20m for programmes strengthening the first 2000 days of a child's life i.e. reducing harm.

- b) \$25m to prevent children and vulnerable young adults entering state care (included as a Crown response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Abuse under Care position).

I finish this section with two quotes attributed to the Minister of Finance –

“Over the next 2-3 years I expect to see significant amounts of funding transferred from current social services to this fund as communities and providers developing new approaches to working with Government”. (From me - social services would probably include employment/health/benefits?).

“Each investment will have a robust evaluation built in from the start so the impact can be tracked”.

Annual Plan

On the agenda is the adoption of the Annual Plan. This is one of the “cornerstones” of Council and is a section of the Long Term Plan. There are several points I wish to make regarding the Annual Plan and the associated rating position/adoption of fees and charges.

- Councils throughout the country have struggled with resourcing annual plans against a backdrop of considerable change. Local Water Done Well has soaked up huge staffing resources especially for smaller rural councils.
- I thank Carol as CE and staff, in particular the Finance and Three Waters staff for what has been a challenging process.
- We are likely to adopt a rate increase of under 8% and that is quite an achievement considering that we started at a much higher figure. This rate increase is probably mid-pack compared to other councils throughout New Zealand.
- Costs increases faced by council are well beyond the national CPI (Consumers Price Index) for example, the costs for roading have risen substantially over the last couple of years and roading is a huge part of our budget.
- Council’s capex (capital expenditure) spend has been less than forecasted in this year so there are some carry-overs of existing budgets. Some of that delay is operational or consenting in nature but some of it is prudent considering the changes proposed by Government. Taumata Arowai, the regulator for discharge consents, has proposed new standards which could, if adopted, reduce costs. We will have to comply with these new standards so it makes sense to delay spending money until we have further advice.
- With decisions made around LWDW there will be a revision of our LTP required next year, something that the new council will need to consider.

Policy/Planning Meeting 12 June

The Policy/Planning Committee, as part of their terms of reference to develop, monitor and review Council’s strategies and plans, considered and made decisions to refine where officers should continue work for the rezoning of land to accommodate residential growth. Council will make the final decision on adopting the plan change for notification. I would like to make several points –

- We are required to go through planning change processes as a function of council.
- The demand for space for residential is heavy in the southern parts of the district, i.e. Bulls/Marton areas.
- As such, for consultation we are allowing principally for new areas of growth in those areas but we are also looking at possible spaces in Mangaweka to make land available for the northern region.

- For those people that are interested please ask to see the Policy/Planning Committee notes from 12 June.

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Remits

The Local Government New Zealand (of which Rangitikei is a member) 2025 Conference will be held in Christchurch on 16-17 July. As part of that conference there will be a series of remits proposed by different councils throughout New Zealand for LGNZ, our governing body, to consider at the AGM. If they receive support by way of vote it will effectively direct LGNZ to engage with Government asking them to either stop a process, change a process or look at future direction of Government. This is the direct way that we have as a council of directing Government. These remits have been proposed by individual councils and we as a council will need to make a decision as to whether we support them or not. At this council meeting I am asking for a vote on each remit as to whether we support it or not. That gives myself as delegate at the AGM, an understanding of the direction of our council. I do note that there will always be new supporting evidence presented as part of the LGNZ conference which could potentially change our view. That is the nature of debate.

On 7 June I attended the Open Day for the Otiwhiti School of Agriculture. Otiwhiti is committed to training young people to become the new breed of managers that the sheep and beef industry needs and takes on 18 rural students each year to build a working knowledge of shepherding as a career. These students often come in without any form of background in farming, they commence in January and are expected to arrive with a 5 month old heading pup that they will assist in the training of over the course of the year. At the end of the year they will leave with a New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture Level 3, covering basic skills in shepherding, cropping, tractor work and fencing and most are able to shear 100 sheep a day which is no small achievement. The Open Day was an invitation for people to seek applications for one of the 178 positions available. The turnout was huge with several families saying this was their second year of application or this is our first year of application but will really probably be considered better in our second year. The standard of facilities at the school are brilliant, there's a brand new butchery going in where the shepherds learn to dress venison, pork, mutton and make sausages. Students spend one day a week 'in class' and four days a week on a farm throughout the course gaining the skills required and can elect to carry on their studies after the conclusion of this. The standout from the Otiwhiti School is that virtually every year 100% of the graduates are placed in employment, many of them on neighbouring stations right up through the Turakina Valley and Rangitikei High Country.

Late afternoon on 6 June I travelled to the River Valley Lodge on invitation from Brian Megaw and the team. Invitees to an evening session were those people involved with tourism in the northern part of our district looking to see how we could work together in the future. I thank Brian for making this opportunity available – it is important that we leverage off each other and he made the point that visitors might make enquiries with him that could be better provided for by another local operator rather than them leaving the district. Our tourism operations throughout the district certainly don't link together as well as they could, however apart from the business of the day it was good to be able to meet up with friends around a roaring fire on an early winter's evening and I thank Brian for the great hospitality provided.

Mayor's Engagements

June 2025

1	Attended Potitini - election Information event
3	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Emergency Management Joint Standing Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting Attended Taihape Grandstand User Group Meeting Attended Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting Attended Omatane Rural Water Scheme Meeting Attended meeting with Deputy Mayor
4	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended fortnightly meeting with staff re Marton Water Strategy Attended governors Q&A at monthly Executive Leadership Team meeting Attended online meeting with Hon Simeon Brown and staff
5	Attended Marton Office & Library fortnightly governance meeting Attended Tenders Board Subcommittee Meeting Attended Council Meeting – Annual Plan Deliberations
6	Attended online Tripartite Meeting with Whanganui and Ruapehu Mayors Attended Northern Tourist Businesses hui at River Valley Lodge
7	Attended Otiwhiti tour of school Attended Bulls walk around of town murals Attended meeting with Taihape constituent
9	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting with staff re Urban Growth areas Attended Mayoral Forum Meeting
10	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting Attended meeting with staff re Urban Growth areas Attended MSD Social Investment Fund Webinar Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Ratana Community Board Meeting
11	Attended Ruapehu District Council Meeting in Ohakune Attended Marton Community Committee Meeting
12	Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with staff Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee workshop Attended Policy/Planning committee meeting
13	Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Core Group Meeting in Wellington Attended RDC Matariki Stars Awards Evening
16	Attended Nga Wai Tota hui at Makaranui Marae

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	Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
17	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs' Matters fortnightly catch-up Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
18	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with staff Attended monthly comms catchup with staff Attended Youth Lobby in Taihape with staff Attended Mayors Event for Defence Hub in Palmerston North
19	Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Fortnightly Meeting Attended Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Regional Leadership Group Hui – Manawatu-Whanganui Attended Urban Planning in Bulls meeting Attended Mid Winter Xmas BA5 in Marton
23	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Quarterly Catchup with MP Suze Redmayne Attended Downer Board Function at NZ Parliament House
24	Attended NZ Tiny House Association online hui Attended Citizenship Ceremony in Bulls Attended LGNZ zoom on Rates Capping
25	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended quarterly catchup meeting with Chief Executive and NZDF Ohakea Base Commander and Command Team
26	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting
27	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend fortnightly economic development meeting with staff To attend meeting with Arohanui Hospice CE
29	To attend unveiling of Chris Amon statue in Bulls
30	To attend meeting with Deputy Chief Executive To attend Tripartite monthly Mayoral Meeting with Whanganui and Ruapehu Mayors To attend Election Candidate Information Session in Taihape To attend Election Candidate Information Session in Marton

Attachments:

1. **LGNZ Remits** [↓](#)
2. **LGNZ Rates Capping** [↓](#)
3. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the Mayor's Report – June 2025 be accepted.

Recommendation 2

That Rangitikei District Council [does / does not] endorse the following remits for the 2025 AGM for LGNZ:

- That LGNZ advocates for security system payments to be included as an allowance under the Local Government Members Determination, in line with those afforded to Members of Parliament.
- That LGNZ advocate to Government for: a) legislative change to make the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) mechanism more accessible for councils to use with iwi/hapu, b) for the provision of technical, legal and financial support to facilitate the use of JMAs for joint council and iwi/hapu environmental governance, and c) for a mechanism such as JMAs to be included in the Government's new resource management legislation.
- That LGNZ advocates for the government to update the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 18 December 2013 to account for inflation and include a mechanism for automatic annual inflation adjustments.
- That LGNZ advocate for the reform of the Ministry of Education funded school bus services to provide an improved service for families and to better integrate the services with council provided public transport services, including the option of Public Transport Authorities (e.g. regional and unitary councils) managing such services (with appropriate government funding), noting that:
 - a. Councils better know their local communities; and
 - b. The potential to reduce congestion from better bus services for schools; and
 - c. The efficiency gains realised from integrating these two publicly funded bus services
 - d. The outdated and inflexible rules of the current centralised school bus system.
- That LGNZ works with the Government and Councils to review current local government arrangements, including the functions and structure of local government, to achieve a better balance between the need to efficiently and effectively deliver services and infrastructure, while enabling democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of communities.

Recommendation 3

That Council [does / does not] approves the direction of travel set out in the rates capping AGM paper, as described by LGNZ.



2025 Remits



// 01 Security System Payments

Proposed by:	Far North District Council and Central Otago District Council
Supported by:	Zone 6 and Zone 1
Remit:	<i>That LGNZ advocates for security system payments to be included as an allowance under the Local Government Members Determination, in line with those afforded to Members of Parliament.</i>

Why is this remit important?

The importance of safety for elected members has become more apparent in recent times. With an increase in animosity towards “government figures,” both online and in person, the time has come to address this. Recent examples of elected members being threatened, harassed and abused, including incidents occurring at or near their home address, highlights the need for changes to the Local Government Act to be updated. The ability for security system payments to be made as an allowance would go some way towards encouraging actual and perceived safety for existing elected members, as well as ensuring future candidates can feel safer while representing their communities.

Background and Context

Democracy worldwide is currently considered a “tinderbox” according to multiple news sites. In 2024, 37 candidates for election were murdered in Mexico. While this may seem extreme – our own Electoral Commission in NZ has a page dedicated to “security advice” for potential candidates. The rise of fringe groups, anonymity of online forums, general mistrust of government figures and polarising coverage of worldwide democratic outcomes has been creating a platform for those with singular or disaffected viewpoints. While we recognise that some of the sentiment is online, there have been instances of this spilling over into daily life for our elected members. Much of “being safe” is about “feeling safe.”

The Members of Parliament Determination 2023 (Section 48) allows for up to \$4500 to install a security system at a member’s primary place of residence, along with up to \$1000 per year to monitor this.

LGNZ’s own research carried out last year identified three quarters of elected members had suffered abuse or harassment at public meetings, a third at the supermarket or school pick up, and that half of EM’s felt it was worse than a year ago. Supporting new anti-stalking and harassment Legislation is a good start, but this is something that could immediately help our elected members to feel safer at home.

Some councils are already supporting elected members in personal safety. Central Otago District has paid for a member to install a camera at their home address where they live with young kids following an obnoxious campaign including items being left in their letterbox. There will be multiple other examples where councils are promoting personal safety, wellbeing initiatives and also installing or providing additional security measures at homes and council offices.

Far North and Central Otago Districts are just two examples of our huge, remote areas. Overnight Central Otago, all 9,968 square kilometres of it, is covered by two on-call Police officers, based 30km



apart. Feeling safe plays a big role in actual safety. Expectations of safety will be different for an older female to a young dad with kids, a large family or a person living alone, and they are also different between rural and urban areas.

This election, we want to ensure worry about how safe someone is in their own home is not a barrier to putting their hand up to fulfil a wonderful role for our communities.

How does this remit relate to LGNZ's current work programme?

Ties into the research on safety that LGNZ carried out last year, and also the support of the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.

How will the proposing council help LGNZ to make progress on this remit?

Connect with Minister Mark Patterson (Minister for Rural Communities) for support

Investigate the possibility for a partnership with a national retailer/supplier of home security systems and/or trail cams

Timeframe - depends how quickly things could progress before the election?



// 02 Improving Joint Management Agreements

Proposed by:	Northland Regional Council
Supported by:	LGNZ Zone 1
Remit:	<i>That LGNZ advocate to Government for: a) legislative change to make the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) mechanism more accessible for councils to use with iwi/hapū, b) for the provision of technical, legal and financial support to facilitate the use of JMAs for joint council and iwi/hapū environmental governance, and c) for a mechanism such as JMAs to be included in the Government's new resource management legislation.</i>

Why is this remit important?

JMAs are a valuable tool for councils and iwi / hapū to work together on environmental governance. Many councils support stronger partnerships with tangata whenua, but the statutory and practical barriers to formalising JMAs have severely limited their uptake by councils and iwi/hapū. There is thus a need to address the limitations of the current mechanism under the RMA, to make it more accessible to councils and tangata whenua, as well as to ensure a mechanism such as JMAs is included in the Government's new resource management legislation.

Recommended improvements include a) simplification or modification of the JMA statutory requirements and criteria; b) provision of a customisable JMA template and detailed guidance on when JMAs might be appropriate and how to establish them; c) explanation of the legal implications for the parties, and the Health & Safety obligations; d) making JMAs mandatory in appropriate circumstances in addition to Treaty settlements; and e) provision of funding to support iwi/hapū capacity to develop and implement JMAs.

Background and Context

JMAs under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) provide for agreement between a local authority and an iwi authority and/or groups representing hapū to jointly perform or exercise any local authority functions, powers or duties under the RMA relating to a natural or physical resource.

Since inclusion as a mechanism under sections 36B-E of the RMA in 2005, only two JMAs have been established, apart from their mandatory use in some Treaty settlements.

For a JMA to be developed, the local authority must be satisfied that the agreement is an "efficient" method of exercising the function, power or duty. However, if a JMA were to require more funds and resources to support administrative costs and extra person-hours than what council would itself expend, the "efficiency" criterion might not be satisfied. Thus, "efficiency" could compel an iwi/hapū to contribute its own resources to the collaborative management process if it wished to conclude a JMA. A lack of financial resources is repeatedly identified by iwi/hapū as being the most significant barrier to their full participation under the RMA.

Another requirement of s36B is that the local authority must be satisfied that the other party to the JMA has the "technical or special capability or expertise to perform or exercise the function, power,



or duty jointly with the local authority". Many (especially unsettled) iwi/hapū are under-resourced, often having to rely on voluntary contributions of resources and expertise; thus funding and technical support may be needed to facilitate iwi/hapū participation in JMAs.

Another deterrent to JMA uptake is that the agreement can be cancelled by either party at any time. If conflict arises, the local authority will always have the "upper hand" because the function(s) shared under the JMA will revert exclusively to local authority control. More stringent cancellation requirements could be introduced that give JMA parties greater assurance of continuation.

Only those JMAs created as part of Treaty Settlements are currently mandatory for local authorities. A similar mandatory requirement under the RMA for councils to enter into JMAs in appropriate circumstances would facilitate uptake.

Currently there is very little information available on the legal implications of JMAs, and on the process and considerations for developing and implementing such an agreement. There is also no template provided for such agreements. Technical guidance from central government would further facilitate uptake.

In summary, very low uptake of JMAs reflects the high barriers to their uptake by councils and iwi/hapū. They remain a potentially useful tool if sufficient guidance, resourcing and technical support is provided, and if criteria for developing them are made more enabling.

How does this remit relate to LGNZ's current work programme?

This remit aligns with LGNZ's strategy, in particular the long-term goal that Te Tiriti partnerships between local government and Māori are authentic, strong and respected. We are not aware of any existing or planned work to advocate for improved legislative mechanisms and implementation support for Joint Management Agreements.

How will the proposing council help LGNZ to make progress on this remit?

We can provide some technical expertise to support analysis of specific options to improve how JMAs function and some advocacy support.



// 03 Alcohol Licensing Fees

Proposed by:	Far North District Council
Supported by:	LGNZ Zone 1
Remit:	<i>That LGNZ advocates for the government to update the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 18 December 2013 to account for inflation and include a mechanism for automatic annual inflation adjustments.</i>

Why is this remit important?

If a local council does not have a bylaw that sets alcohol licensing fees and charges it must default to the schedule of fees in the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013. These default fees were set 12 years ago and, with the impact of inflation over this period, no longer enable local councils to reasonably recover the costs to administer the alcohol licensing system. This has led to increasing ratepayer subsidisation of these costs. Currently the only way that councils can increase these fees and charges is to make an Alcohol Fees Bylaw under an Order in Council associated with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is an inefficient and expensive way for councils to raise their alcohol licensing fees and charges, when this issue could be simply resolved by the government updating the schedule of fees in the Regulations.

Background and Context

Objectives relating to the setting of alcohol licensing fees were listed in the review of the Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013 conducted by the Ministry of Justice in 2017. These objectives include: - recovering the total reasonable costs incurred by local councils and ARLA in administering the alcohol licensing system - ensuring that those who create the greatest need for regulatory effort bear the commensurate costs.

Alcohol licensing fees and charges are intended to cover the reasonable costs of administering the alcohol licensing system via a 'user pays' approach. The fees and charges set in the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013 are now 12 years out of date and have not been updated since 2013, despite two reviews of these fees conducted in 2018 and 2022 as required by section 404 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act. With inflation since 2013, costs to manage alcohol licenses cannot be recovered through the fees prescribed in these Regulations. This means that every time Council processes an alcohol licence it costs more than the fee paid by the licensee and the difference must be covered by general rates.

To increase these fees and charges in their districts, local councils can make Alcohol Fees Bylaws under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fee-setting Bylaws) Order 2013. However, making a bylaw is a relatively costly and inefficient way to address this issue as it involves: - time and effort to research and draft the bylaw - costs for public consultation - the need to regularly review the fees and charges set in the bylaw. A better solution would be for the government to update the fees and charges listed in the 2013 Regulations to reflect current costs. The schedule of fees in the revised Regulations should also allow for an annual CPI increase and allow cost recovery for hearings objections to District Licensing Committee decisions.

**How does this remit relate to LGNZ's current work programme?**

This remit sits within the Funding and Financing advocacy area within LGNZ's Advocacy Work Programme. Specifically, this relates to: - Advocating for changes to local government funding and financing - Building and working with a coalition of the willing to support LGNZ's advocacy for changes to local government funding and financing. Fees and charges are also specifically mentioned in LGNZ's funding and finance toolbox. We understand that the regulation of alcohol fees is not currently part of this Work Programme.

How will the proposing council help LGNZ to make progress on this remit?

We can provide detailed evidence of the current income received by FNDC from licensing fees based on applying the outdated fee schedule in the 2013 Regulations, compared with the costs to administer the alcohol licensing system. In summary, in the 2023/24 financial year FNDC received \$410,000 in income from licence application fees compared with costs of \$581,000. This means there was a shortfall of \$171,000 which has to be recovered from general rates. In 2023/24 licence application fees covered 71% of costs for the Council. By contrast, the 2017 Review of the 2013 Regulations reported that cost recovery across all local councils was 108%.



// 04 Aligning public and school bus services

Proposed by:	Nelson City Council
Supported by:	LGNZ Regional Sector
Remit:	<p><i>That LGNZ advocate for the reform of the Ministry of Education funded school bus services to provide an improved service for families and to better integrate the services with council provided public transport services, including the option of Public Transport Authorities (e.g. regional and unitary councils) managing such services (with appropriate government funding), noting that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. councils better know their local communities; and</i> <i>b. the potential to reduce congestion from better bus services for schools; and</i> <i>c. the efficiency gains realised from integrating these two publicly funded bus services</i> <i>d. the outdated and inflexible rules of the current centralised school bus system</i>

Why is this remit important?

The quality and efficiency of school and public bus services is compromised by school and public bus services being funded through two different arms of Government. Some services are funded through the New Zealand Transport Agency and councils, and others are through the Ministry of Education School Bus Transport Service. This remit proposes to align those functions by transferring the funding and management to Regional Public Transport authorities which are better placed to understand and respond to local transport needs. By improving our bus services for students, we can also reduce congestion which is noticeably less during the school holidays in towns and cities around New Zealand.

Background and Context

There are essentially two drivers for this reform. The first is that it makes no sense to have two different arms of Government separately planning and contracting publicly funded bus services. The second is that decisions about bus services are best made locally.

The co-ordination and contracting of public bus services, whether for getting students to school or for other passengers, is a complex job. Decisions about the routes, frequency, bus size and convenient bus stops are difficult, requiring the juggling the objectives of making the service as convenient as possible, maximising usage, managing costs and ensuring safety. These decisions are inherently local.

The centralised school bus transport system is a huge source of frustration to communities and councils all over New Zealand. It is governed centrally by archaic, rigid rules that date back nearly 100 years, and are unchanged to this day.



The Ministry of Education officials do the best they can within the current policy, but the system is fundamentally outdated and broken. It makes no sense for education officials to be running transport services, and it is impossible to run a community focused, flexible school transport system over thousands of schools and communities from Wellington.

One of the big opportunities of this reform is to reduce congestion by improving our bus service for students. The potential is highlighted in towns and cities all over New Zealand during school holidays when there is much less congestion. An improved bus service with timetables and routes tailored to students' needs would be a wise investment for the overall transport network.

Regional councils, unitary authorities and Auckland Transport are all public transport authorities with delegated responsibility for the development, planning and delivery of public transport services in New Zealand.

The current system has perverse incentives in that if a public transport authority uses rates to improve public transport service to an area, the Ministry of Education withdraws its service. The current system discourages councils to provide public transport services on routes and times that work for students.

Nelson/Tasman are exploring trialling the integration of the management of public and school transport services. We believe there is the opportunity to provide a more responsive service to families of school aged children, to expend our public transport network and to get efficiency gains from contracting for both types of services. If successful, the trial may result in wider reforms.

This is a significant proposal currently involving more than \$125 million of annual public expenditure on school bus services that would need to be transferred to public transport authorities. It would be a complex reform that requires careful attention to detail and consultation with parents, schools, bus service providers and councils. The prize is a better bus services in places like Nelson, less congestion on our roads and more efficient use of public money.

How does this remit relate to LGNZ's current work programme?

Transport is a critical issue facing all councils and we need to be proactively looking for way to better deliver services. This remit goes to the heart of LGNZ's vision of localism in that it proposes to localise the delivery of school bus services. This remit also compliments LGNZ's strategic relationship with Government in that it proposes reforms that improve efficiency, and is not just asking for more funding in fiscally constrained times. It also supports LGNZ's sustainability goals by providing opportunities for expansion of public transport services.

How will the proposing council help LGNZ to make progress on this remit?

Nelson City Council is keen to help advance the case for this reform. We have already engaged with the Ministry of Education, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Transport who are interested in the reforms and keen to trial this alternative approach for the delivery of school bus services. We also commit to sharing our experiences should Nelson Tasman proceed to trialling this reform.



