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**Emergency Council meeting
Monday, 2 February 2026**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 11:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scouler, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hēmi Rolleston

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Andrew Hough (General Counsel), Clare Sullivan (Senior Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor),

A timestamp is included beside the item of business and relates to the recording of the emergency meeting held on 2 February 2026 on the [Council's YouTube channel](#)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Rolleston opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

Reflection and moment of silence

The Mayor acknowledged the tragic events that occurred on 21 and 22 January 2026. The Council's thoughts remained with the families who suffered the unimaginable loss of their loved ones at the Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park and in Pāpāmoa. These devastating events and loss of life have been felt deeply within the community, across the country and around the world.

The Mayor offered his profound gratitude to the emergency workers and volunteers who worked tirelessly and with immense care to bring the families' loved ones home. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor also noted its thanks to the Police Family Liaison team, tangata whenua, Civil Defence teams and Council staff.

As a sign of respect Council stood for a moment of silence in honour of the loved ones who tragically died, their whanau, family and friends.

3 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 14 minutes

3.1 Review Approach Following the Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park Landslide– Decision on Preferred Option

Staff Marty Grenfell, Chief Executive

At 12.16pm the meeting adjourned.

At 12.33pm the meeting resumed.

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Review Approach Following the Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park Landslide – Decision on Preferred Option".
- (b) Strongly supports an independent Crown inquiry, and any other investigation or inquiry by Crown agencies into the landslide at the Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park in which six lives were tragically lost.
- (c) Selects the preferred approach for undertaking Council's organisational review into the systems, processes, and decision-making leading up to the landslide at the Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park on 22 January 2026, being an *External Review*.
- (d) Authorises the Mayor to approve the Terms of Reference, appoint the *external* reviewer, and confirm the review timeframes and associated costs once scoping is complete.
- (e) Instructs the CEO to provide all information requested by the external reviewer and any other investigation/inquiry in a timely manner and ensure that direction is also given to his team.

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Council:

Amend recommendation (d) to read:

- That the Council approve the Terms of Reference, appoint the *external* reviewer, and confirm the review timeframes and associated costs once scoping is complete.

For: Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Abstain: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

LOST 3/6

The Recommendations were taken in parts:

RESOLUTION CO/26/1/1

Part 1

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

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- (b) Strongly supports an independent Crown inquiry, and any other investigation or inquiry by Crown agencies into the landslide at the Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park in which six lives were tragically lost.
- (e) Instructs the CEO to provide all information requested by the external reviewer and any other investigation/inquiry in a timely manner and ensure that direction is also given to his team.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/26/1/2

Part 2

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (c) Selects the preferred approach for undertaking Council's organisational review into the systems, processes, and decision-making leading up to the landslide at the Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park on 22 January 2026, being an *External Review*.
- (d) Authorises the Mayor to approve the Terms of Reference, appoint the *external* reviewer, and confirm the review timeframes and associated costs once scoping is complete.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, and Cr Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Cr Glen Crowther

CARRIED 9/1

4 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1.18 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 February 2026.