// 05 Review of local government arrangements to achieve better balance

Proposed by: Tauranga City Council

Supported by: LGNZ Metro Sector

Remit: *That LGNZ works with the Government and Councils to review current local government arrangements, including the functions and structure of local government, to achieve a better balance between the need to efficiently and effectively deliver services and infrastructure, while enabling democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of communities.*

Why is this remit important?

Efficient and effective local democracy and associated decision making is paramount.

Background and Context

A number of local government reviews undertaken previously, have concluded that the current structure and arrangement of the local government sector, is not conducive to ensuring that infrastructure and services delivered to communities, are always done so in a cost effective and efficient manner.

Current sector arrangements are a legacy, and do not always reflect how our communities have expanded, nor how modern services are delivered.

Central government is underway with key policy and legislations changes that both directly and indirectly significantly impact the local government sector. This will require an agile and well planned response by the sector.

How does this remit relate to LGNZ's current work programme?

This is an important issue for local government as the sector responds to the current central government policy and legislation changes and reforms underway. Seeks advocacy for a work programme between central government, local government and LGNZ, to undertake this review, and ensuring local communities are well considered.

This remit sits within the principles of the Local Government Act 2002 in that it would give local government a tool to provide services more efficiently. While this is not currently part of LGNZ's work programme, engaging with central government will be essential to making progress in this area.

How will the proposing council help LGNZ to make progress on this remit?

Metro sector councils will provide support and resource to participate and work on the programme established.



Rates capping AGM paper

Purpose of this paper

- To update members on the Government's approach to rates capping and seek agreement on LGNZ's direction of travel.

Recommendations

- That the AGM **approves** the direction of travel set out in this paper.
- That the AGM **notes** members will agree the next phase at a Special General Meeting after the 2025 elections (in March 2026 or earlier if needed).

Background

What is rates capping and what is being proposed?

Rates capping sets a limit on how much councils can increase rates. Often the cap is indexed to economic measures such as consumer inflation, local government inflation or population.

All rates capping policies effectively transfer local fiscal decisions from local communities to central government politicians or bureaucracies.

In August 2024, the then Local Government Minister set out a Local Government Forward Work Programme. This programme included a proposal to investigate a rates cap on "non-core" expenditure by councils. This policy was to be modelled on similar policies in Australian states New South Wales and Victoria.

The Government plans to distinguish between core and non-core spending, applying the cap only to non-core expenditure. Core services may be identified in the soon-to-be-reinstated Section 11A of the Local Government Act 2002 and new purpose of local government. It's still unclear how the Government will enable the cap to apply only to non-core expenditure as this is not a feature of other rate caps overseas. The distinction is likely to be unworkable at a practical level and generate significant bureaucracy. It is unclear for instance how support activities which are used across all councils services, such as call centres and human resource functions would be defined in such a cap.

What rates capping looks like in other countries

Rates capping looks slightly different in each jurisdiction. In NSW, rates capping extends to charges like development contributions. An independent authority decides the rates cap level and considers exemptions to it. However, in Victoria, the essential services commission provides advice to the state's Minister of Local Government who then decides the level of the rate cap.



LGNZ has engaged with local government experts from New South Wales and Victoria to understand how rates capping has affected their councils. They told us rates capping has led to negative outcomes for councils and communities, including:

- Degraded infrastructure and service delivery;
- Financial instability among councils;
- Severe infrastructure backlogs;
- Bureaucratic and expensive processes to approval rates above the cap;
- Reduced local economic growth; and
- Diminished local voice in council investment and revenue decisions.

NSW and Victoria's experience also suggests that once rates caps are in place, removing them is very challenging politically. NSW and Victorian councils also say that impacts worsen over time. Initially councils in those states were able to sell assets, and reduce services and staffing, to offset impacts of the rates cap. After several years, this is no longer an option.

LGNZ's advocacy so far

LGNZ's top advocacy priority (as set by members) is better local government funding and financing. Rates capping directly constrains local government funding and financing. Rates capping also runs counter to localism. Locally elected representatives – who are directly accountable to communities – are better placed than Wellington to make local taxation and investment decisions. Rates capping is not primarily about rates increases: it's about who decides what rates increases should be.

So far, LGNZ has communicated our views on rates capping in conversations and meetings with politicians and officials, via submissions, and through media. Some elected members around the country have publicly spoken out against the policy of their own accord.

Our advocacy needs to step up a gear

If we don't strengthen our advocacy, the Government is likely to implement rates capping. The Government is likely to introduce legislation next year. However, it is still politically possible to prevent rates capping. LGNZ successfully opposed a similar proposal in 2009. More recently, South Australia has held off a rates cap through lobbying and a strong public campaign.

Others will campaign for rates capping

Pressure group the Taxpayers Union has launched a campaign in support of rates capping that features anti-council rhetoric ("ballooning staff numbers and vanity project spending see councils delivering fewer core services"). This campaign is targeting particular councils and Mayors ahead of the local government elections.

Without balance, supportive voices will capture the public narrative around rates capping.

How we could stop rates capping

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We would develop a comprehensive advocacy plan

This plan would draw on the strategies from LGNZ's 2009 advocacy and South Australia's successful campaign. We anticipate that public intensity would need to build as key policy milestones are passed (for example, when the Bill is introduced).

Being louder publicly would be essential

To argue that councils are better placed than central government to make rates decisions, we must boost public trust and confidence in local government. This would be one prong of our campaign, including highlighting popular council services and infrastructure that would be threatened by rates capping. A campaign centred on what the public would lose to a rate cap – and who has the right to decide – is more likely to succeed than one focussed on technicalities.

LGNZ sets the tone for rate capping advocacy. We know other groups and organisations oppose this policy but given this sits squarely in our space, no one will stick their neck out more than we do. Visible advocacy from LGNZ would be required to activate a "coalition of the willing".

The consequences of being louder

We also need to consider what political consequences might result from strongly and vocally opposing rates capping. Misinformation about LGNZ's political neutrality already exists. While we do (and will continue to) work closely with the Government on many other policies and portfolios, opposing specific proposals gains more attention.

However, other membership bodies talk loudly and publicly to the Government when certain lines are crossed. For example, Federated Farmers' "SOS: Save Our Sheep" campaign is aggressively calling on the Government to stop carbon forestry and preserve the sheep industry. Playing out across billboards, social media and media. It's important to note that opposing a policy does not prevent us from working constructively with the Government on other policy areas.

We need a mandate from members

The paper and the AGM 2025 vote are about confirming our direction of travel rather than agreeing explicit actions.

If the AGM agrees to the direction of travel, we will continue our current approach while developing a plan for the next phase.

That next phase would go to a Special General Meeting for approval. This SGM would be held after the 2025 elections so that we have an explicit mandate from the next triennium's members. It would potentially be held in March 2026 (or earlier if necessary).

LGNZ is clear that a mandate is needed from members to proceed with a strong public campaign.

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
15-May-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
28-May-25	Creative NZ Committee	PR				PR								
29-May-25	Finance/Performance	PR	AP	PR	AP			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
29-May-25	Council Meeting	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
3-Jun-25	Erewhon RWS	PR				AT							PR	
3-Jun-25	Omatane RWS	PR				PR								
5-Jun-25	Tenders Board	PR	PR		AP									
5-Jun-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
5-Jun-25	Turakina CC													Minutes not recieved
9-Jun-25	Huntermville RWS	CB	AT		PR			PR						
10-Jun-25	TRAK	PR				PR	PR							
10-Jun-25	Ratana CB	PR					PR							
11-Jun-25	Taihape CB	CB				PR							PR	
11-Jun-25	Marton CC													Minutes not received
12-Jun-25	PPL Meeting	PR	PR			PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR		PR	
16-Jun-25	Huntermville CC													Minutes not recieved
19-Jun-25	Risk and Assurance	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - June 2025

Author: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report provides Elected Members with an update on key activities across the organisation.

2. Events Held Across the District at Council's Facilities

- 2.1 18 May – Marton Rotary - Car show overflow – Marton Park – Field 1
- 2.2 21 & 28 May, 4, 11, 18 & 25 June 2025 – Sport Wanganui & Rangitikei Football Club - Primary School Free Football Coaching and Competition – Wilson Park – Field 1 (in front of the clubroom/boxing club) + Velodrome

3. Staff Movements

- 3.1 There were no entries or exits for May.

4. Matariki Stars – Staff Awards

- 4.1 On Friday, 13 June we held our staff awards. These coincide with Matariki and each award is named after one of the stars in the Matariki constellation. The awards acknowledge the past, celebrate the present and look forward to a bright prosperous future.
- 4.2 Members of the Executive Leadership Team present the awards and certificates for each category. Then there is an overall winner – our Matariki Star, which I present.
- 4.3 The event was well attended by staff and their partners, Mayor Andy and Beth Watson and a number of elected members and their partners. Each year the number of attendees has grown and this year this was held at Marton Memorial Hall.
- 4.4 It is a pleasure to celebrate and showcase the amazing work our staff have done over the past year, and acknowledge the changes, pressure and challenges that we have faced.

5. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

- 5.1 The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard for May 2025 is attached (Attachment 1).

6. Consultation Tracker Dashboard

- 6.1 Attached is the latest Consultation Tracker dashboard, refer to Attachment 2. This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. This is provided to Council and our Community Boards and Community Committees.

7. Submissions

7.1 The updated list of current opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached. (Attachment 3)

7.2 Consultations submitted on

- In the past month Council submitted on the proposed changes to drinking water acceptable solutions. This submission can be read on Council's [website](#).

7.3 Consultations for submission

- Officers are drafting a submission for the Regulatory Standards Bill and the RMA National Direction packages 1, 2 and 3.
- A working group is being established to guide the development of the RMA National Direction packages submission.

7.4 Upcoming Consultations

- Ministry for the Environment has indicated that the RMA National Direction Package 4 on Going for Housing Growth consultation would open early June. At the time of writing this update, the package has not yet been made public.

8. Marton Office and Community Hub Update

8.1 Council Officers have been working directly with Horizons staff in relation to the new build at High Street. For both parties, the discussions have led to a general understanding that Horizons will not be part of the new build at High Street. One of the main reasons for this is the general need for Horizons staff is their depot-based activities which do not align with the plans for the new build. There is a potential opportunity for Council and Horizons to work together on a solution which brings Horizons depot activities and field staff together with Council staff at our King Street location. More work is required from both parties on the suitability and financial viability, which is ongoing.

9. Financial Implications

9.1 There are no significant financial implications associated with this report.

10. Impact on Strategic Risks

10.1 Legal and political environment requires excessive resources / changes to governmental legislation are transformational:

- Tracking external submissions ensures Council is aware of upcoming legislative changes which may require resources.

10.2 Obligations with health, safety and wellbeing are not met:

- The Health, Safety and Wellbeing dashboard is attached. There is a strong focus on Health, Safety and Wellbeing within the organisation.

11. Strategic Alignment

11.1 There are no significant matters that impact on Council's Strategic Framework associated with this report.

12. Mana Whenua Implications

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12.1 Members of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.

12.2 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.

13. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

13.1 There are no other climate change impacts associated with this report.

14. Statutory Implications

14.1 There are no other statutory implications associated with this report.

15. Decision Making Process

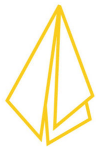
15.1 There are no sections of this report that are considered to be a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement

Attachments:

1. **Health, Safety & Wellbeing Dashboard - May 2025** [↓](#)
2. **Consultation Tracker - June 2025** [↓](#)
3. **Submissions - June 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation

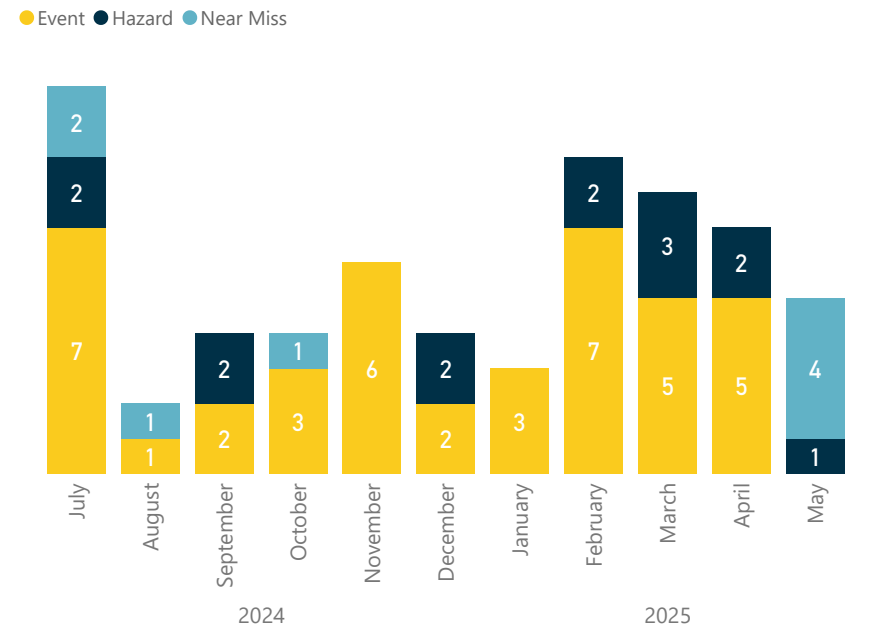
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RDC Health and Safety Dashboard May 2025

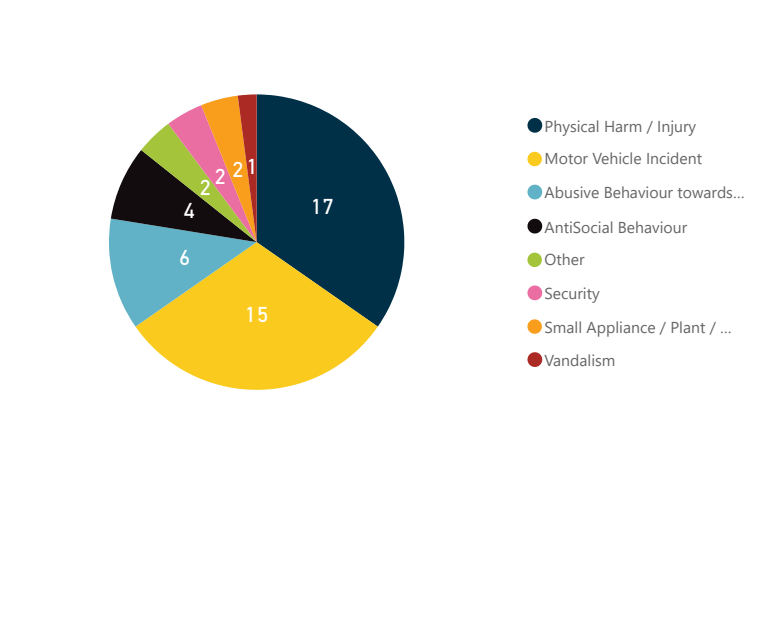
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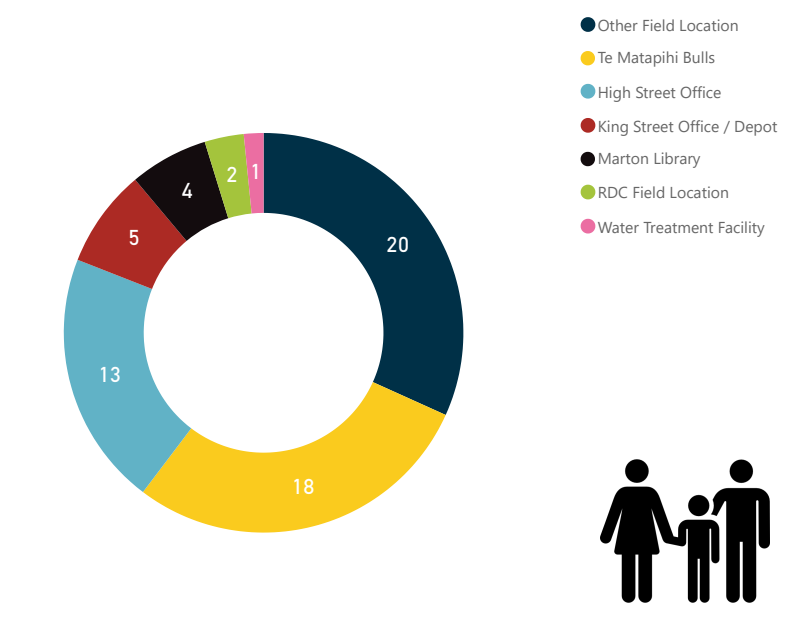
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Events, Hazards and Near Misses

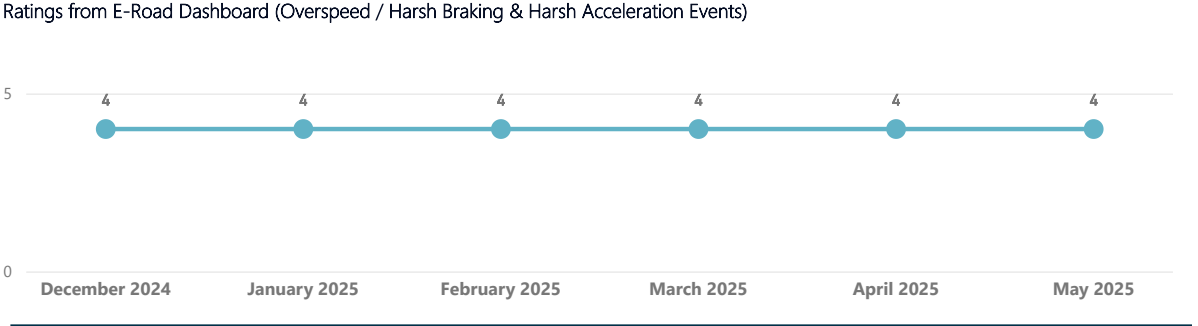


Summary of Month

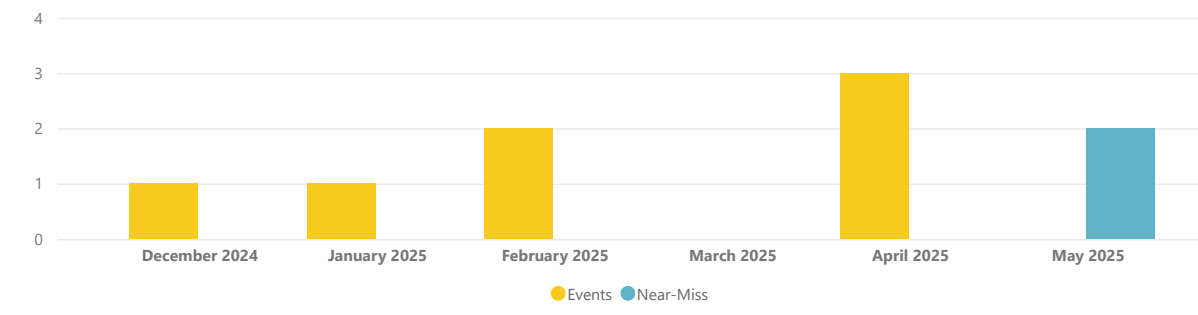


Average Driver Ratings

54% Completed Driver Safety Training



Vehicle Incidents



May Wellbeing News

Te Haerenga O Te Hauora / The Journey of Health

Following our awesome collective efforts to support the Pink Ribbon Appeal in May, June offers the opportunity to go 'Junk Free'.

Junk Free June is a national campaign that encourages Kiwis to give up junk food for a month, while also fundraising for the Cancer Society of New Zealand. Participants can choose what constitutes 'junk food' for them and can invite family and friends to sponsor their efforts.

To register for Junk Free June:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tehaerengaotehauora-registration>

We encourage you to take the opportunity to do something great for your wellbeing, while also supporting an excellent cause.

For more information, please contact Matt or Chelsea

2025 Consultation Tracker
Rangitikei District Council



Project	Staff Lead	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	
										WSDP submitted to Govt.				
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Adoption of Consultation doc - 26th Feb		Consultation 5th March - 2nd April		Deliberations - 22 May								
District Plan Review							Engagement			Notification				
Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany													
Annual Plan	Janna			Adoption of CD & draft annual plan - 27 Mar	Consultation 4 April - 5 May	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Fees & Charges	Janna			Adopt of draft consultation - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Bryan													
				Adoption of draft WMMPP - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Arno/Raj													
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Plan	Arno													
Local Body Elections	Katrina					regional, local campaign		nominations open - 4th July	Pre-election period			Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Katrina					regional, local campaign		nominations open - 4th July				Election		
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Tiffany						Engagement	Workshops						
Upcoming but unconfirmed projects														
Marton Streetscape Plan Rangitikei Tomorrow: Economic Strategy and Action Plan														

ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 2

Current Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	Proposed RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Building and Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill	Parliament Transport and Infrastructure Committee	23 June	Would reduce the time and cost of building a granny flat by permitting small stand-alone dwellings up to 70 square metres to be built without a building consent if certain conditions are met.	None
Regulatory Standards Bill	Parliament Finance and Expenditure Committee	23 June	Would reduce the amount of unnecessary and poor-quality regulation by increasing transparency and making it clearer where legislation does not meet standards.	Submit
Draft guidance on IPP3A	Office of the Privacy Commissioner	25 June	The Privacy Amendment Bill introduces a new Information Privacy Principle 3A (IPP 3A), is currently undergoing its third reading before Parliament. Once passed, IPP 3A is expected to have effect from 1 May 2026. It will require agencies who collect personal information indirectly (i.e from sources other than the individuals concerned) to notify the relevant individuals of certain information, like where agencies collect the information directly from the individuals. The draft Guidance describes what IPP-3A means.	None
Valuers Bill - New Zealand Parliament	Primary Production Select Committee	27 June	Bill modernises the Valuers Act. This is a revision Bill - it modernises language and concepts without making any policy change.	None
NZ ETS Unit Settings and Annual Regulatory Updates 2025	Ministry for the Environment	29 June	Government's annual review of auction settings and other regulations for the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	None
Give your feedback on two important plans for nature: Have your say	Department of Conservation	30 June	Two plans are being consulted on: The next implementation plan for New Zealand's Biodiversity Strategy and The Predator Free 2050 Strategy.	None

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Proposed changes to the Code of Welfare for Sheep and Beef Cattle	Ministry for Primary Industries	15 July	The National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee is consulting on proposed changes to how sheep and beef cattle are farmed in New Zealand. Proposed changes to the code include: incorporating dairy sheep into the code, amended behavioural provisions for sheep and beef cattle, and new minimum standards for animals in off-paddock facilities and feedlots. NAWAC is also proposing a regulation to prohibit the use of electro-immobilisation devices.	None
Consultation on updating RMA national direction	Ministry for the Environment	27 July	The Government aims (1) to make it easier for councils to plan and deliver infrastructure by making four new national direction instruments, (2) to enable growth in the primary sector by making changes to eight existing national direction instruments, and (3) to amend freshwater national direction to better reflect the interests of all water users, and on whether changes should be implemented under the existing RMA or under new resource management legislation. Webinars are offered.	Submit
Upcoming consultations				
Consultation on updating RMA national direction	Ministry for the Environment and Ministry for Housing and Urban Development	Expected early June	Package 4: Going for Housing Growth The Government is seeking feedback on how the proposals in the first pillar of the Going for Housing Growth programme could fit into the new resource management system. Pillar 1 aims to free up land for development and remove unnecessary planning barriers.	TBC

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Plan

Author: Janna Harris, Corporate Planner

Authoriser: Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To present the 2025/26 Annual Plan for adoption and consequential setting of the 2025/26 rates, for the financial year 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

2. Context

- 2.1 The 2025/26 Annual Plan is based on Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34. The Annual Plan outlines Council's planned work programme and associated budgets for the year.
- 2.2 Every year that a Long Term Plan is not produced, an Annual Plan must be produced. This provides Council with an opportunity to review the planned work programme and budgets, and update them if required.

3. Process

- 3.1 A number of workshops were held with Council throughout 2024 and 2025. During these workshops Council reviewed the planned programme of work and the financials. Council did not propose to make any "significant or material" changes to the Annual Plan 2025/26 when compared to Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.
- 3.2 Although consultation was not required as no significant or material changes were proposed, Council decided to consult with the community on the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to ensure that the communities' priorities have not changed since the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.
- 3.3 Council adopted the document "Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei" at the Council Meeting held on the 27 March 2025. This document outlined key projects and some general information for the 2025/26 financial year and gave people the opportunity to provide their feedback, and it also incorporated other consultation that Council was simultaneously undertaking.
- 3.4 Consultation ran from 4 April to 5 May 2025. During consultation Council aimed to reach out to all parts of the community. Council used a number of different methods including public meetings, newspaper advertising, newsletters, and social media.
- 3.5 Council received 23 submissions for the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei consultation, including one (1) late submission.
- 3.6 Three (3) submitters spoke to their submission at an oral hearing held on 18 May 2025. Two (2) of these submitters attended the hearing in Marton, with one submitter attending the hearing in Taihape.
- 3.7 Council considered all written and oral submissions at the deliberations meeting held on 5 June 2025.

- 3.8 Following deliberations, Officers have updated the 2025/26 Annual Plan to reflect the decisions made, as well as incorporating some other necessary changes (outlined below), and it is now ready for adoption by Council. The 2025/26 Annual Plan is attached (under separate cover).

4. Changes made post consultation

- 4.1 The following provides a summary of the main changes that have been made to the Annual Plan 2025/26 since the draft was adopted for consultation.
- A number of projects in the water supply, wastewater and sewerage disposal, and stormwater activities have been rephased. The changes to these projects are outlined in the variations section of the 2025/26 Annual Plan,
 - A number of variances have been identified within the Roding activity as NZTA Waka Kotahi have now confirmed what projects they will fund for the 2025/26 year,
 - Internal overheads have increased in the Parks and Reserves activity due to a realignment of cost across Council,
 - The funding for the Marton Streetscape upgrade has been deferred until 2026/27,
 - The purchase of kerbside bins has been deferred until 2026/27, and
 - The introduction section has been completed, and other minor editorial and formatting changes have been made.

5. Rates increase

- 5.1 The rates increase for Year 2 of the Long Term Plan was expected to be 9.9%. Council reduced this rates increase, consulting on a 9.1% increase. The budget has since been further refined resulting in a proposed average rates increase for the 2025/26 Annual Plan to be 7.9%.
- 5.2 The above rates increase is the average increase that ratepayers can expect to receive. Actual rates increases that individual properties will receive will vary and depend on the type of property and the capital value of the property.

6. Balanced budget

- 6.1 Section 100 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) states that a local authority must ensure that each years' projected operating revenue is set at a level sufficient to meet that years' projected operating expenses, otherwise known as a balanced budget.
- 6.2 An unbalanced budget can be set if the local authority resolves that it is financially prudent to do so, having regard to the matters identified in section 100 of the LGA.
- 6.3 Deficits were planned for the first five (5) years of the Long Term Plan, with this Annual Plan being Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34. After the first 5 years of the Long Term Plan Council is expected to have an ongoing period of surplus budgets. This will allow Council to start repaying debt.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1 Once the 2025/26 Annual Plan is adopted, the design of the document will be finalised and it will be printed and distributed within one month in accordance with section 95 of the LGA.
- 7.2 The proposed rates resolution will be presented to Council for adoption in a separate report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 The 2025/26 Annual Plan outlines the projects and operations expenditure planned for the year and details the financial implications of the activities included. All financial implications have been discussed throughout workshops and Council Meetings while preparing this Annual Plan.
- 8.2 The Capital Expenditure Budget for Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 was \$39.8M. This budget has been revised, resulting in the Capital Expenditure Budget of \$39.6M in the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

9. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 9.1 Possible risks associated with this report include:

9.1.1 Trust and confidence is tarnished

The community may feel that Council has not appropriately sought feedback on the 2025/26 Annual Plan, or that the decisions made do not fully take into account the communities views and feedback provided during the consultation process.

This is mitigated by the effort Council put into seeking the views of the community during consultation. Council used a variety of methods to reach as many parts of the community as possible including newspaper inserts, social media and public meetings.

A hearing was held for the submitters who wanted to speak in support of their submission, giving them the opportunity to verbally reinforce their submission and answer any questions that Council had.

Prior to deliberations, elected members were provided with all submissions and the Officer analysis of submissions to aid in their understanding of the communities views and understand any implications of the requests made by submitters prior to any decision making. Council carefully considered all submissions at deliberations and responses will be provided to all submitters following the adoption of the Annual Plan.

9.1.2 Financial stability is lost

When preparing plans and determining the rates that will be required, Council must rely on the best information available to understand the funding that is required to cover capital and operational costs.

This risk is mitigated through sourcing projections from reputable sources, reviewing budgets, and ensuring expenditure is understood and justified before it is included in the Annual Plan.

10. Strategic Alignment

- 10.1 Council's strategic framework was decided during the development of the Long Term Plan 2024-34. All projects within the 2025/26 Annual Plan align with Council's strategic framework.

11. Mana Whenua Implications

11.1 The 2025/26 Annual Plan includes all budgets for that financial year, including budgets and work programmes associated with engaging with mana whenua, as well as performance measures involving Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.

12. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

12.1 When developing a plan, including the Annual Plan Officers take climate change into consideration.

13. Statutory Implications

13.1 Council is required to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan every year that a Long-Term Plan is not produced under Section 95 of the LGA.

13.2 The content required in an Annual Plan is set out in Schedule 10, Part 2 of the LGA.

14. Decision Making Process

14.1 This report is subject to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

14.2 The decision to adopt the 2025/26 Annual Plan is considered to be significant as it sets out Council's budget, planned programme of work, and rates for the 2025/26 financial year.

14.3 Council followed the process necessary to make this significant decision in line with our Significance and Engagement Policy and the LGA.

Attachments:

1. 2025/26 Annual Plan (under separate cover)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Plan' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council considers it prudent to adopt a budget that is not balanced in 2025/26 on the basis that it is financially prudent to do so and achieves a sustainable balanced budget in accordance with section 100 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation 3

That Council adopts the 2025/26 Annual Plan, and gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial and formatting changes to the document prior to publication.

10.2 Setting of the 2025/26 Rates for the Financial Year 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.**Author:** Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships**Authoriser:** Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that Rangitikei District Council, under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the annual rates and water rates for the 2025/2026 financial year, being 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
- 1.2 The resolution also includes the due dates for instalments of rates and water rates and penalty rates for both rates and water rates (where applicable) in the 2025/26 financial year.

2. Rangitikei District Council, under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the following rates for the 2025/2026 financial year:

- (a) a uniform annual general charge under section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$719.67 (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (b) a general rate under sections 13(2)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for all rateable land, as follows:

Land subject to rate	Rateable Value	Rate in the dollar of Rateable Value (including GST)
All General rating units (excluding Commercial, Industrial, Utilities and Defence land)	Capital Value	\$0.000883
All Commercial rating units	Capital Value	\$0.001060
All Industrial rating unit	Capital Value	\$0.001060
All Utilities rating units	Capital Value	\$0.001325
Defence land	Capital Value*	\$0.001161

* in accordance with S22 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Defence Land is assessed and capped at Land Value.

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- (c) Community services targeted rates under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 per rateable rating unit as follows:

Land subject to rate	Basis for Liability	Charge (including GST)
Taihape Community Board area	Per rating unit	\$34.69
Ratana Community Board area	Per rating unit	\$177.70

- (d) a solid waste targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$204.96 (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (e) a roading targeted rate under sections 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land, as follows:

Land subject to rate	Rateable Value	Rate in the dollar of Rateable Value (including GST)
All rating units (excluding Defence land and Forestry land)	Capital Value	\$0.001566
Defence land	Capital Value*	\$0.001879
Forestry Differential	Capital Value	\$0.004228

* in accordance with S22 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Defence Land is assessed and capped at Land Value.

- (f) a wastewater (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$133.09 (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

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- (g) a wastewater (connected) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units connected to a wastewater scheme within the district of \$641.61 (including GST) per water closet or urinal in the rating unit. As per Schedule 3 (Note 4) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, any rating unit used primarily as a residence for one household will not be treated as having any more than one water closet or urinal.

- (h) a water supply (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$188.26 (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

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- (i) a water supply (connected) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units connected to a water supply in the district set differentially for different categories of land, as follows:

Differential Category	Basis for Liability	Charge 3. (including GST)
Marton, Taihape, Bulls, Mangaweka, Ratana, <i>Residential</i>	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit	\$1,085.23
Marton, Taihape, Bulls, Mangaweka, Ratana, <i>Non Residential</i>	Per rating unit	\$1,085.23

- (j) a water supply (rural supply) targeted rate for all rating units in the Putorino rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$0.001192 (including GST) per dollar of land value.
- (k) a stormwater (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$31.12 (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

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- (l) a stormwater (urban) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) and 18(2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all identified rateable land in the Marton, Bulls, Taihape, Mangaweka, Ratana and Hunterville urban areas of \$198.38 (including GST) per rating unit.

3. Due dates for payment (For all rates 2(a) to 2(l) (inclusive) above)

5. Instalments	6. Due dates
7. 1	8. Wednesday 20 August 2025
9. 2	10. Thursday 20 November 2025
11. 3	12. Friday 20 February 2026
13. 4	14. Wednesday 20 May 2026

4. Penalties (For all rates listed at 2(a) to 2(l) (inclusive) above)

A penalty of 10 per cent on the amount of each instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2025 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be applied on the following dates:

- 4.1 21 August 2025 (in respect of the first instalment)
- 21 November 2025 (in respect of the second instalment)
- 23 February 2026 (in respect of the third instalment)
- 21 May 2026 (in respect of the fourth instalment)
- 4.2 an additional penalty of 10 per cent on the amount of any rates assessed in previous years which remain unpaid on 8 July 2025. This penalty will be added on 9 July 2025.

- 4.3 a further penalty of 10 per cent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under 4(2) above, if the rates remain unpaid 6 months after that penalty was added. This penalty will be added 9 January 2026

5. Rangitikei District Council, under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the following Water Rates for the 2025/2026 financial year:

- (a) water supply (by volume - Marton, Taihape, Ratana, Bulls (excluding ANZCO) and Mangaweka) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all rating units connected to a water supply in Marton, Taihape, Ratana, Bulls (excluding ANZCO) and Mangaweka, and metered for extraordinary use in the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 of \$2.53 (including GST) per m3 for consumption in excess of 250m3 per annum.
- (b) a water supply (by volume - Hunterville urban connected) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all rating units connected to the Hunterville Urban water supply scheme for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 of \$6.11 (including GST) per m3.
- (c) a water supply (Hunterville Rural (Urban) Scheme Members) targeted rate for all rating units in the Hunterville urban area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 of \$351.12 (including GST) per unit or part unit (with one unit being 365m3).
- (d) a water supply (by volume - ANZCO (Bulls - being the water meter site) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all rating units connected to a water supply at ANZCO (Bulls) and metered for extraordinary use in the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 of \$1.88 (including GST) per m3 for consumption in excess of 250m3 per annum.
- (e) a water supply (Hunterville Rural Scheme Members) targeted rate for all rating units in the Hunterville rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 of \$350.03 (including GST) per unit or part unit (with one unit being 365m3).
- (f) a water supply (rural supply – Erewhon) targeted rate for all rating units in the Erewhon rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 of \$242.02 (including GST) per unit or part unit (with one unit being 365m3).

- (g) a water supply (rural supply – Omatane) targeted rate for all rating units in the Omatane rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 of \$101.26 (including GST) per unit or part unit (with one unit being 365m³).

6. Due dates for the water rates (5(a) to 5(g) listed above be set out in the table below:

- 6.1 Due dates for payment listed as 5(a) to 5(c) above for Hunterville Urban Water Supply, Marton Water Supply, Ratana Water Supply, Bulls Water Supply, Mangaweka Water Supply and Taihape Water Supply are:

15. Meter reading	16. Due dates	17. Penalty date
18. October 2025	19. 20 November 2025	20. 21 November 2025
21. February 2026	22. 20 March 2026	23. 23 March 2026
24. June 2026	25. 20 July 2026	21 July 2026

- 6.2 Due dates for payment listed as 5(d) listed above for extra ordinary rates for water for ANZCO Site be set out in the table below:

26. Meter reading	27. Due date	28. Penalty date
29. Last day of each month	30. 20 th day of the month following each meter reading (or the next business day when the 20 th falls in the weekend or a public holiday)	31. 21 st day of the month following each meter reading (or the next business day when the 21 st falls in the weekend of a public holiday)

- 6.3 Due dates for payment listed as 5(e) to 5(g) above for rural water scheme charges be set out in the table below:

- 6.4 Hunterville Rural Water Scheme are:

1. Billing Month	2. Due Dates	3. Penalty Date
4. November 2025	5. 22 December 2025	6. 23 December 2025
7. May 2026	8. 22 June 2026	9. 23 June 2026

- 6.5 Erewhon Rural Water Scheme are:

32. Meter reading	33. Due dates
34. November 2025	35. 22 December 2025
36. May 2026	37. 20 June 2026

- 6.6 Omatane Rural Water Scheme are:

38. Meter reading	39. Due dates
40. May 2026	41. 22 June 2026

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7. Penalties (for extraordinary, metered urban water supply)

- 7.1 a penalty of 10 per cent on the amount of each instalment that has been invoiced after 1 July 2025 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be applied on the dates specified in Section 6.1 to unpaid metered or extraordinary rates for water for Hunterville Urban Water, Marton Water Supply, Ratana Water Supply, Bulls Water Supply, Mangaweka Water Supply, Taihape Water Supply and ANZCO (Bulls - being the water meter site)
- 7.2 penalties for the Hunterville Rural and Rural Urban Water Scheme of 10 per cent on the amount of each instalment that has been invoiced after 1 July 2025 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment (6.4), to be applied on the following dates.

10.	Billing Month	11.	Due Dates	12.	Penalty Date
13.	November 2025	14.	22 December 2025	15.	23 December 2025
16.	May 2026	17.	22 June 2026	18.	23 June 2026

8. Financial Implications

If Council does not set the rates and water rates listed above under the under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, for the 2025/26 financial year being 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, then Council will not have the revenue to carry out the programme of work as detailed in the 2025/26 Annual Plan

9. Impact on Strategic Risks

This is covered with in the 2025/26 Annual Plan

10. Strategic Alignment

The recommendations allow for Council to levy rates and water rates for the 2025/26 financial year.

11. Mana Whenua Implications

No obvious implications

12. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

No obvious implications

13. Statutory Implications

Council is required, under section 23 of the Local Government Act (rating) 2002, to set rates by a resolution of Council.

14. Conclusion

That Council is required to set the annual rates and waters rates by Council Resolution as per the Local Government Act (rating) 2002. Council is also required to state the due dates and penalties.

15. Decision Making Process**Recommendation**

That the Rangitikei District Council, resolves under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the rates listed in bullet point 2 (2(a) to 2(l)) above for the 2025/2026 financial year, being the period 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves that the rates listed in bullet point 2 (2(a) to 2(l)) above be due in four equal instalments, as set out in bullet point 3 above.

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply the penalties on these unpaid rates, as set out bullet point 4 (4.1-4.3 inclusive) above.

That the Rangitikei District Council, under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the Water Rates listed in bullet point 5 (5(a) to 5(g)) above.

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves that due dates for the water rates listed in bullet point 5 (5(a) to 5(g)) above be set out in bullet point 6 (6.1 to 6.6) tables.

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply penalties on unpaid metered or extraordinary rates for water for Hunterville Urban Water Supply, Marton Water Supply, Ratana Water Supply, Bulls Water Supply, Mangaweka Water Supply and Taihape Water Supply and ANZCO (Bulls – being the water meter site) listed in Bullet Point 5 (5(a) to 5(g)), as set out in bullet points 7 (7.1 to 7.2) above.

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply the penalties on unpaid Hunterville Rural and Rural Urban Water Supply, as set out bullet point 7.2 above.

10.3 Marton Swim Centre - Confirmation of Scope

Author: Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide Council with the scope of works for the repair of the Marton Swim Centre.

2. Context

- 2.1 In August 2024, structural damage to a beam caused a partial collapse of the Marton Swim Centre roof and this facility was subsequently closed.
- 2.2 In September 2024, Council voted to keep the swim centre closed for the 2024/2025 swimming season. Council instructed staff to conduct further investigation of the Marton Swim Centre to determine a more holistic understanding of the necessary repairs required as well as exploring ways to future-proof the facility.
- 2.3 Officers engaged Create Architects & Engineers to conduct a detailed condition and compliance assessment of the entire Marton Swim Centre. The outcome of this work was a detailed asset renewal and enhancement progress, with four potential options for Council to consider, that range from do the minimum to a complete reconfiguration/redesign of the facility.
- 2.4 At the 30 April 2025 meeting, Council considered seven options for how to proceed with the Marton Swim Centre:
 - The four recommendations from the Create Architects & Engineers report.
 - Option 1A “Do Minimum”
 - Option 1B “Base recommendations”
 - Option 2 “Mid-term Enhancements”
 - Option 3 “Full Consolidated Upgrade of Marton Swim Centre”
 - Close the Marton Swim Centre permanently
 - Construct a new pool facility (either at the current site or a new site.
 - Remove the roof of the Marton Swim Centre and revert it back to an outdoor facility.
- 2.5 At the meeting Council made the decisions to not close the Marton Swim Centre permanently, request officers progress with option 1B from the Create Architects & Engineers report, to accept the offer of external funding. The report and tabled document of the timeline were also received.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/075

That Council does not close the Marton Swim centre permanently.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/076

That Council requests officer progress with the following option:

- Option 1B “Base recommendations” as described in Stage 2 report from Create Architects and Engineers.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/077

That Council will accept the offer of external funding that has been made.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

3. Scope of works

- 3.1 Following Council’s decision on 30 April 2025, officers have worked with Create Architects & Engineers to develop the scope for the repairs. The development of the scope has been guided by affordability and asset renewal priorities. The scope does not include all the items from the original option 1B and includes the ETFE (Ethylene TetrafluoroEthylene) clear roof.
- 3.2 At the Council workshop on 28 May 2025, elected members were presented with three options for a re-roof – direct replacement, ETFE roof, insulated membrane enclosure. The scope documents have been prepared on the basis of replacing the roof with a like for like structure with the addition of the ETFE (translucent) roof.
- 3.3 The scope of works includes:
 - *Remove existing roofing cladding, primary and secondary timbers to 50m pool with King Span and Central ETFE*
 - *Demolish existing HVAC plant Building*
 - *Pool Hall (50m and Teaching Pool) enclosure strengthened to Grade B (>67% NBS) subject to Geotechnical findings. This excludes the change rooms and reception.*
 - *New outdoor HAVC System and heat pumps for pool heating and screened outdoor plant area.*
 - *New electrical submain from Main Switch Board in F&T plantroom to New HVAC*
 - *Install Fire safety System Type 3 to Pool Hall (50m and Teaching Pool)*
 - *Repair Fire Egress doors to pool hall*
 - *New perimeter gutters at high level and rainwater connection to existing*
 - *Replace pool lights 50m pool only*
 - *Replacement Heating & Ventilation system with new outdoor free-standing system*
 - *New roof cladding and secondary timbers with insulated metal roof to 50m pool only (accept roof and wall cladding to Teaching Pool remains as it is)*
 - *Replace all glulam roof beams to 50m pool with new glulam timber*
 - *Replace steel diaphragm roof to 50m pool with full steel diaphragm*
 - *In 50m Pool area, Strengthen Concrete Columns, block work side walls and foundations if required (subject to Geotech Report)*
 - *Allowance for pool tank essential repairs for water-tightness – 50m pool and Teaching Pool*

- *Repair Egress doors to pool hall required for compliance*
- *Replace DE detention tank to stop leakage into stream and new pool pumps*

3.4 The following limitations would remain:

- *Leaks remain to pipework to 50m Pool flow and return*
- *Leaks remain to Teaching Pool return*
- *Internal pool surrounds and drainage remain in poor condition.*
- *Shortfalls in slip resistance and trip hazards to pools remain*
- *Seismic performance of all adjacent buildings (staff room, reception and change rooms etc) and pool tanks remains as they are*
- *Shortfalls in Sanitary and Accessibility remain*
- *DE filtration remains*
- *Limitations of 50m Pool and Teaching pool remain*
- *Accept current limitations regarding acoustics*
- *Uninsulated windows, doors and block work walls remain with associated condensation risk*



Figure 1: Aerial View of Marton Swim Centre (MSC)– Showing Highlighted Scope Boundary for Reroofing and Seismic Strengthening to Main Pool Hall, along with new outdoor HVAC.

4. Options Considered

- 4.1 At the 30 April 2025 meeting, Council considered seven options for the repair of the Marton Swim Centre and decided to progress with a phased approach of option 1B.
- 4.2 Council now has the following options:
- 4.3 Option 1 – Progress with the above scope and proceed to developed and detailed design, building consent and tender processes.**

Advantages

- 4.3.1 The scope has been prepared and if this option proceeds, the pool could be reopened for the 2026/27 swim season. This option provides the fastest option for the reopening of the pool

4.3.2 Earthquake strengthening the building reduces risk to the community. Strengthening to 67% (subject to geotechnical findings), noting that this does not include the changing rooms and reception.

4.3.3 The inclusion of heating could enable the use of the facility all year (noting this is outside of the scope of the current decision).

4.3.4 Officers could work with the Marton Aquatic and Leisure Trust who run the gym to maximise funding opportunities and align works between the two projects.

Disadvantages

4.3.5 There are a range of limitations to the works as identified in section 3.4. E.g. changing rooms.

4.3.6 This option could create a funding shortfall for Council if sufficient external funding is unable to be secured.

4.3.7 The phased implementation of option 1B will result in assets identified to be in poor condition being renewed in future years, and the risk of equipment failures remain. Other repair works would need to be staged into future years through the long-term plan process.

4.3.8 This option does not incorporate the gym (noting that this group wishes to undertake works).

4.4 Option 2 – Request changes to the scope

Advantages

4.4.1 A wide range of alternative options could be investigated.

4.4.2 A change in scope could result in an improved use of the existing asset footprint and use patterns.

Disadvantages

4.4.3 Possible higher cost.

4.4.4 High risk of losing external funding opportunity.

4.4.5 Extended timeframes to rescope.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The estimate rough order of construction costs for the project based on the identified scope have been identified. In addition, geotechnical and design fees are required. It is noted actual construction costs will not be known until tender and an independent QS has not yet reviewed these costs.

5.2 The final cost is unknown until the market is tested through a tender process.

5.3 Council staff will be pursuing all possible external funding opportunities.

5.4 It is proposed that the funding shortfall for the scope identified in this report be covered by investigating existing pool budgets and maximising external funding.

6. Impact on Strategic Risks

6.1 There are a number of strategic risks associated with this topic including:

- Trust and confidence is tarnished
- Obligations to health and safety are not met.

- 6.2 The Marton Swim Centre is a strategic asset and there is a high level of community interest from the Marton community.
- 6.3 When making a decision Council should consider how open and transparent decision making can reduce the risk of trust and confidence being tarnished.
- 6.4 Council should also consider risks around external funding of the project.
- 6.5 This community facility was closed for the 2024-2025 swim season due to a structural issue. The scope identified in this report strengthens the building so that it can be re-opened to the public.

7. Strategic Alignment

- 7.1 The repair of the Marton Swim Centre supports Council's strategic priority of 'enhancing our community hubs'.
- 7.2 More generally, the pool supports Council's community outcomes of social and economic wellbeing.

8. Mana Whenua Implications

- 8.1 No mana whenua implications have been identified.

9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 9.1 No specific climate change impacts have been identified for the options outlined in this report at this stage. Energy efficiency is a consideration. ETFE is a sustainable building material, which does not require frequent maintenance and is 100% recyclable.

10. Statutory Implications

- 10.1 The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) sets out decision making and consultation requirements which Council is required to follow.
- 10.2 Council has statutory obligations under the Building Act 2004 which it must meet when altering, reconstructing, or constructing new buildings.

11. Decision Making Process

- 11.1 When making a decision, Council is required to comply with the relevant provisions of Part 6 of the Act.
- 11.2 Section 77 of the LGA requires consideration of all practicable options for achieving the objective of the decisions. A range of options were identified as part of the 30 April 2025 decision around the future of the Marton Swim Centre. These included options ranging from closure of the pool to full redevelopment. For the purpose of this paper the options about the next steps of the process have been identified in section 4 above, which include approving the scope of works or requesting officers to do further work on a revised scope.
- 11.3 Section 78 requires Council to consider the views and preferences of those likely to be affected by or have an interest in the decision. Council has a baseline understanding from consultation that occurred as part of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, which asked the

community whether the pool should be opened year-round. This consultation showed community support for a year-round pool.

- 11.4 Section 79 provides guidance related to Council discretion as to how to achieve compliance with sections 77 and 78, noting that this should be proportionate to the significance of the matters, the principles in section 14, the extent of resources, and the extent to which there is scope to consider a range of options or views.
- 11.5 Section 80 requires the identification of inconsistent decisions and section 81 references contribution to decision making by māori.
- 11.6 Certain situations will trigger mandatory consultation under section 97 of the LGA (LTP amendment). Section 97(2) prohibits the Council from making certain decisions unless they are “explicitly provided for in its long-term plan” and “the proposal to provide for the decision was included in a consultation document in accordance with section 93E”. Section 97 applies to two types of decisions to:
 - (a) alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the local authority, including a decision to commence or cease any such activity; or
 - (b) transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the local authority.
- 11.7 Section 97(1)(b) will not apply, as none of the options identified would result in any strategic asset being transferred from or to the Council.
- 11.8 Whether section 97(1)(a) applies will depend on whether the Council considers that the Marton Pool provides a significant activity of the Council, and if there is a significant change to the level of service. In determining whether the services provided are a significant activity or not, Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy is relevant. Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy lists both “recreation facilities” and “community amenities” as strategic assets. The Marton Swim Centre is covered by both.
- 11.9 Council’s policy notes significance assessment should be guided based on the impact on the District as a whole, people who are likely to be impacted, the costs and/or the ability of the Council to deliver on the decision.
- 11.10 The following are identified as needing to be considered when assessing the level of significance of a decision:
 - 11.10.1 The community impact/interest (can be district-wide or localised) – the level of interest is generally focused on the Marton community. There is a wider interest in funding, however, the majority of the funding is identified as coming from external sources.
 - 11.10.2 The impact on Māori cultural values and their relationship to land and water – there are no known impacts on māori cultural values and their relationship to land and water.
 - 11.10.3 The impact on future interests of the community and district – Option 1B enables future wider upgrades to be undertaken to the Marton Swim Centre at a later date.
 - 11.10.4 The potential effects of climate change – the site is located adjacent to the Tutaenui Stream and heating costs are a consideration.

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11.10.5 The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision – It is proposed to fund the repair primarily via external funding sources.

11.10.6 The Council's ability to deliver on the decision – there are no concerns about the ability to deliver on the decision.

11.11 Based on the above, the decision to progress with the repair of the Marton Swim Centre in accordance with the scope identified in this report could be considered to have low significance.

11.12 Should Council determine the decision has low significance, consultation is not required in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

11.13 Council undertaking repair of the Swim Centre in accordance with the scope identified does not represent a significant change to levels of service. The upgrades are generally structural, will not change the facilities or services provided.

Recommendation 1

That the report Marton Swim Centre - Confirmation of Scope be received.

Recommendation 2

EITHER

That Council proceeds with the detailed design, building consent process and tender process for the Marton Swim Centre as identified in the scope of works identified in section 3.3 of this report for the repair of the Marton Swim Centre.

OR

That Council requests officers to rescope the Marton Swim Centre repairs and bring a revised scope back to Council for further consideration.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - June 2025

Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This is a monthly report on progress on significant projects currently being delivered by Council staff.

2. Key Highlights from Current Projects

Wastewater Projects

2.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 2.2 Responding to the proposed new Taumata Arowai Discharge Standards, the project team has refined the shortlisted options as follows –

- Option 1 - 100% Discharge to land- treatment plant at the RDC-owned site.
- Option 2 - Combined discharge to land and river – treatment plant at Bulls.
- Option 3 - Combined discharge to land and river – treatment plants at Marton and Bulls.
- Option 4 - 100% Discharge to river – standards as per the draft Wastewater Discharge standards (moderate dilution environment).
- Option 5 - 100% Discharge to river – discharge requirements as per the Horizon One Plan (i.e. the treatment assumptions in the long list options report).

Variants on Options 1 and 4 involving storm water inflow and infiltration reduction works, and reduced plant design flows are also being investigated.

- 2.3 A Design Report on each of these Options is anticipated to be supplied before the end of July 2025 at the latest.
- 2.4 Costing of these options are anticipated to be completed by early July.
- 2.5 The team will be ready to identify a preferred option by the end of June. However, it has been decided that the identification of the preferred option will not be carried out until the Wastewater Discharge Standards are finalised. Taumata Arowai advised that this is anticipated for early August. We consider this timeline ambitious.
- 2.6 It is proposed that a preferred option will be identified immediately after this and that the preferred option will be presented to the current Council meeting in either late August or September for ratification.

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- 2.7 Taumata Arowai have also advised in a meeting with them on June 3 that RDC is covered by the Interim provisions of Standards re operating on expired consents and that Horizons' insistence of consent lodgement before June 30, 2026, is not valid. A consent could therefore be lodged at a date later than this. However, this is not the preferred process, with consent lodgement still being targeted to before June 30, 2026.
- 2.8 Review of the Discharge Standards indicates waterway discharges will require a far lower treatment standard than the current Horizons One Plan requirements and hence significantly lower capital cost involved in such a discharge arrangement.
- 2.9 Prioritised investigative works carried out by the team thus far have concluded that the RDC purchased land will not be able to dispose of more than 65% of current design flows. A land disposal solution will require more land, adding significantly to its costs. The associated costs may make this option unfeasible. This is currently being assessed by the project team.
- 2.10 Autosamplers are now installed to provide better definition on possible trade waste flow components of the flows entering the Marton and Bulls treatment plants. A representative from Ngati Parewahawaha is carrying out the sampling for RDC.
- 2.11 Direct liaison with Malteurop, Speirs and Nestle Purina about their current and projected trade waste flows is about to commence.
- 2.12 Dialogue with ANZCO Bulls is ongoing to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet. ANZCO Bulls would become a trade waste customer of RDC under this scenario. Discussions will evolve further once the additional components of capex and Opex due to the ANZCO Bulls flow are determined.

3. Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 3.1 The project is in a holding pattern awaiting approval to proceed with track pricing and hard stand construction, needed to enable the pipe materials to be delivered. Work on designing the large dam that will store the treated wastewater, up to Building Consent status, continues with WSP and external experts.
- 3.2 A pre-hearing meeting with all three submitters to the new Ratana consent was held at Horizons Regional Council. A full hearing date has not been set yet.
- 3.3 Due to relative high salinity of treated wastewater in the Ratana oxidation ponds, (caused by the softening process at the water treatment plant), it is likely that land irrigation of Ratana effluent as proposed could be problematic.
- 3.4 Investigation of the engineering feasibility of an alternative arrangement involving long distance pumping of Ratana effluent to the new Whanganui District Council/ Kaitoke Prison wastewater connection is almost complete.
- 3.5 The estimated cost of this alternative solution is \$4.6M which is approximately 60% of the estimate of the previously adopted solution.
- 3.6 WDC officers have agreed verbally in principle to such an arrangement. This alternative relies on a trade waste agreement with Whanganui DC.
- 3.7 Given the contents of the Taumata Arowai Wastewater Discharge Standards, a small sea outfall combined discharge is also being considered as an alternative option.

- 3.8 Reticulating Koitiata and transferring these flows to Ratana is also being considered as an addition to this alternative. The initial estimated cost of this using low-pressure sewer technology to service Koitiata is \$4.8M. This cost is currently being refined.

4. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Projects (Project Manager- Steve Carne)

- 4.1 To improve current plant operations and increase consent compliance outcomes, an investigation into possible short term operational improvements and longer-term capital works improvements (given new requirements in the Taumata Arowai Wastewater Discharge Standards) is being undertaken.
- 4.2 A range of low-cost operational improvement opportunities have been identified for immediate implementation.
- 4.3 An assessment of plant infrastructure needs has been completed cognisant of the Wastewater Discharge Standards requirements.
- 4.4 Outcomes relating to both 4.2 and 4.3 above will be greatly improved if the extensive rainfall-dependent inflow and infiltration (I/I) in the network is reduced.
- 4.5 A strategy for network I/I reduction is being developed in accordance with industry best practice.
- 4.6 Based on investigative field works already completed by RDC, some identified rectification and remedial works have been identified for immediate implementation.
- 4.7 News of the I/I Strategy development and the proposed remedial works needs to be communicated to the Taihape community. A community awareness campaign is currently being developed by RDC which will be implemented as soon as possible.

Water Projects

5. Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager – Gwilym van Hoffen)

- 5.1 Relocation of the pilot plant to the Reservoir Bore site is due to begin during the week 23 June and should be operational by the end of June / early July. It will run continuously for 8-12 weeks, to collect information relating to the proposed membrane's design and performance.
- 5.2 Draft Principal's Requirements, NZS3916 Contract Document (Design and Construct), and Separable Portions for stage payments are being finalised with GFS. RDC will appoint a "principal's design reviewer" to carry out the necessary design reviews at Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, and Construction Design stages.
- 5.3 A 5-year operating warranty is being considered, in addition to the 12-month defects liability period. This will provide RDC with good protection from any 'teething' issues that are to be expected with an innovative design solution.
- 5.4 Design and costing of ancillary works to deal with the 'waste stream' from the new plant are being undertaken by GFS. This is a new cost, that has not been included in the original (or later revised) GFS offer.

- 5.5 A design consultancy with WSP has almost completed design of the inlet work. This is inclusive of a permanent pump for the new Reservoir Bore and some new inlet pipework.
- 5.6 Extended full capacity testing of the 10-year-old Tutaenui Bore has been completed and indicating that sustainable yield (stable water levels without on-going unacceptable drawdown) of this bore is of the order of 3-3.1ML/day.
- 5.7 Staff are working on a communication strategy to keep the Marton community up to date with progress.

Community Facilities

5. Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 6.1 Council authorised staff to proceed with the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) as a separate project independent of the Marton Offices and Community Hub.
- 6.2 Team Architects have now been engaged to provide Design Consultancy services for the EOC project.
- 6.3 Soil contamination and Geotechnical surveys were conducted between 11th and 13th June 2025.
- 6.4 The survey identified one underground tank with Diesel and two other tanks with oil.
- 6.5 The team collected soil samples from multiple locations within the site which have been sent to the lab for testing. Staff expect the lab results to be ready in the next two weeks.
- 6.6 The contract document is now finalised and is ready for the Chief Executive to sign.
- 6.7 Staff have been in touch with Horizons RC to finalise their potential sharing of office space with RDC. The conversations have now steered towards HRC not forming part of the 46 High Street project but likely to consider other sites such as the King Street depot.

6. Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 7.1 A second meeting with the user group was held on 2 April 2025 in Taihape. Staff presented work completed to date including a list of project documents developed during the process.
- 7.2 Staff presented the indicative floor plans that were developed and was used as a basis for initiating a discussion around what the community wants to achieve with the redevelopment works.
- 7.3 Council resolved that the remaining available funding of approximately \$700,000 shall only be utilised towards seismic strengthening works. This means, any design services required for the community's initiatives will need to be funded by the community.
- 7.4 Most parties that attended the second meeting would prefer that any renovation underneath the grandstand be done at the same time as seismic strengthening. It is unclear at this stage if this will be achievable.
- 7.5 Council would have to decide whether to put the seismic strengthening works on hold until such time that the community are ready to move ahead with their proposed initiatives.

- 7.6 If Council choose to proceed with undertaking the seismic strengthening works as a separate activity, the community will no longer be able to use the interior of the building as they currently do.
- 7.7 A further user group meeting that was scheduled for 7 May was cancelled due to several apologies from the user group members, staff will work on an alternative date.

7. Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 8.1 During the council meeting in March 2025, staff presented two concept options for the redevelopment works. Council approved to proceed with the option of retaining the front two storey structure and to demolish and rebuild the hall, stage, supper room and toilets.
- 8.2 A meeting was held with the User Group on 3rd June 2025 where Staff presented the preliminary design proposal along with an optional proposal with enhanced features – Refer to Attachments 1 and 2.
- 8.3 The discussions and post meeting updates have been provided as Attachment 3.
- 8.4 Staff expect to revert to Maycroft with a decision by end of June 2025.

8. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation Project Manager – Arno Benadie

- 9.1 During the April 2025 Council meeting a report was presented to Council that provided a more detailed analysis of the options available for the Marton Swim Centre. This report aimed at providing more detailed information to facilitate Council's decision making for how to address the structural issue with the Marton Swim Centre.
- 9.2 Council agreed to proceed with investing in the repair of the Marton Swim Centre and to upgrade the existing facility to modern standards. Council selected the Base Recommendation option 1-B as their preferred option.
- 9.3 This option proposes that the swim centre main pool hall is strengthened and includes a range of repairs and some replacement of end of life or out of date assets. This option excludes any upgrades to the changing rooms and reception area.
- 9.4 The items identified in this option will be phased to align with available funding. The first items to be actioned will be the replacement of the roof and the earthquake strengthening of the main pool hall.
- 9.5 Replacement of the roof as part of option 1-B identified three solutions of how this can be achieved. These three options with associated cost estimates and benefits/challenges were presented at a Council workshop. Council did not express a desire to investigate any options further other than the current resolution of replacing the roof with like for like with the addition of a ETFE liner for improved insulation and allow more daylight into the facility.
- 9.6 The remainder of the upgrades will be included in future years depending on available funding.
- 9.7 The scope of work to be included in this first phase of repairs and upgrades has now been finalised and Create Architects and Engineers submitted an Offer of Service for the design work.
- 9.8 The construction of the phase 1 repairs and upgrades are expected to be completed by June 2026.

Miscellaneous**9. Scotts Ferry**

- 10.1 Council staff are working on finalising the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will determine the activities, responsibilities and conditions when the Council owned tractor will be used in conjunction with the pump owned by a local farmer to reduce the risk of flooding at Scotts Ferry.
- 10.2 A draft has been created and is currently being reviewed. The finalised draft will then be presented to the Scotts Ferry group for consideration.

Financial Implications

- 11.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

Impact on Strategic Risks

- 12.1 No impacts on strategic risks

Strategic Alignment

- 13.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

Mana Whenua Implications

- 14.1 All mana whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 15.1 There is no climate change impact.

Statutory Implications

- 16.1 There are no statutory implications.

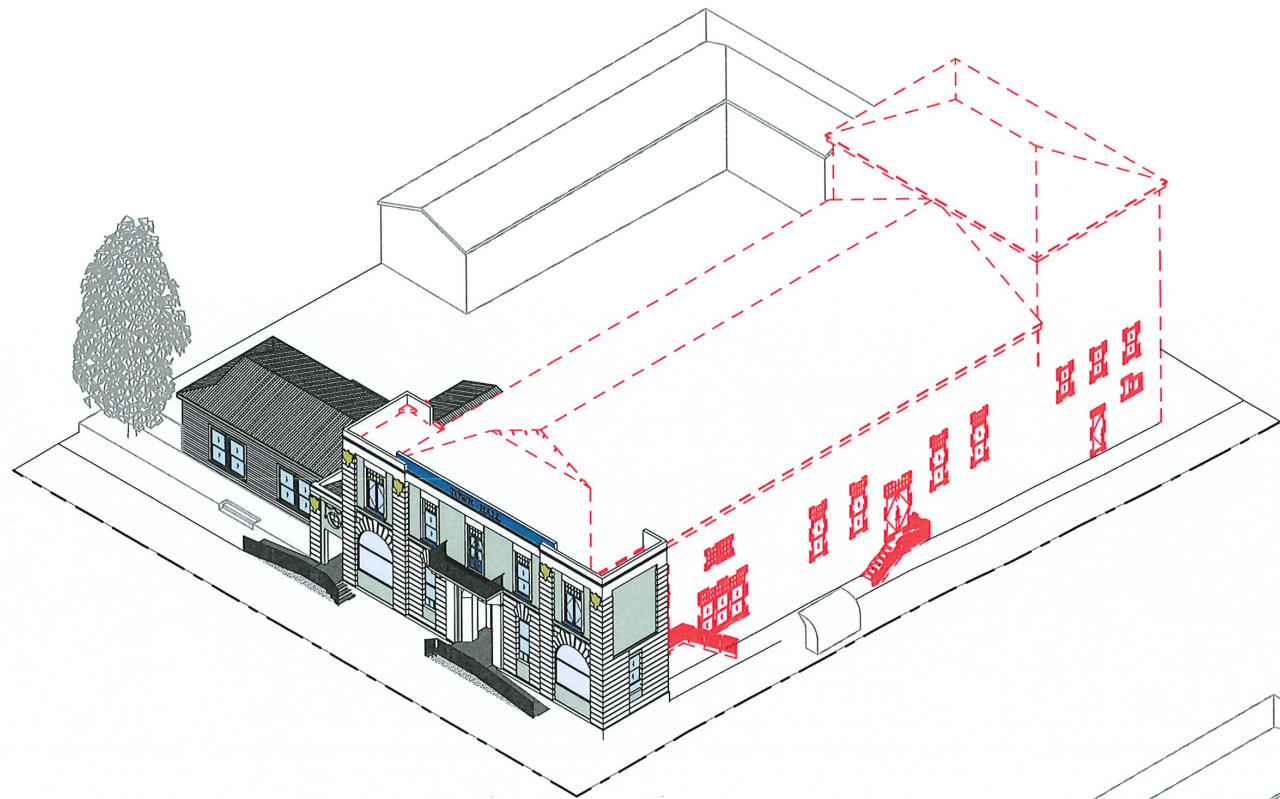
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2. Taihape Town Hall Enhanced Optional Design Proposal [↓](#)
3. Taihape Town Hall Discussion and Post Meeting Update [↓](#)

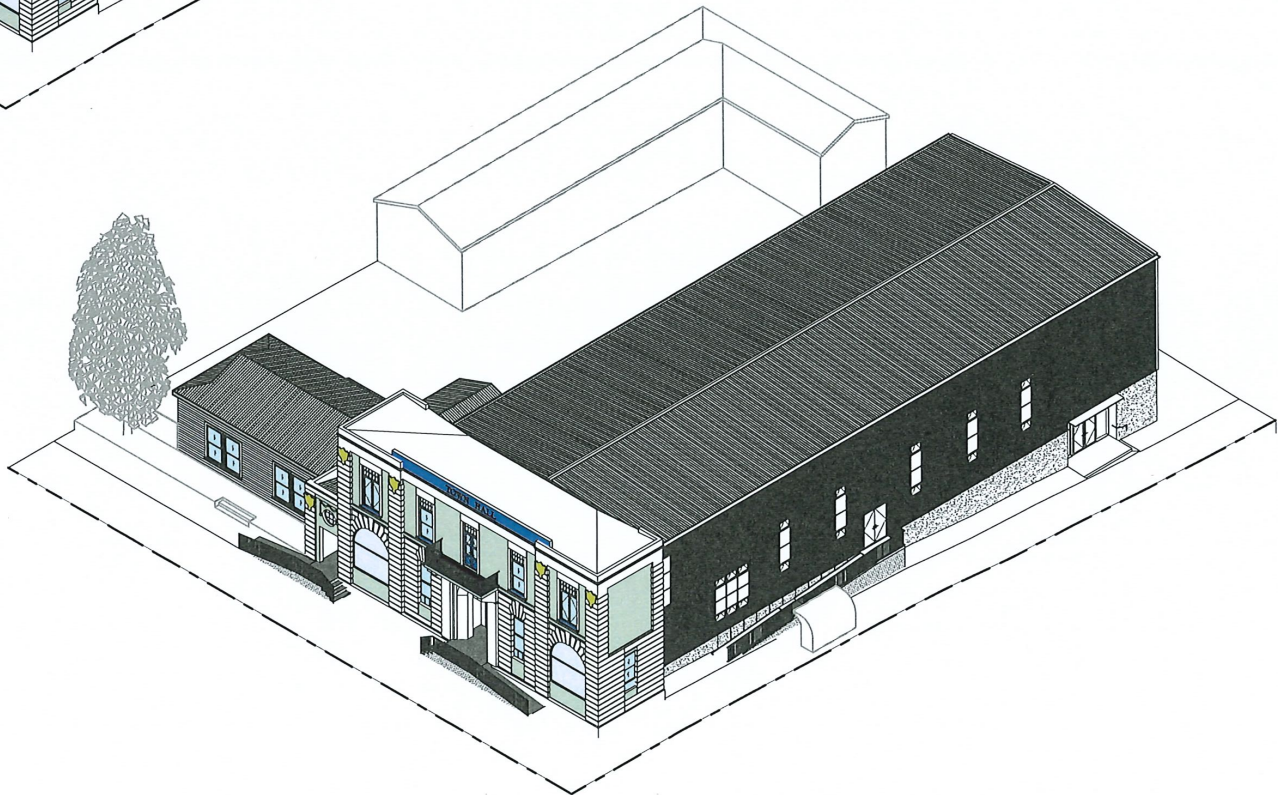
Recommendation 1

That the report 'Project Updates Report – June 2025' be received.

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2 Town Hall Isometric (Proposed)
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CD04	Existing and Demolition First Floor Plan
CD05	Existing and Demolition Roof Plan
CD06	Proposed Site Plan
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CD08	Ground Floor Proposed Plan (Minimum Option)
CD09	First Floor Proposed Plan (Minimum Option)
CD10	Roof Proposed Plan (Minimum Option)
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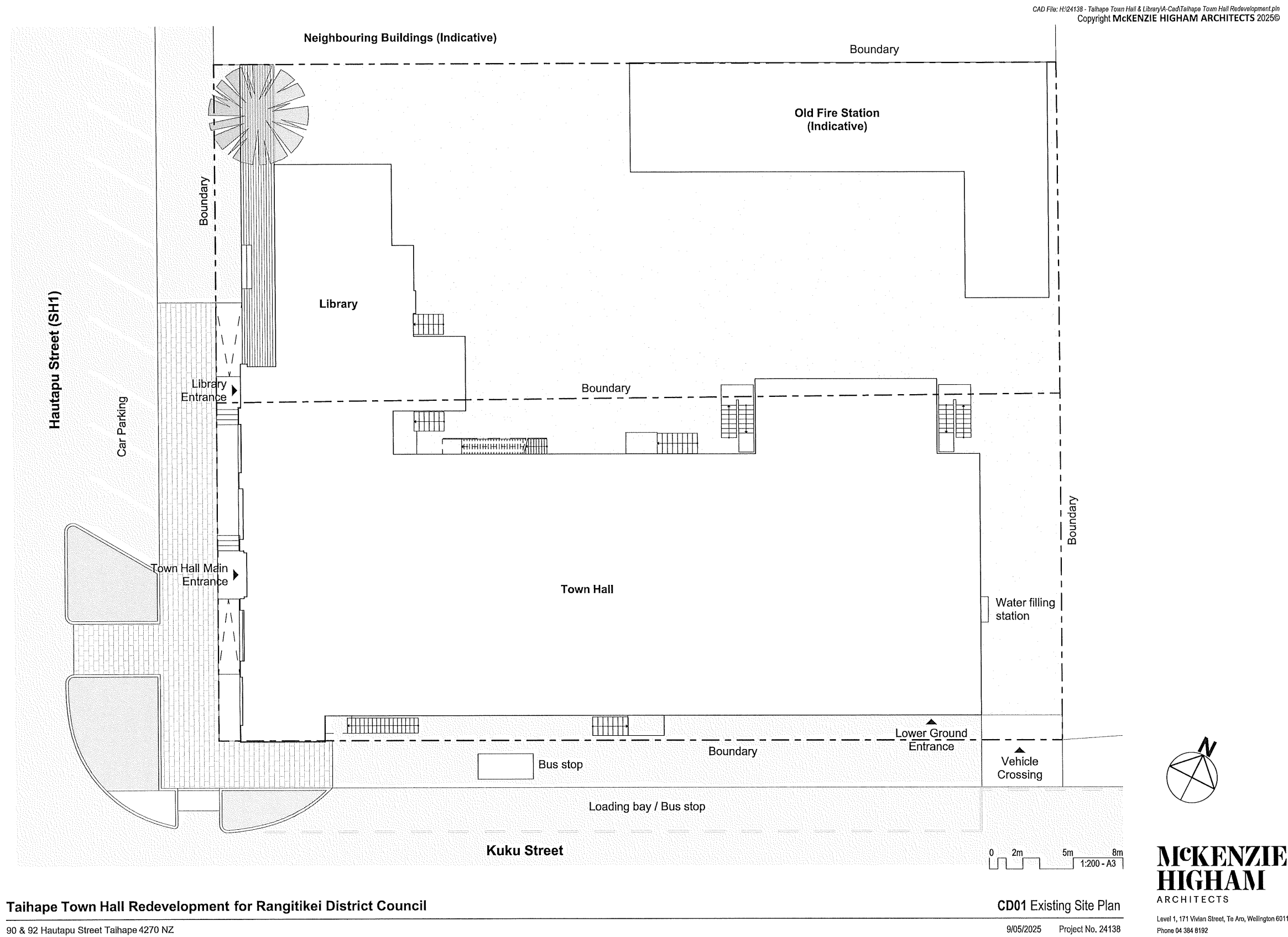
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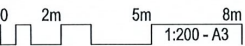
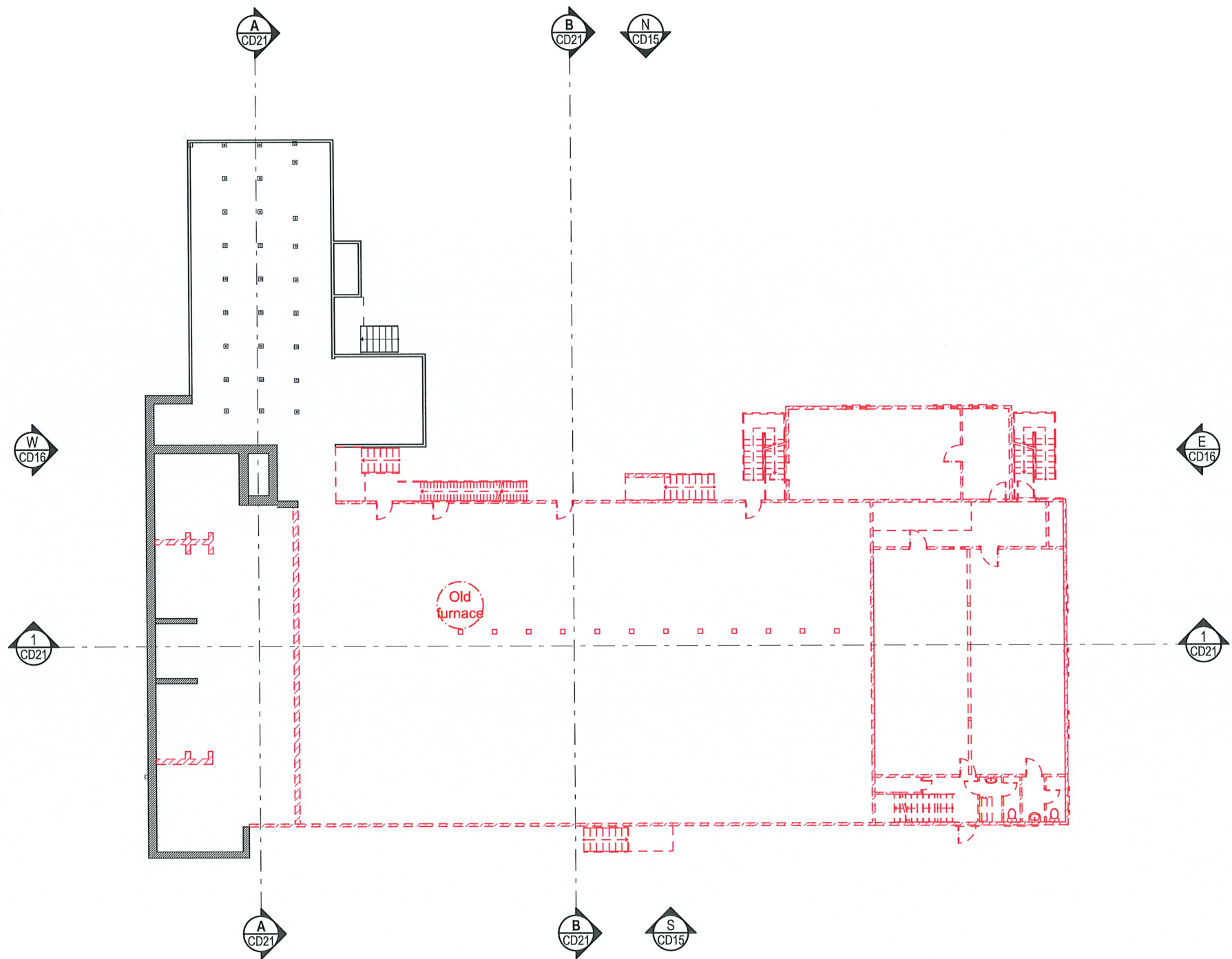
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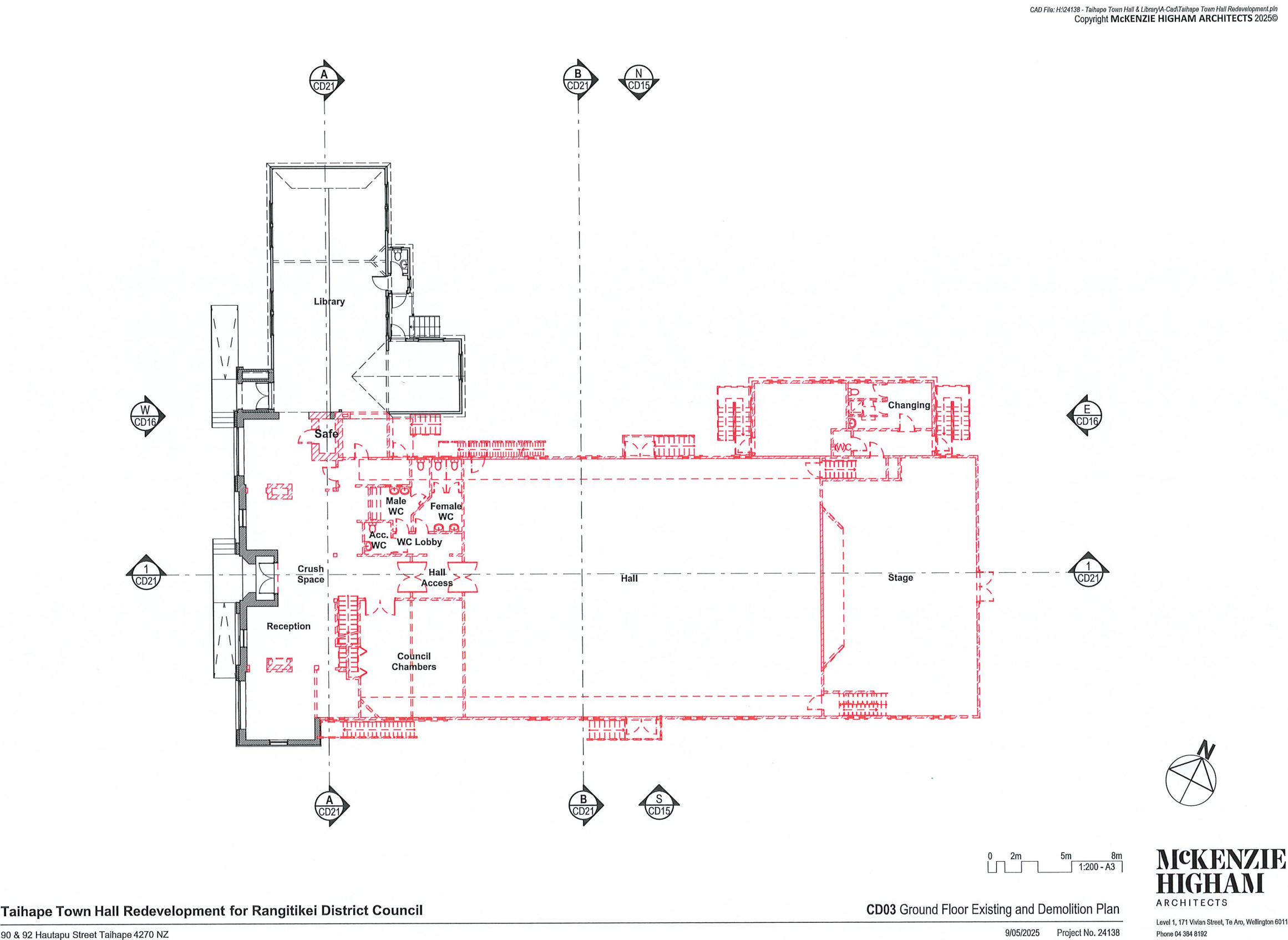
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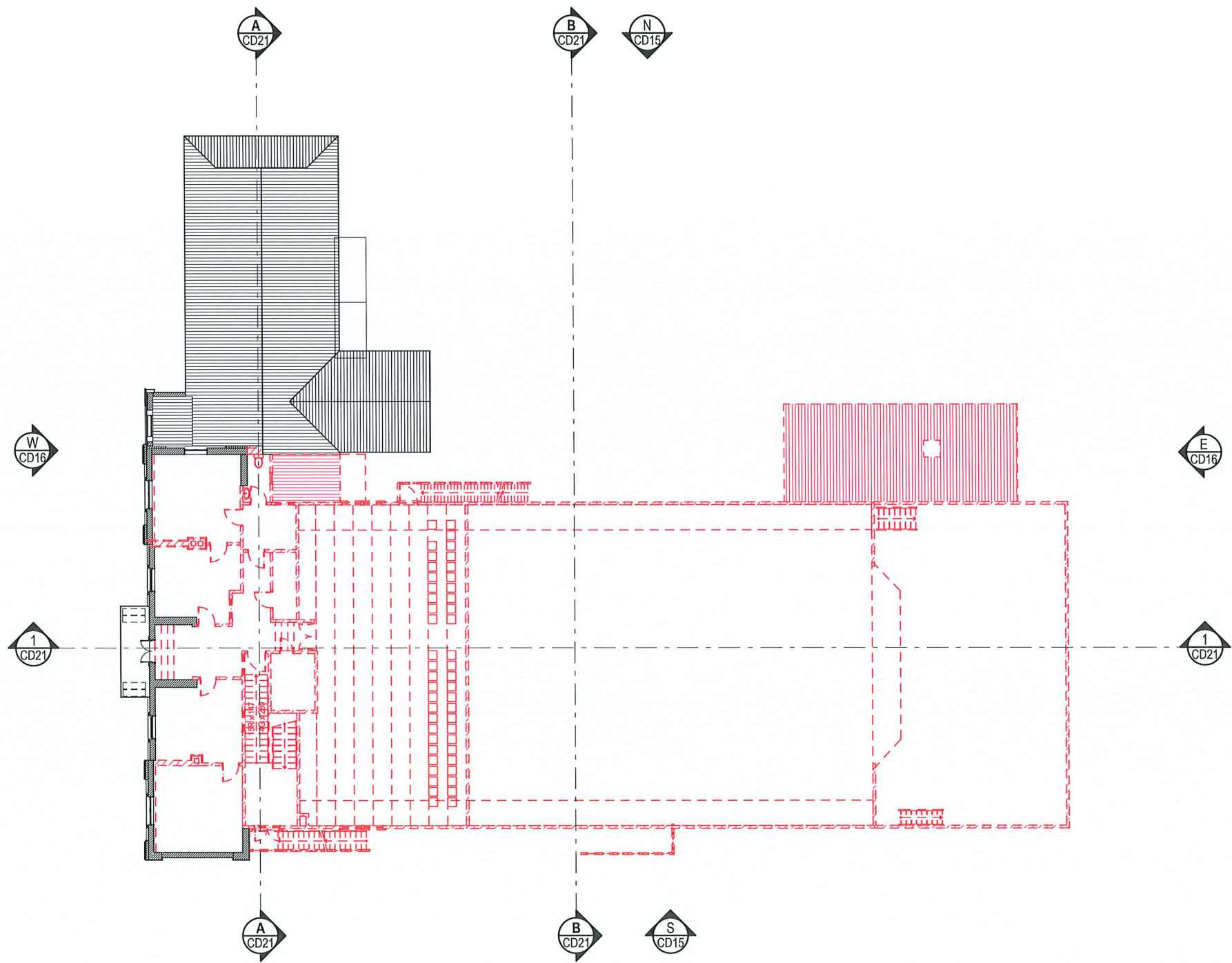
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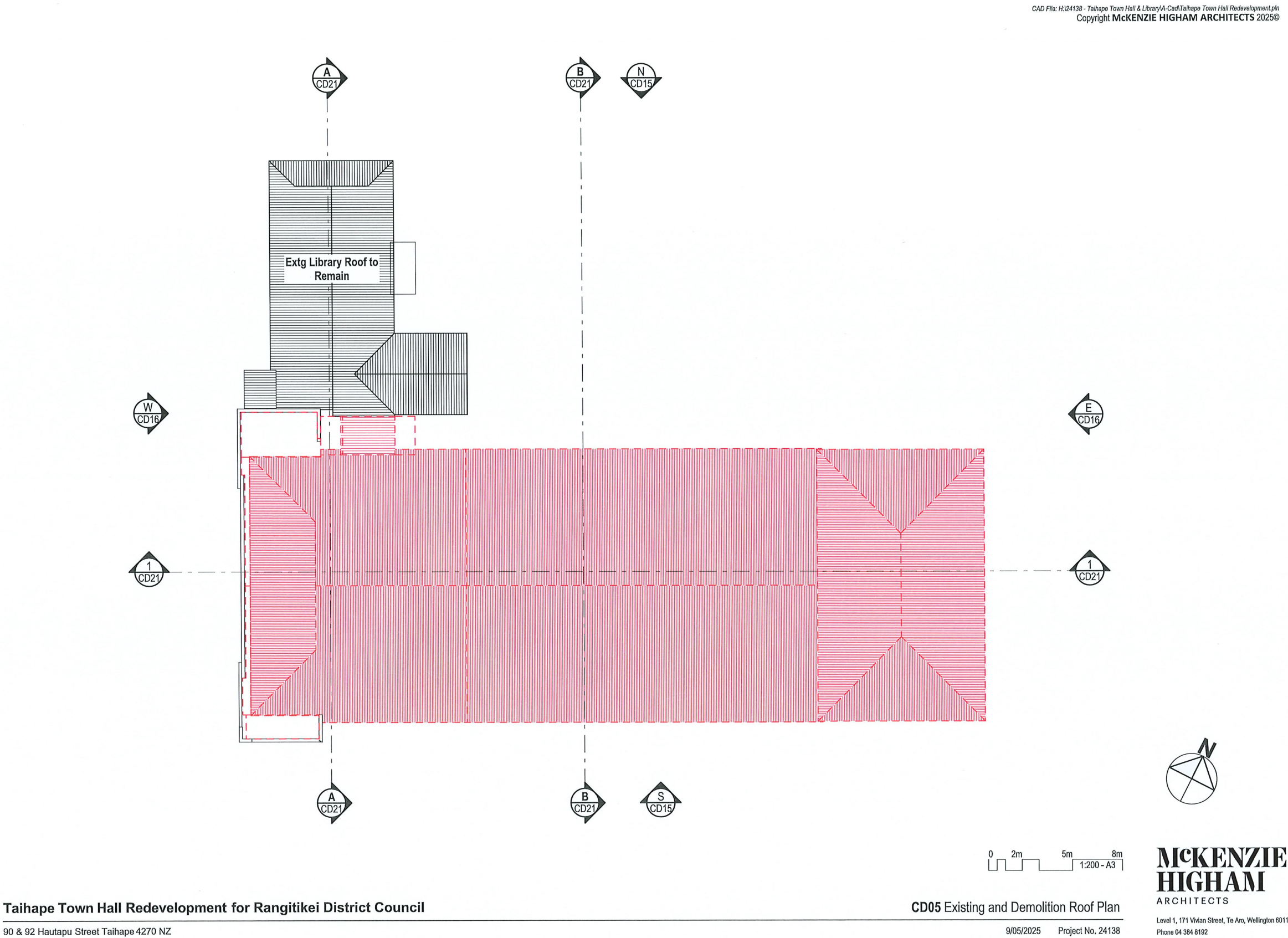


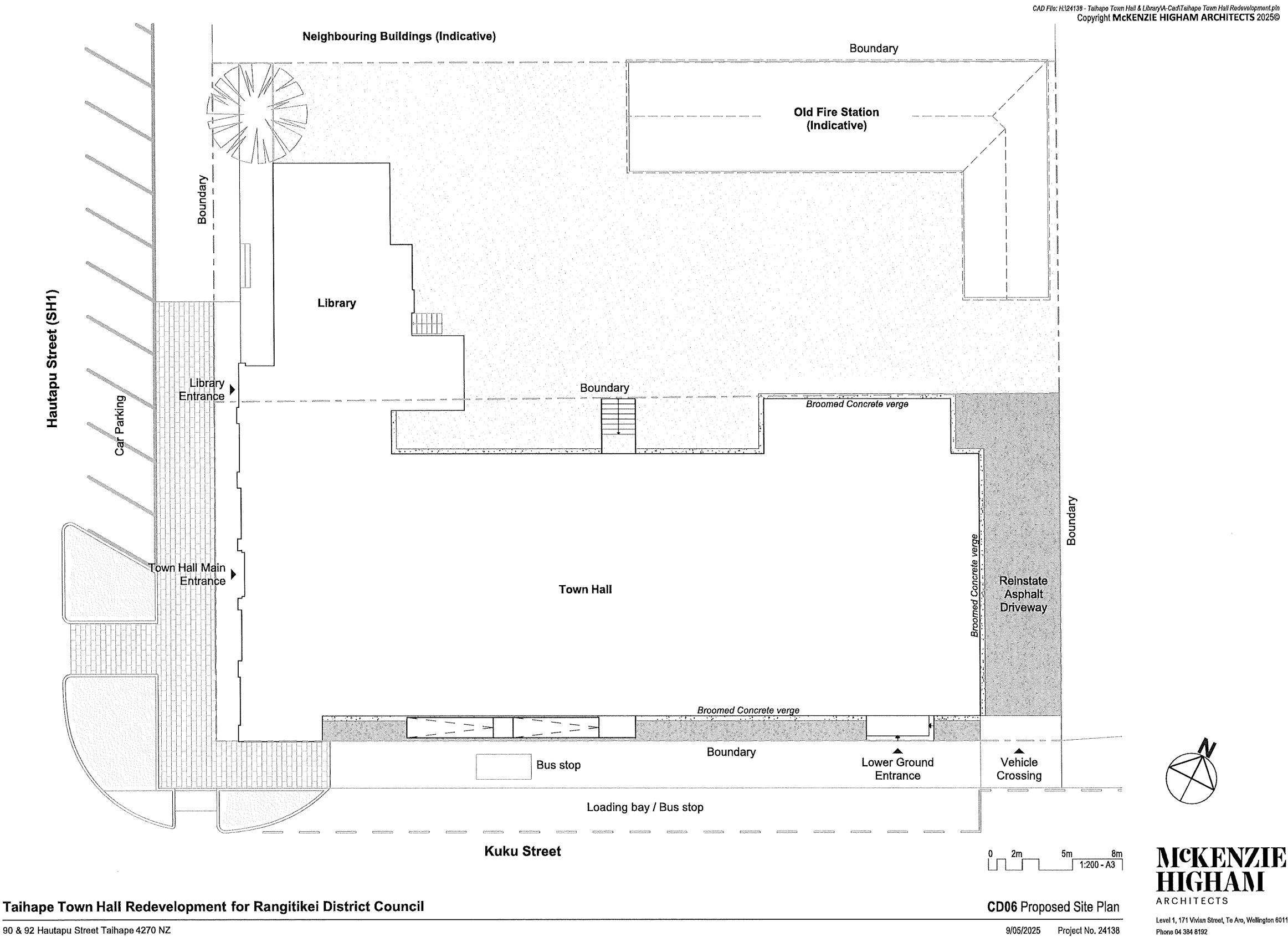
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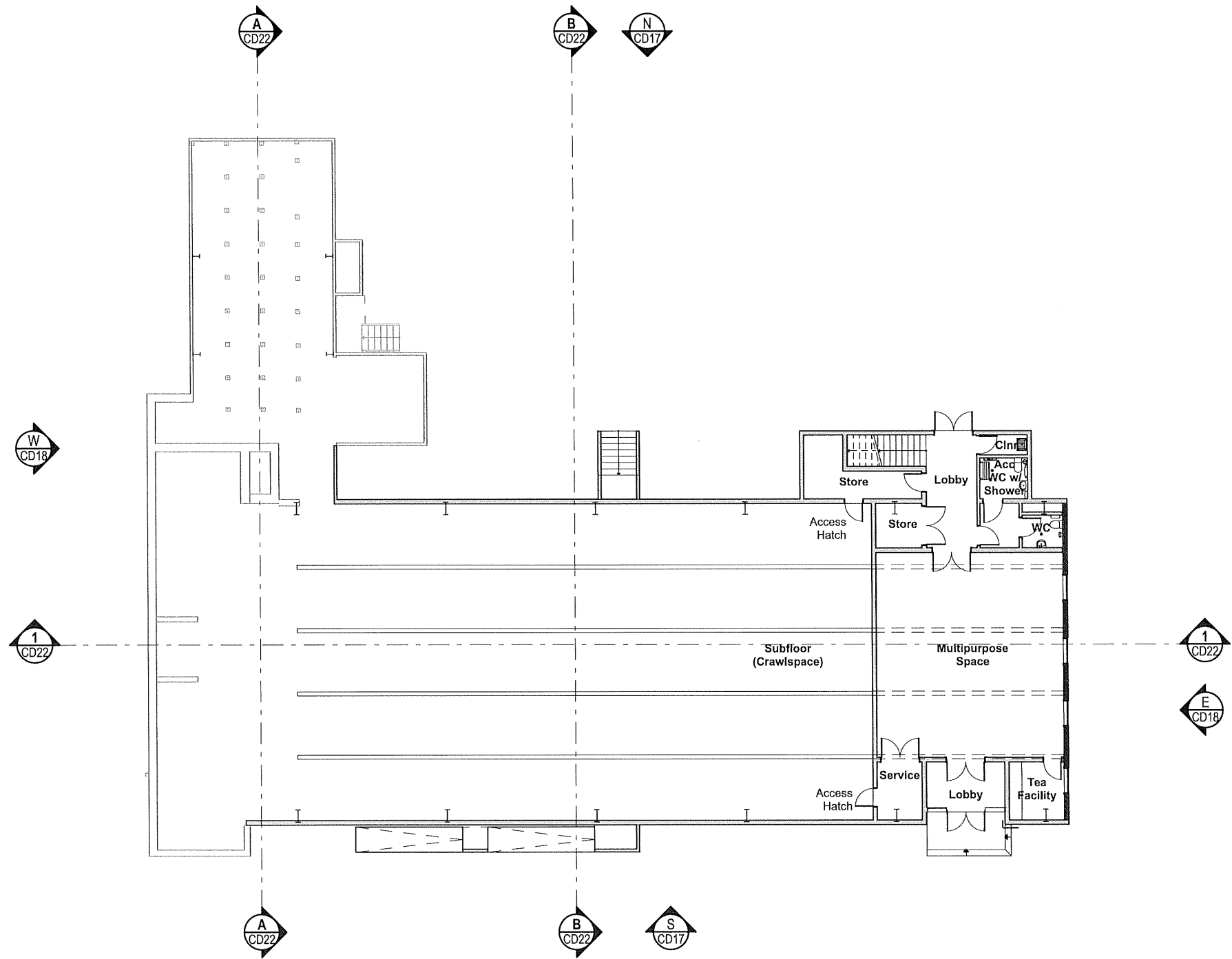


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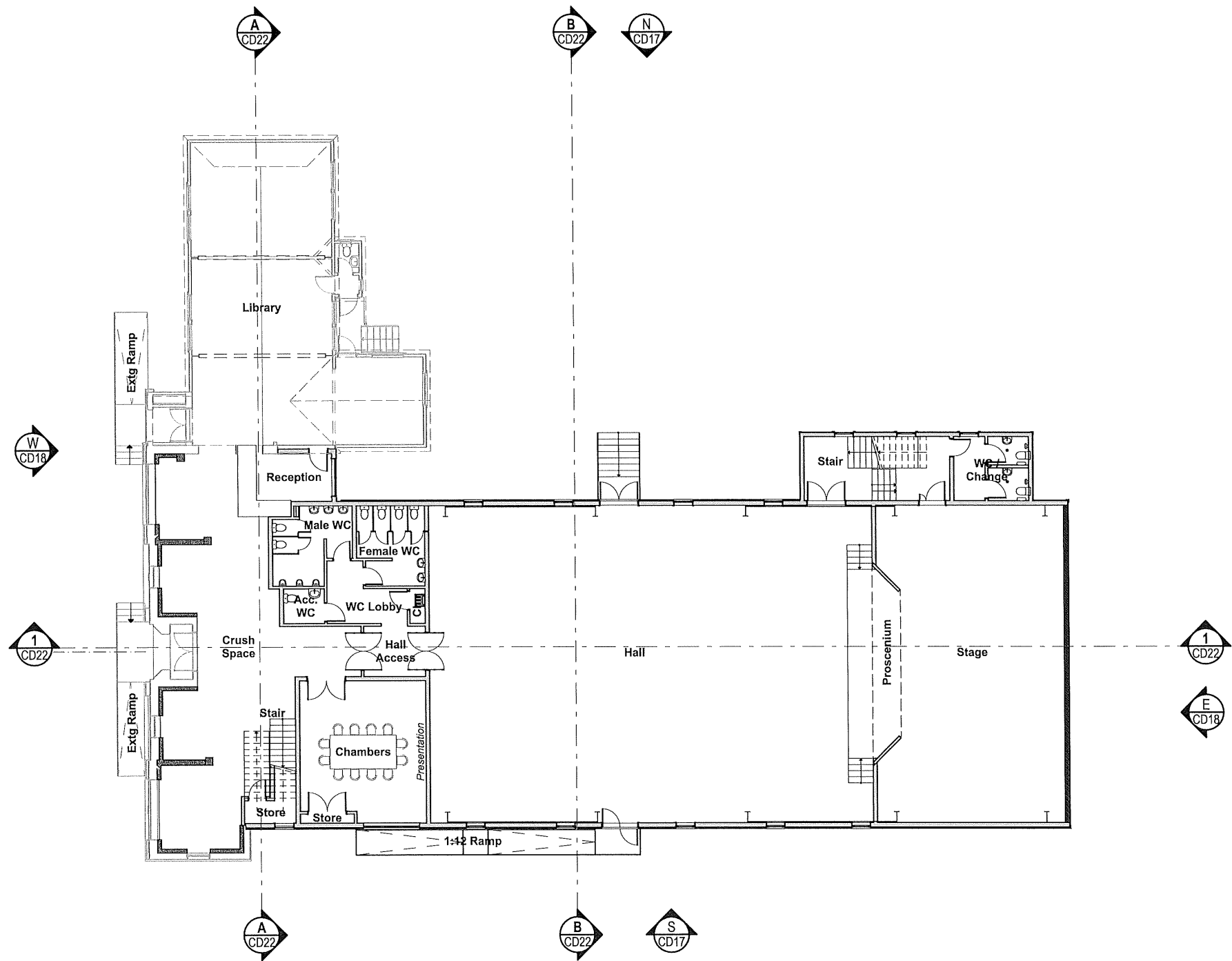
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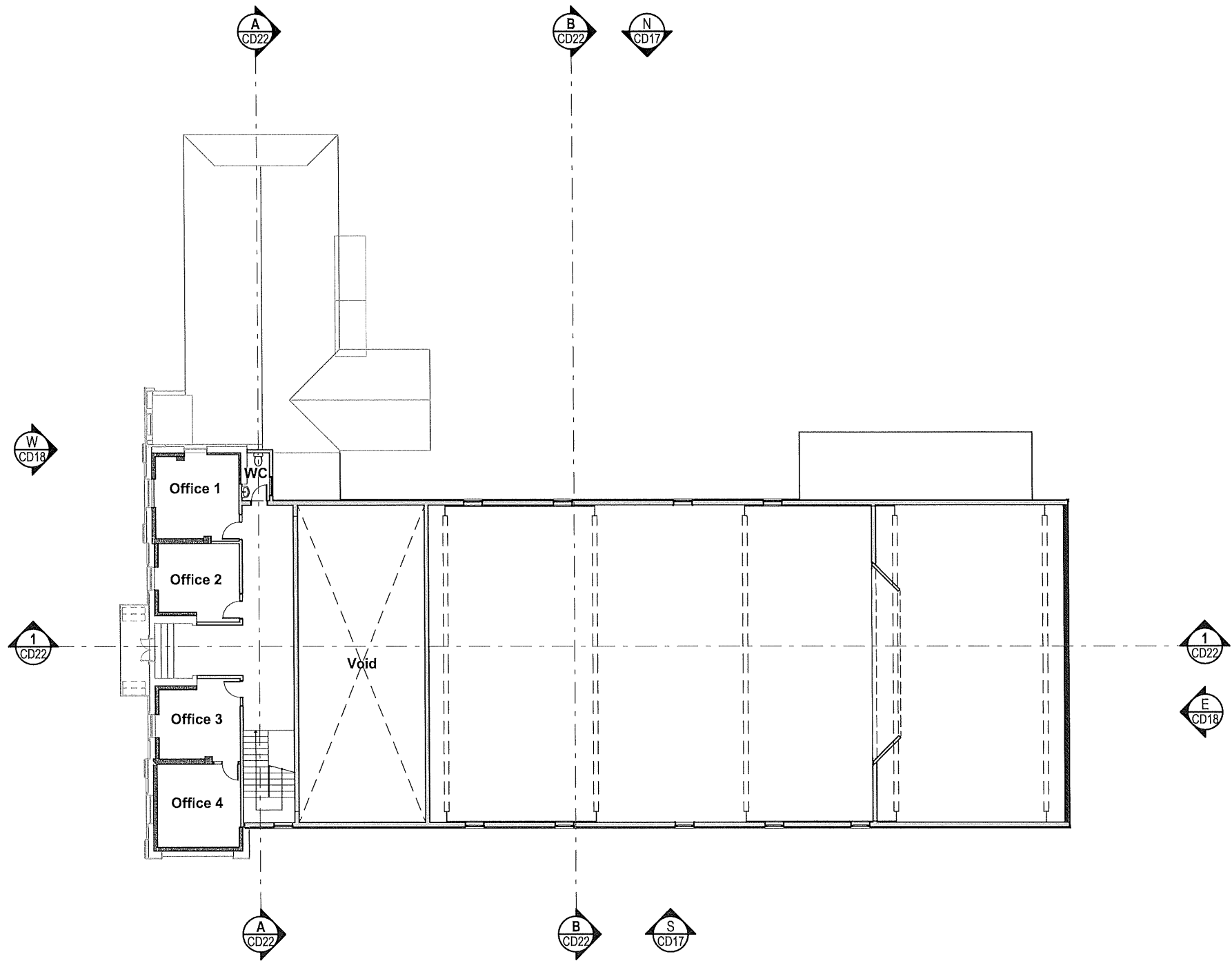
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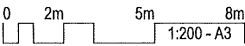
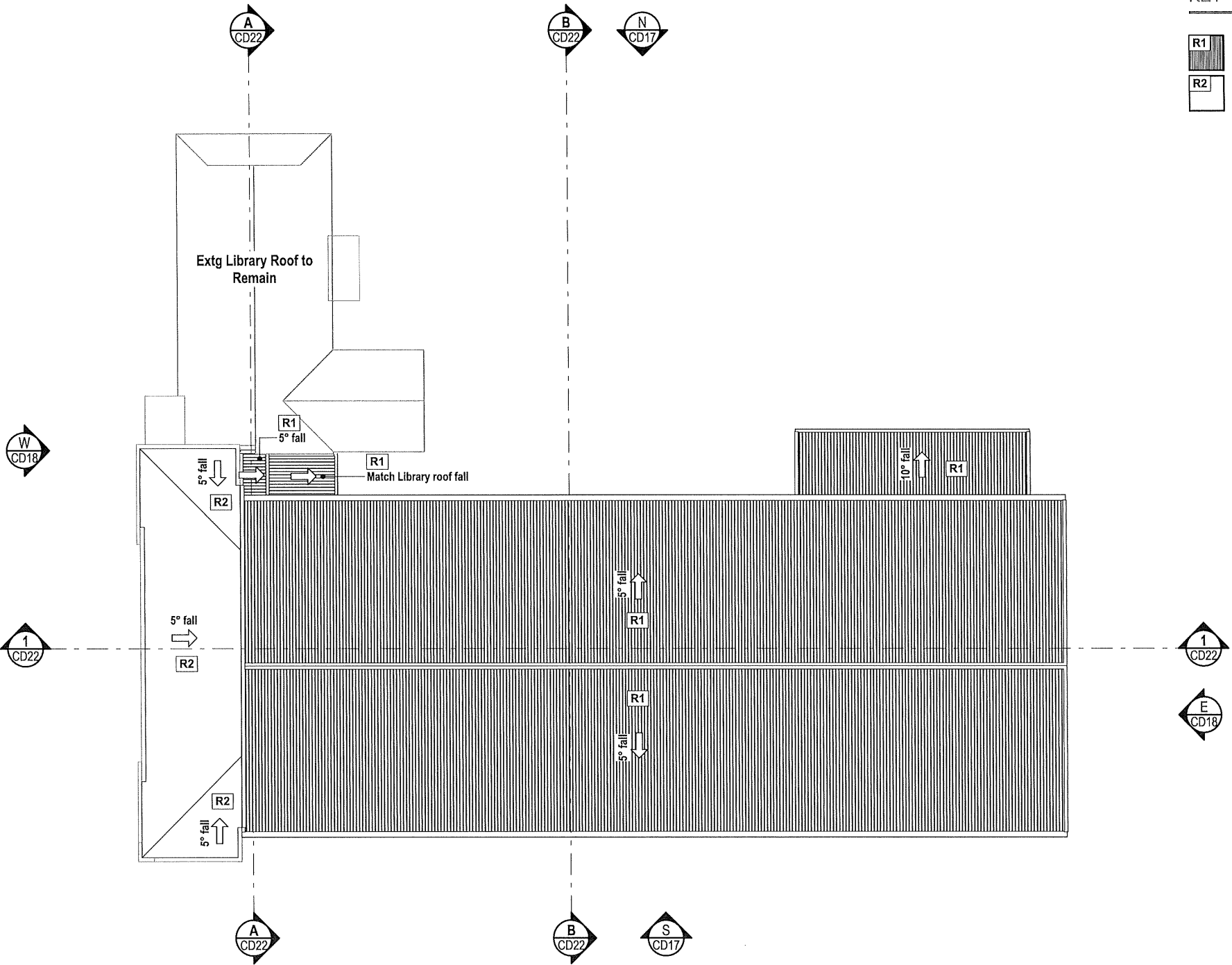


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- R1 Profiled Metal Warm Roof System
- R2 Membrane Warm Roof System



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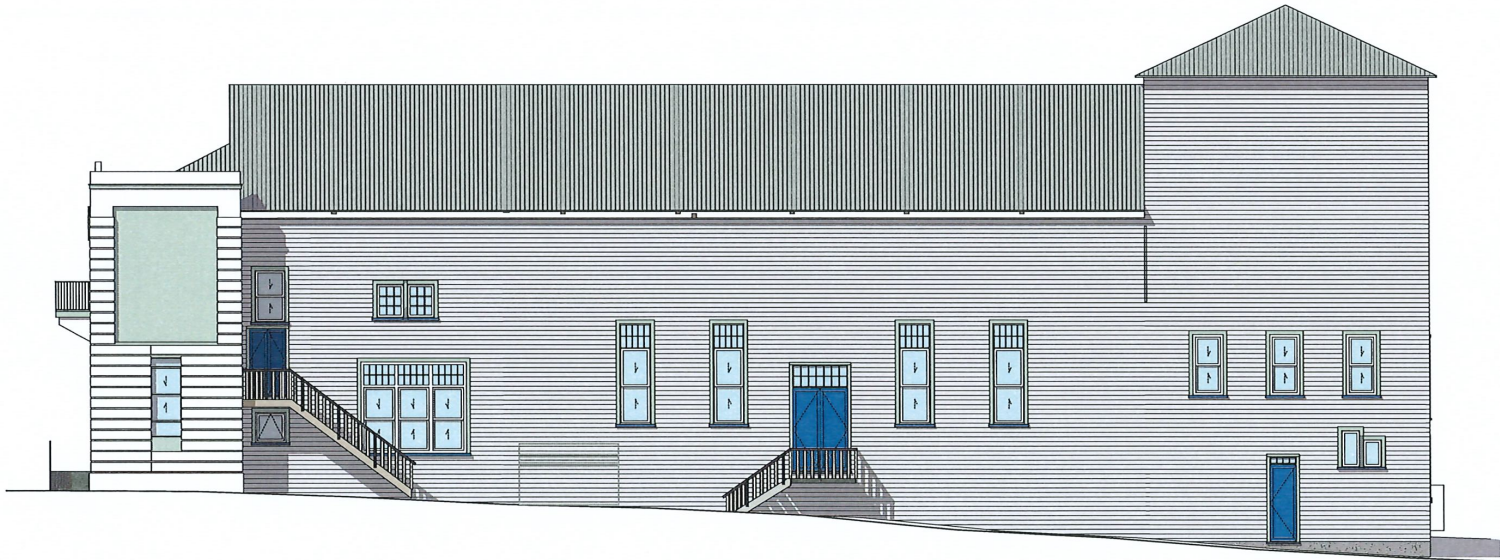
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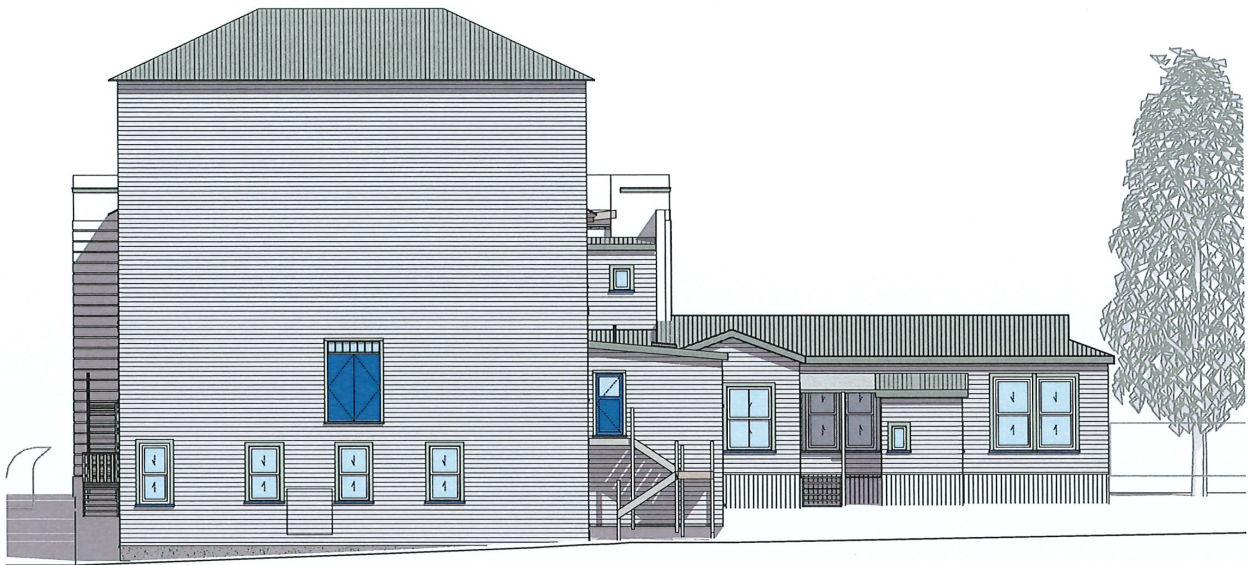
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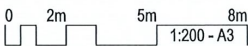
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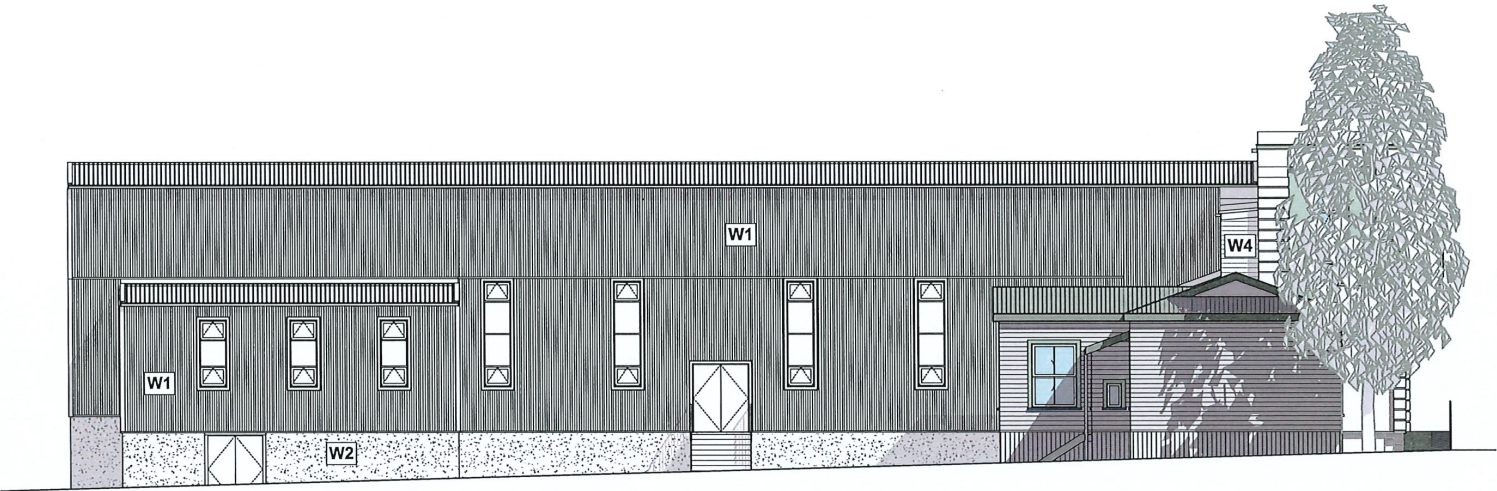
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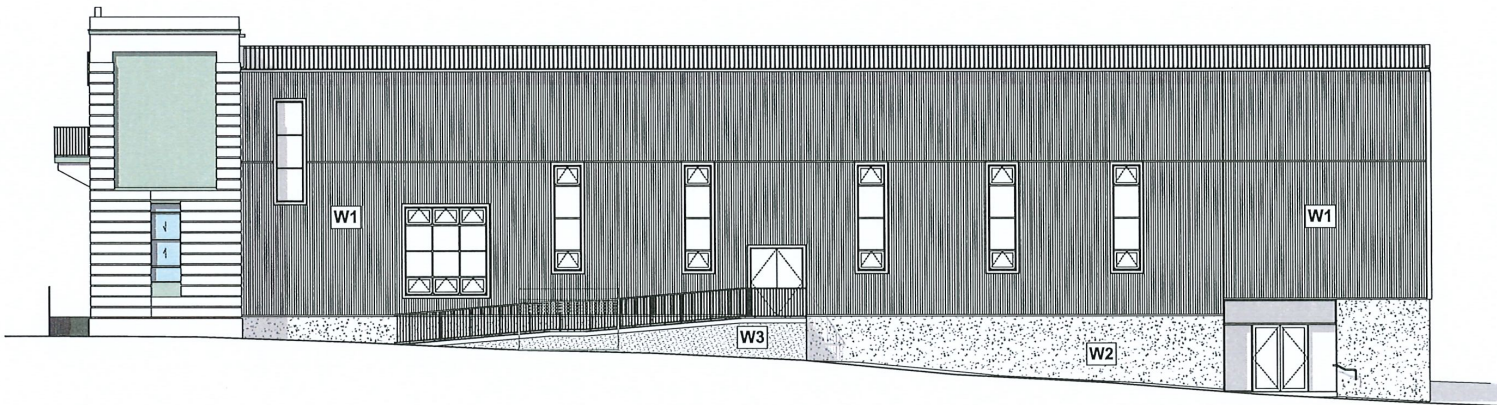
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- W2 Precast Concrete
- W3 Plastered cast insitu concrete
- W4 Bevelback Timber Weatherboards



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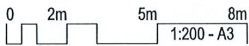


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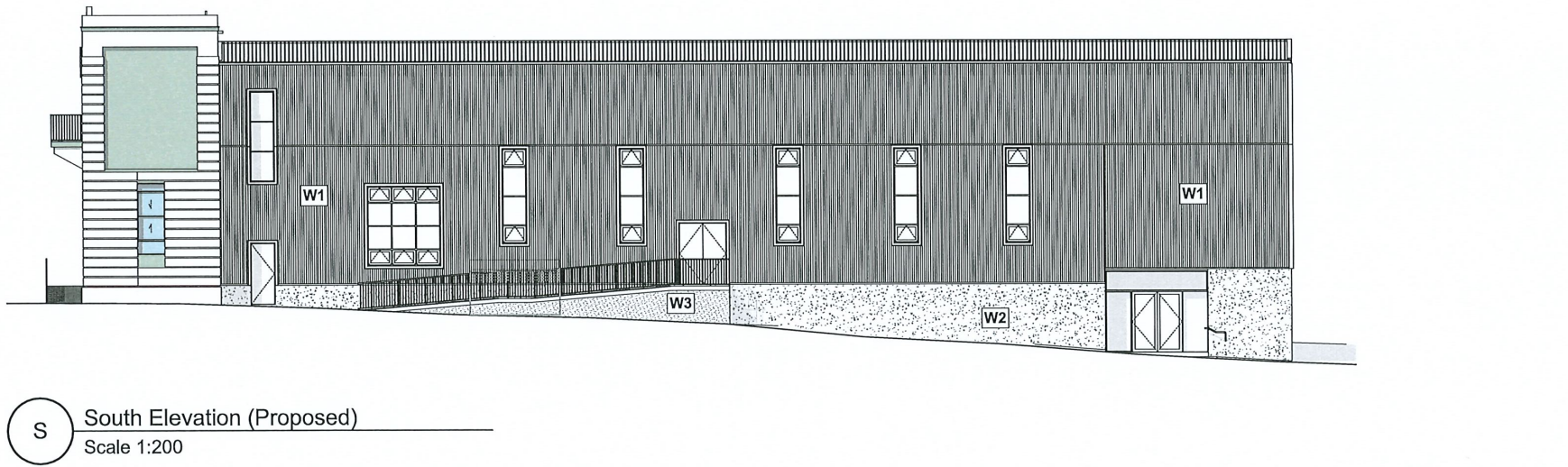
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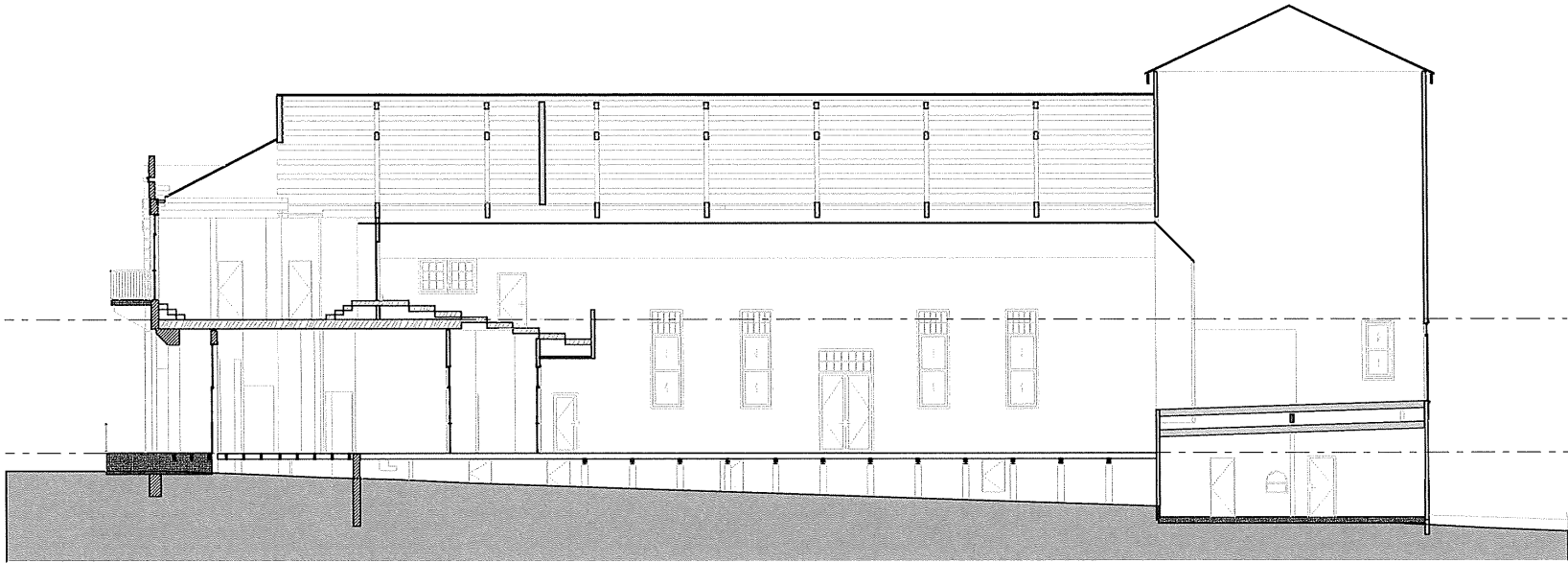
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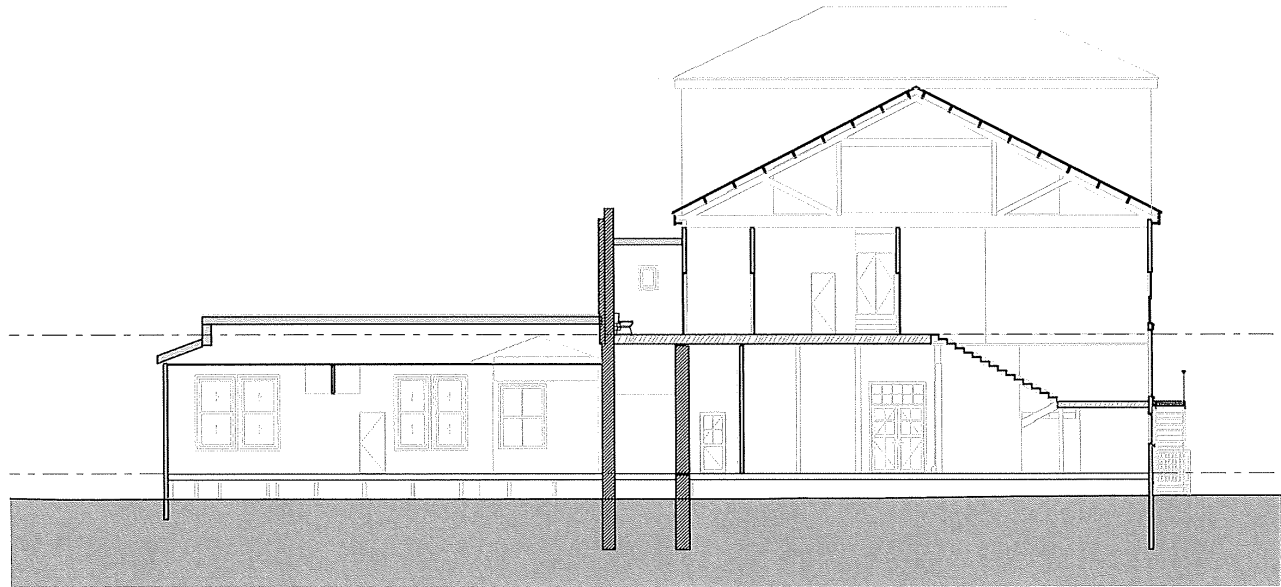
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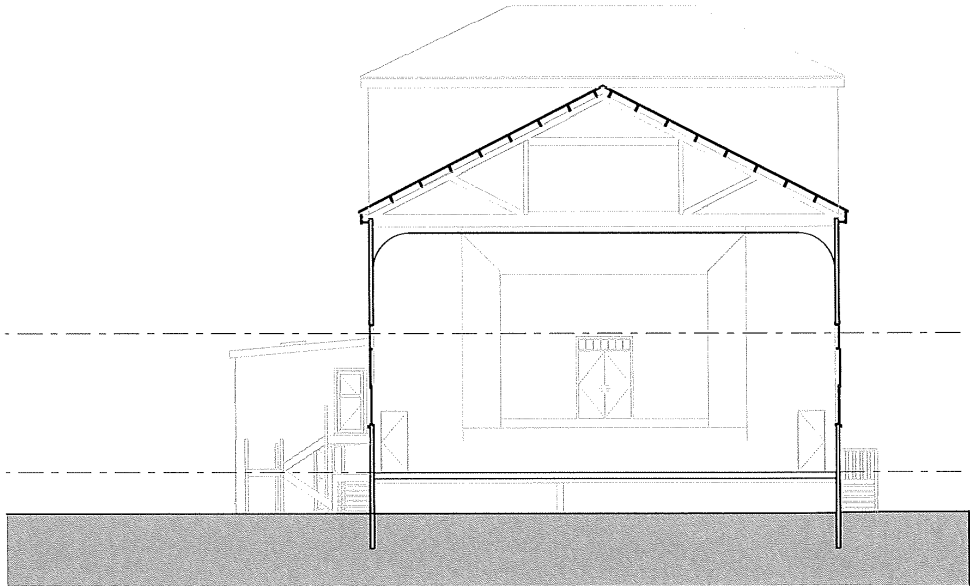
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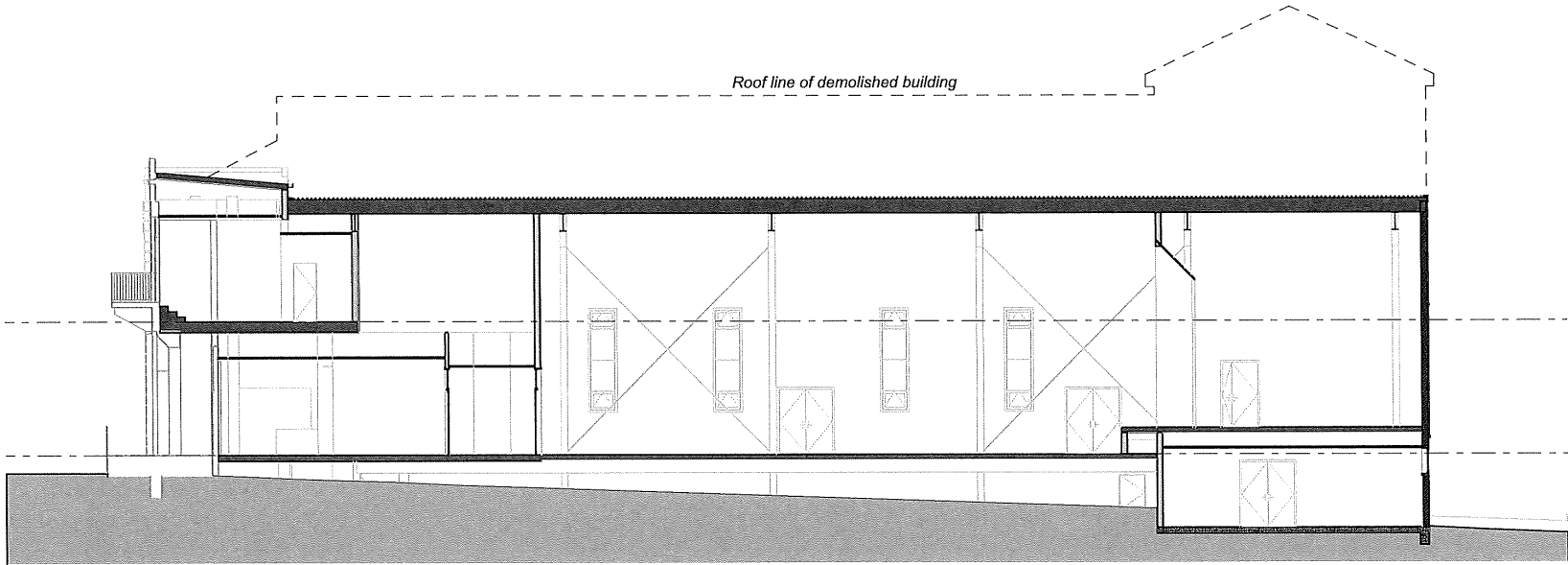
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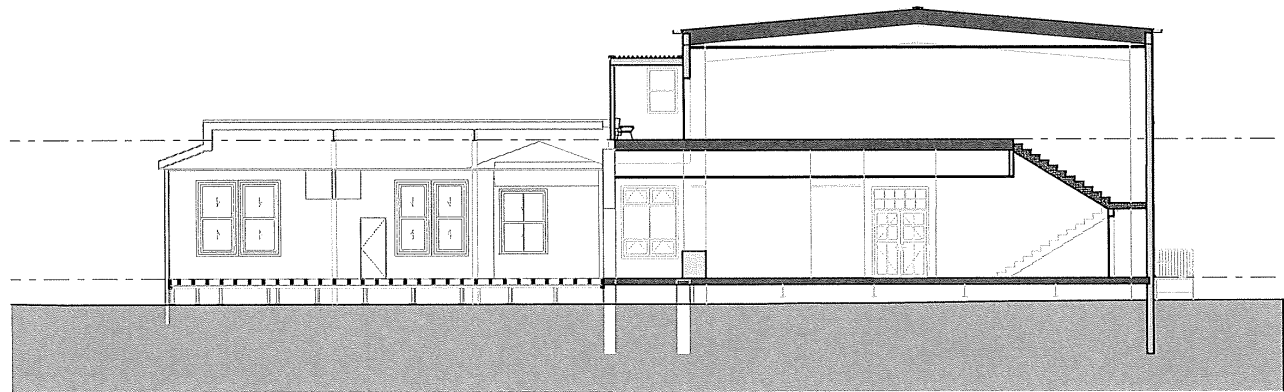
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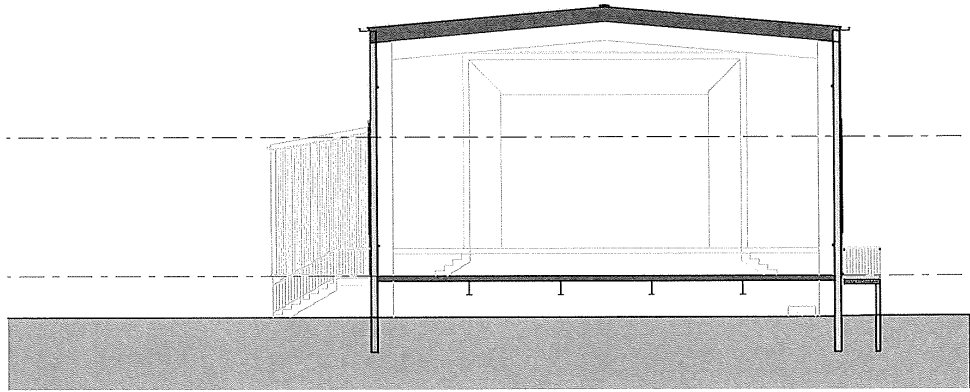
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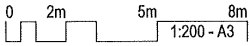
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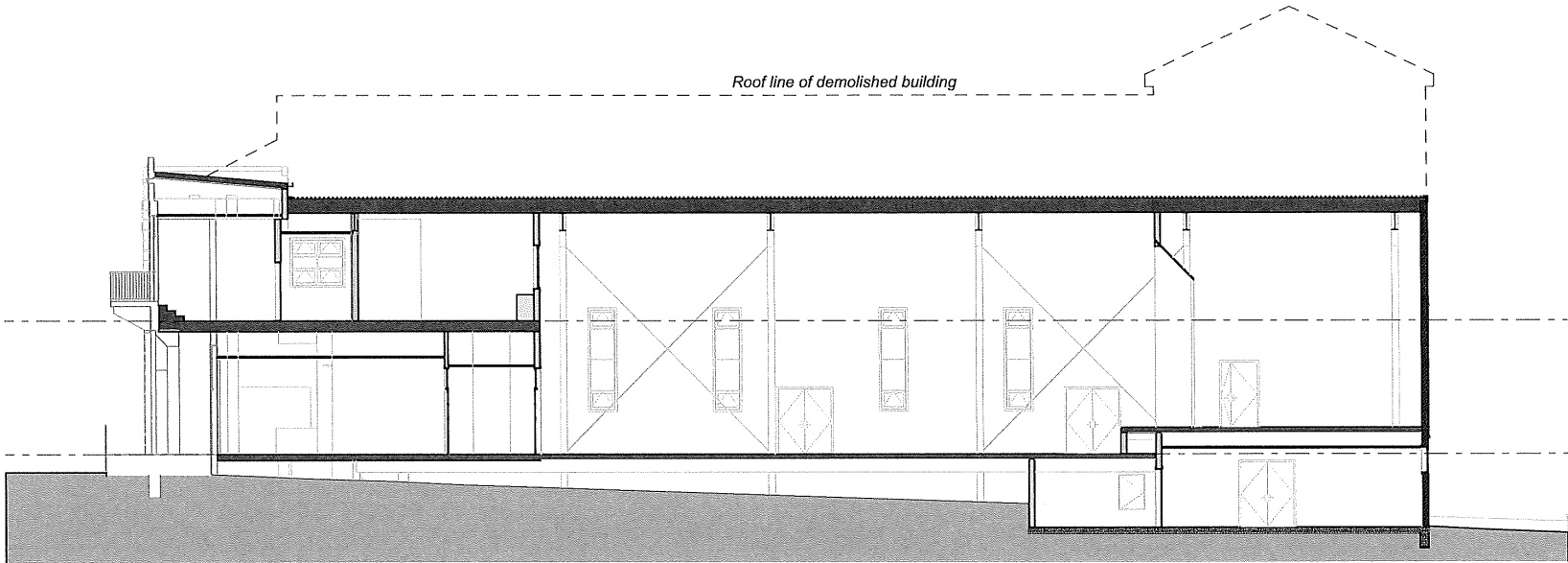


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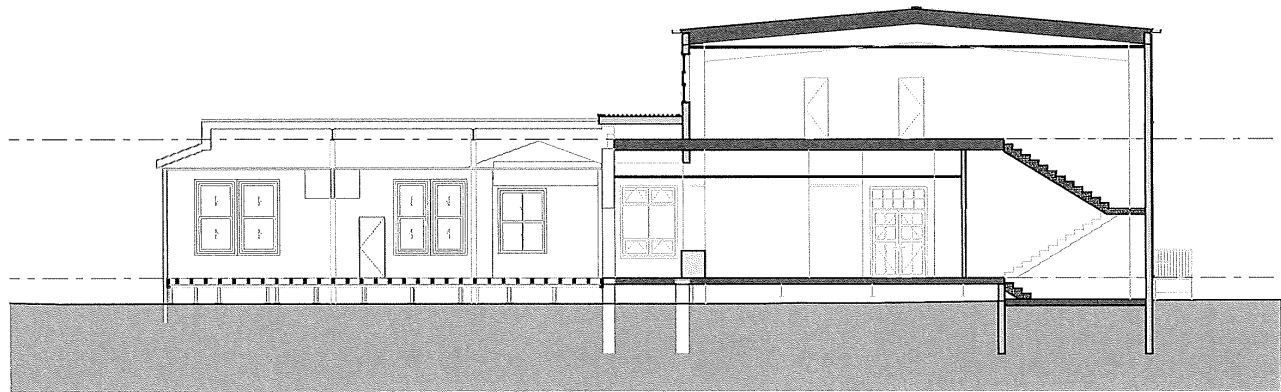
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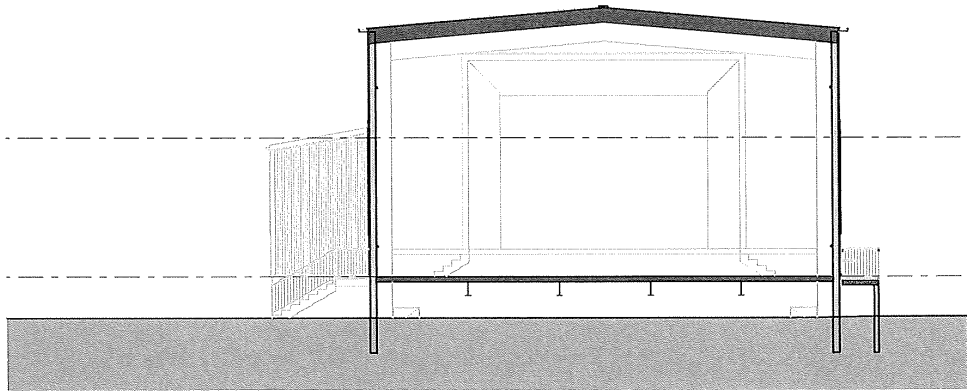
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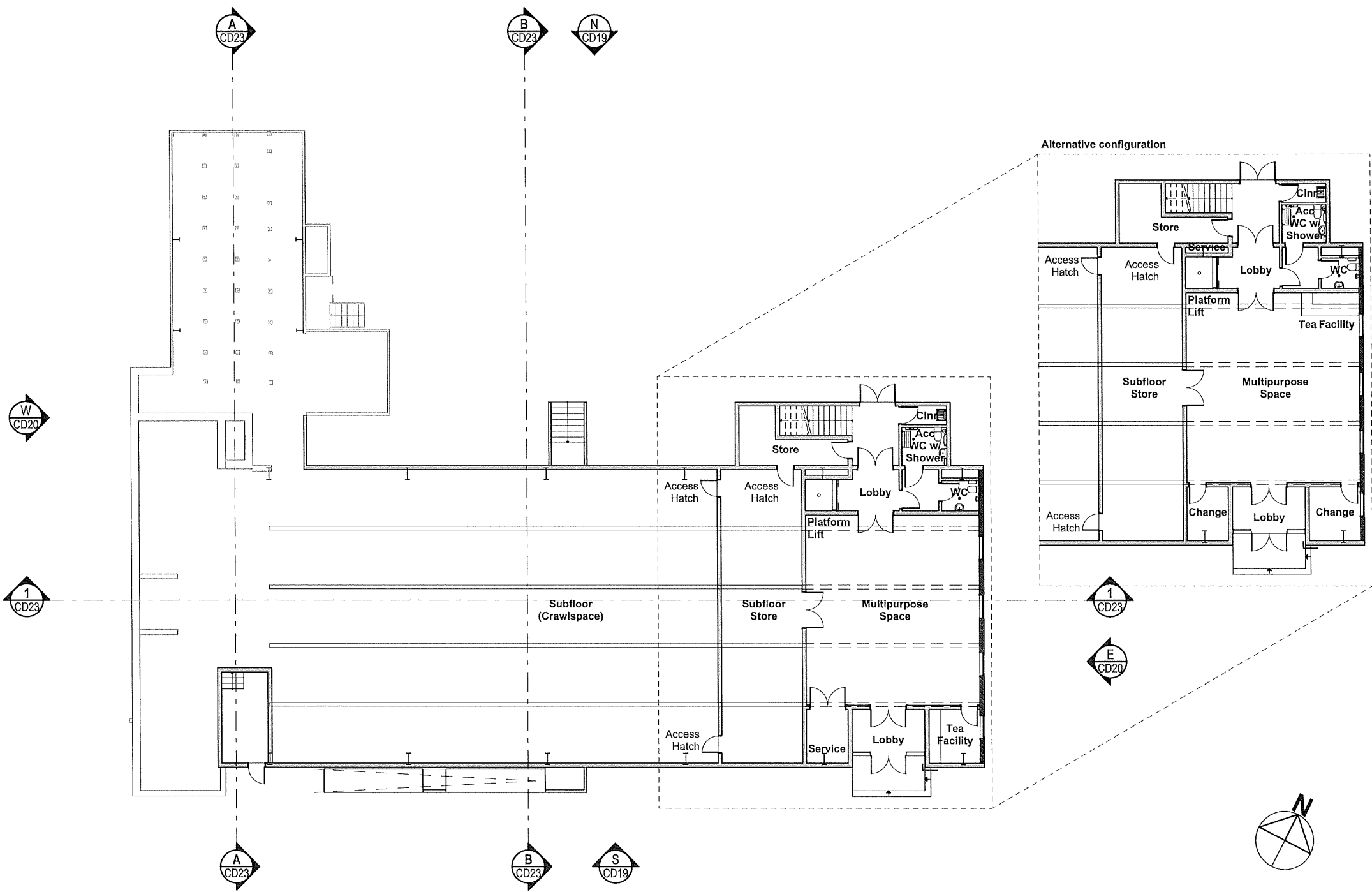
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CD11 Lower Ground Floor Proposed Plan (Enhanced Option)

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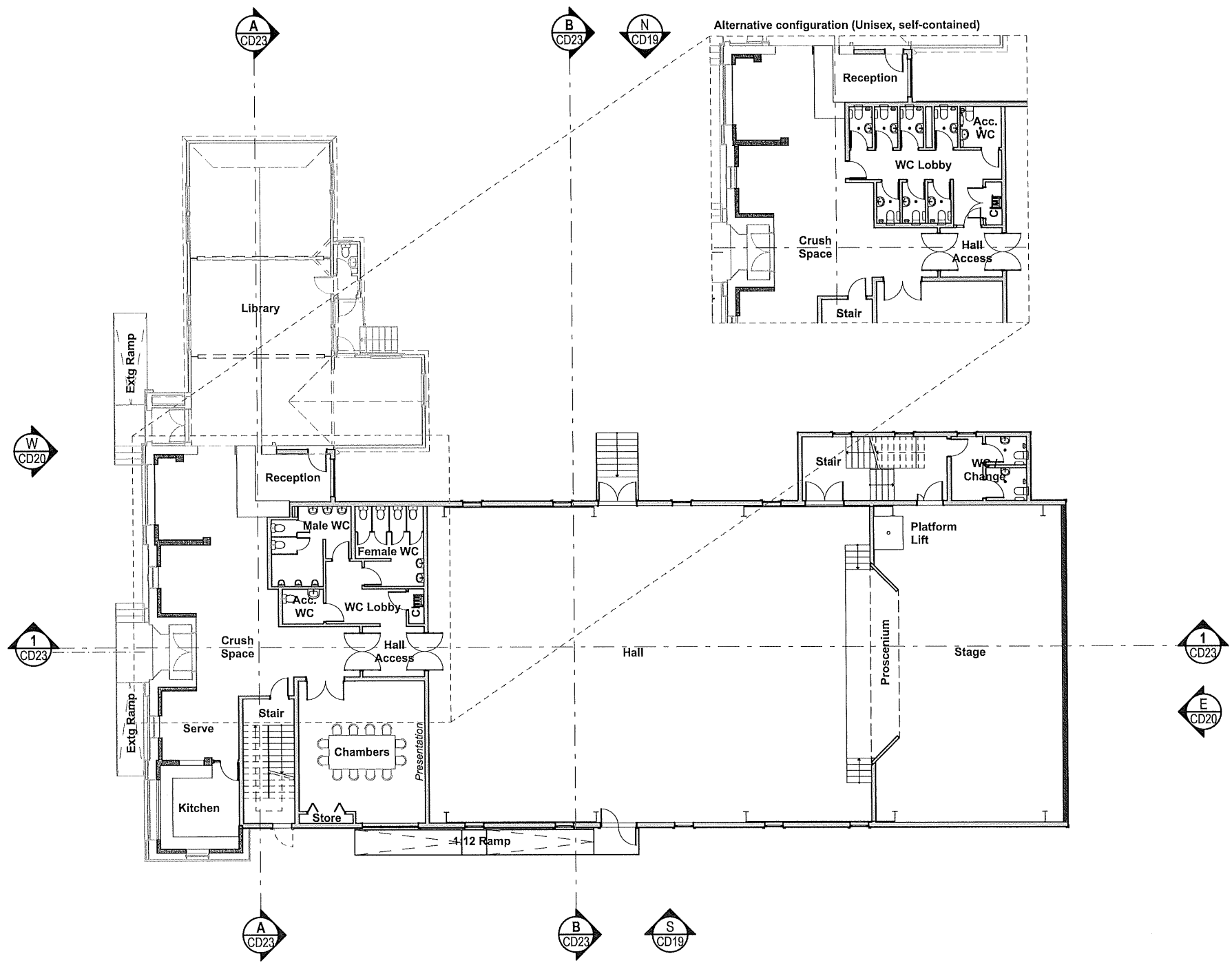


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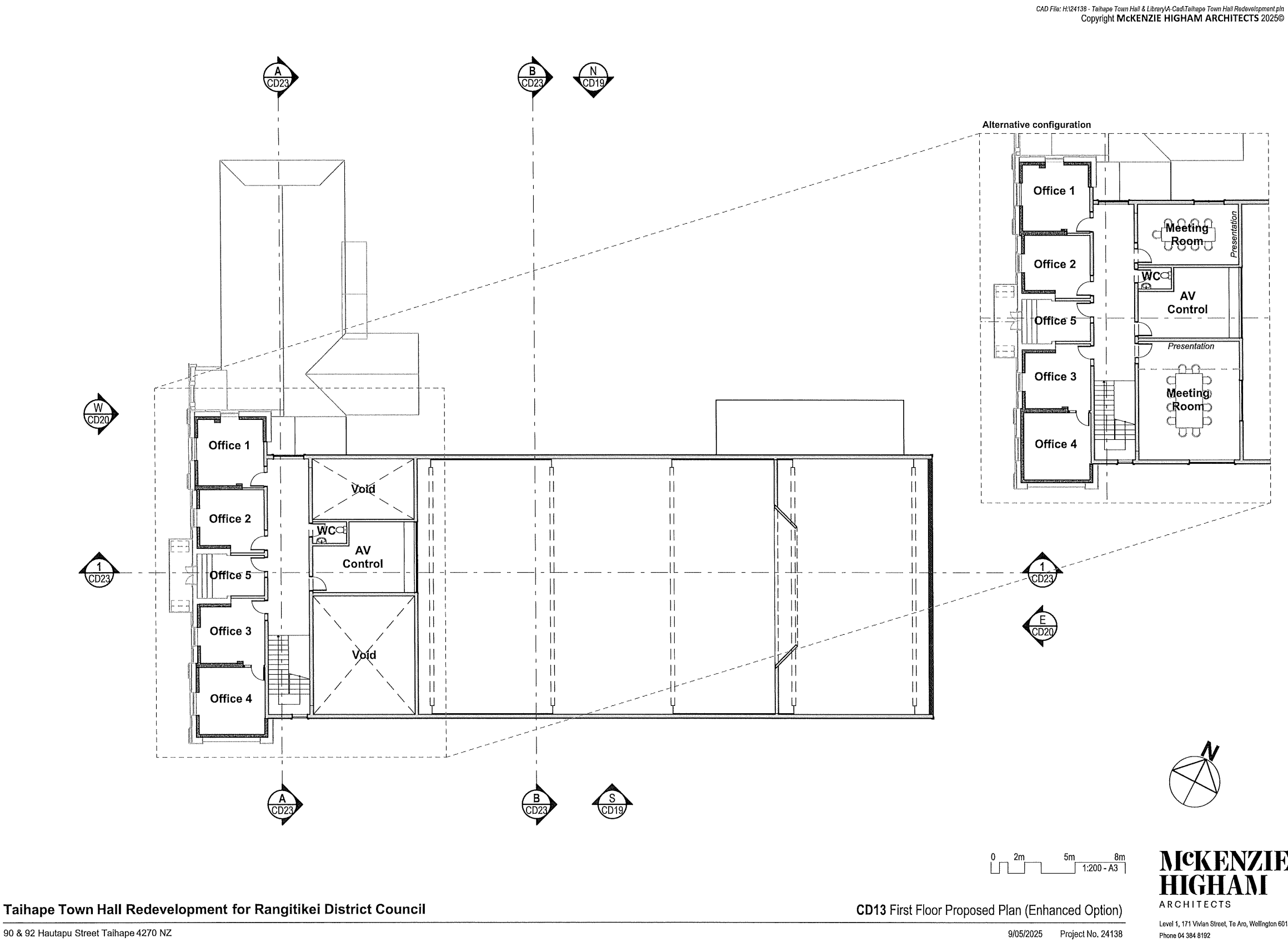
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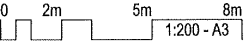
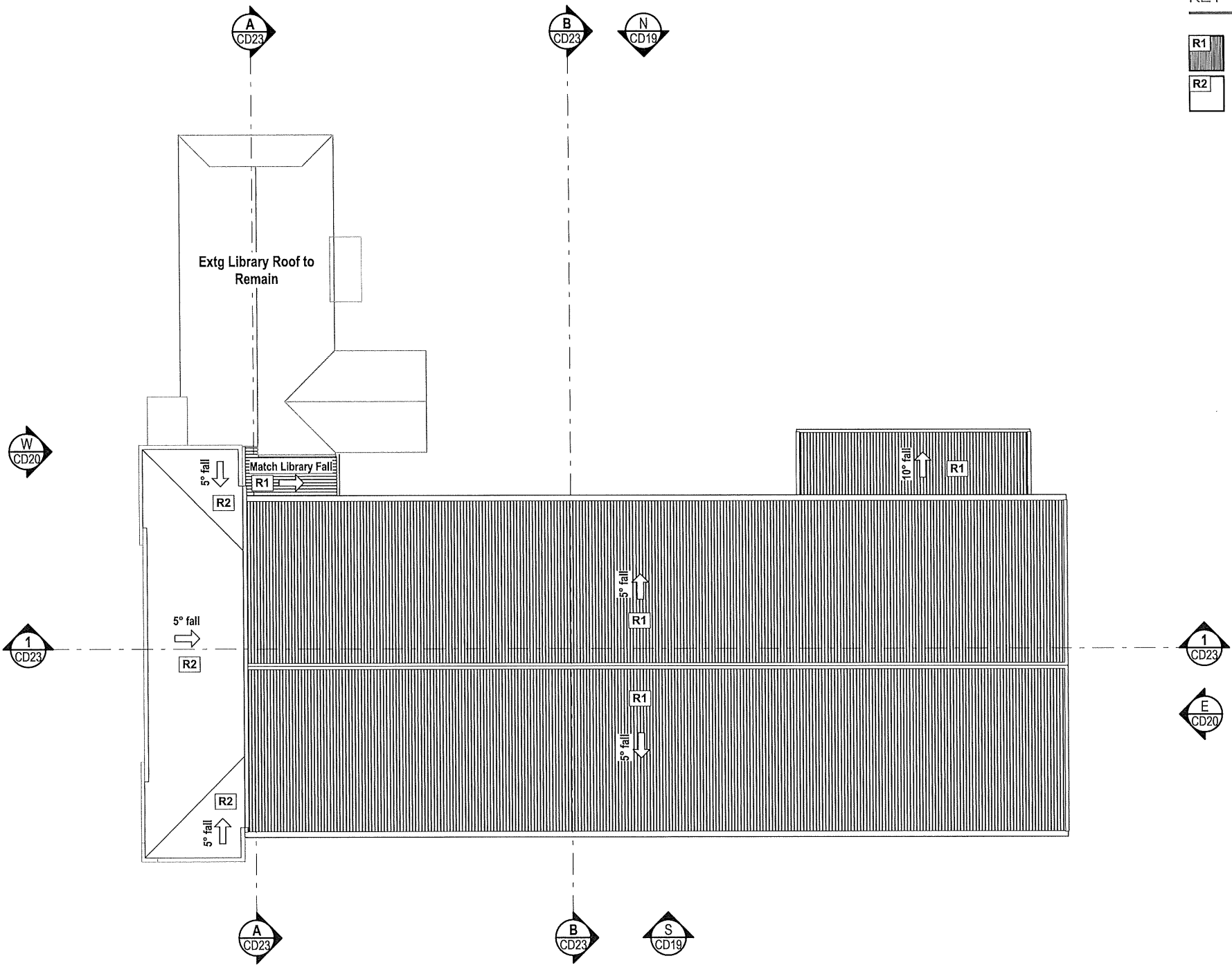
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KEY - ROOFING

- R1 Profiled Metal Warm Roof System
- R2 Membrane Warm Roof System



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CD14 Roof Proposed Plan (Enhanced Option)
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- **Heritage aspect**
 - Staff were requested to look at the possibility of reusing some of the existing ceiling and timber balustrades.
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *We understand that there will be considerable time and resources required to carefully remove the existing tin ceiling in addition to storing them securely and sorting them for re-use based on new layouts.*
 - *As for the existing timber balustrade, the current design does not require a balustrade. Also, the important thing about the balustrade seems to be the decorative panel, which also occurs on the stairs. It would be more efficient to salvage those wood panels for re-use elsewhere.*
- **Hall ceiling Height**
 - Minimum required height to be confirmed with Steve Cross
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *New hall to match existing ceiling heights. A separate discussion will be organized in due course, to understand requirements around locations where additional structural supports will be required for stage lighting.*
- **Stage Height**
 - Yve Martin highlighted that the stage height should be min 1200mm
 - It was agreed that staff will check current industry standards for stage heights.
 - Post meeting note: Steve Cross confirmed 900mm is good (via email)
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *We have checked with the Architects, and they seem to think 900mm will be a better height for the below reasons:*
 - *At less than 1m high there should be no need for edge protection under Building Code F4, independent of use. 1200mm needs edge protection except via special pleading for stage use. 900mm high is therefore more flexible in use without having to think about temporary edge protection when the area is not acting as a stage but supporting the multipurpose role (for example, space for a couple of extra tables at the jumble sale, or as somewhere for people to sit while both badminton courts are in action).*
 - *With the lower stage height, we need less space and edge protection for the stairs that we have proposed either end of the stage. Those stairs not only cover our egress requirements from the stage area but give better flexibility for use of the stage for ceremonies, competitions, presentations, community events etc.*
 - *We believe that 900mm / 3 feet is a traditional/typical height for a community stage facility and has been found to be a good practical compromise for multipurpose venues over the years.*
 - *In addition to the above, a lower stage height also means fewer safety concerns*

ITEM 11.1 ATTACHMENT 3

- **Lift Location**
 - Lift location was requested to move near to the southern entrance. However, staff highlighted that there is an alternate entrance closer to the proposed lift location on the North side.
 - Post meeting note - Steve Cross indicated a lift will not be required and the additional cost put to better use.
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *One thing that came up in subsequent discussions is stage access for disabled. On that note, we feel a platform lift will make more sense in front of the stage. This could also function as additional support to lift heavy materials onto the stage.*
- **Supper Room/Multi-purpose Room**
 - The proposed size is good and should not be reduced.
 - The indicated tea facility is essential and assumes that a full kitchen (similar to the existing one) will be provided elsewhere within the building
- **Additional Store area @ Lower level**
 - Good to have. Community to determine what they might store and how much space they might need.
 - A possible location to store chairs on ground floor would be ideal.
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *In the event, the supper room is deemed an ideal space for Youth, the additional store room provides the flexibility for the youth set-up to be moved into when the room is needed for other purposes.*
- **Chambers**
 - Existing chambers can become the new kitchen area.
 - Kitchen to have access opening with roller shutter towards the hall side.
 - Ideally a large meeting room to be provided on the first floor.
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *Space remaining after the Kitchen shall become a store room.*
 - *The operations team would need a store room for the large cleaning equipment on the ground floor and this could be that space.*
- **Kitchen**
 - Kitchen indicated on CD12 is not ideal location and this space to become additional meeting room.
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *This space used to be part of the library function and shall remain so.*
- **Toilets**
 - Unisex option was rejected.
 - Toilet location mentioned in dwg CD08 & CD12 was deemed ideal.
 - A separate discussion is required with the library team
- **First Storey**
 - The option with two meeting rooms alongside the AV control space was deemed ideal.

- It was noted that Office 5 is not usable and hence only four meeting rooms can fit along the front facade.
- AV room location to be confirmed with Steve Cross.
- **Front two storey roof**
 - The existing roof slopes upwards, but the new roof shall slope down towards the hall ceiling with a central water catchment will be introduced.
 - This will remove the problem of water proofing along the existing from facade.
- **General**
 - Staff to check and advice if staircase location can be altered, if required.
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *Staff understand that the location works well both in terms of existing structure and based on the layout of spaces. The staircase shall remain as is.*
- **Toilets at Stage level**
 - **Update (13 June 2025):**
 - *Sine there is a set of toilets at the supper room level, the second set of toilets the stage level is not required. This can become a store room.*

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Committee and Board minutes are attached for Council's receipt. These are under separate cover due to size.

Attachments

1. BCC – 12 Mar 25 (under separate cover)
2. R/A – 19 Mar 25 (under separate cover)
3. TCC – 03 Apr 25 (under separate cover)
4. TRAK – 08 Apr 25 (under separate cover)
5. TCB – 09 Apr 25 (under separate cover)
6. MCC – 09 Apr 25 (under separate cover)
7. SDMC – 09 Apr 25 (under separate cover)
8. PPL – 10 Apr 25 (under separate cover)
9. HCC – 14 Apr 25 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Bulls Community Committee Meeting – 12 March 25
- Risk and Assurance Meeting - 19 March 25
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 03 April 25
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting – 08 April 25
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 09 April 25
- Marton Community Committee Meeting – 09 April 25
- Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting – 09 April 25
- Policy/Planning Committee Meeting – 10 April 25
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting – 14 April 25

13 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session [enter time](#)

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting – 29 May 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Public Excluded Resolutions
4. Taihape Town Hall - Preliminary Design Proposal

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
13.0 - Public Excluded Council Meeting – 29 May 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 29 May meeting.	S48(1)(a)
13.1 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.2 - Public Excluded Resolutions	To consider previous public excluded decisions and bring these into the open. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.3 - Taihape Town Hall - Preliminary Design Proposal	To enable commercially sensitive information to be	s48(1)(a)(i)

	discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

14 Open Meeting