



**Notice of the Extraordinary meeting of**

## **Nelson City Council**

***Te Kaunihera o Whakatū***

Date:	Tuesday 23 November 2021
Time:	at the conclusion of the reconvened 17 November 2021 ordinary Council meeting
Location:	Council Chamber Civic House 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

# **Agenda**

## ***Rārangi take***

**Chairperson**

**Deputy Mayor**

**Members**

Her Worship the Mayor Rachel Reese

Cr Judene Edgar

Cr Yvonne Bowater

Cr Trudie Brand

Cr Mel Courtney

Cr Kate Fulton

Cr Matt Lawrey

Cr Rohan O'Neill-Stevens

Cr Brian McGurk

Cr Gaile Noonan

Cr Pete Rainey

Cr Rachel Sanson

Cr Tim Skinner

**Quorum: 7**

**Pat Dougherty  
Chief Executive**

Nelson City Council Disclaimer

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## **Council Values**

Following are the values agreed during the 2019 – 2022 term:

- A. Whakautetanga: respect
- B. Kōrero Pono: integrity
- C. Māiatanga: courage
- D. Whakamanatanga: effectiveness
- E. Whakamōwaitanga: humility
- F. Kaitiakitanga: stewardship
- G. Manaakitanga: generosity of spirit

## Karakia and Mihi Timatanga

### 1. Apologies

Nil

### 2. Interests

2.1 Updates to the Interests Register

2.2 Identify any conflicts of interest in the agenda

### 3. Public Forum

### 4. Mayor's Report

### 5. Councillor O'Neill-Stevens Notice of Motion - 'Free Fares'

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Recommendation

#### ***That the Council***

***1. Supports and adds its name to the Free Fares Campaign being coordinated by the Aotearoa Collective for Public Transport Equity, noting:***

***a) The campaign is advocating for the Government to provide free public transport for Community Service Card holders, tertiary students and under-25s; and***

***b) That supporting this campaign does not require any further actions by Council.***

## Karakia Whakamutanga

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## Councillor O'Neill-Stevens Notice of Motion - 'Free Fares'

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### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider a notice of motion from Councillor O'Neill-Stevens.

### 2. Recommendation

#### *That the Council*

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### 3. Background

- 3.1 The procedure for a Notice of Motion is dealt with in Council's Standing Orders. The relevant portion of the Standing Orders relating to this Notice of Motion are set out below:

#### **Standing Order 22.3 Requirement to give notice**

A member must give notice to the chief executive at least 5 working days before the meeting at which it is proposed to consider the motion. The notice is to be signed by not less than one third of the members of the local authority, including vacancies. Notice can be sent via email and include the scanned electronic signatures of members. If the notice of motion is lost, no similar notice of motion which is substantially the same in purpose and effect may be accepted within the next twelve months.

Item 6: Councillor O'Neill-Stevens Notice of Motion - 'Free Fares'

3.2 A copy of the Notice of Motion received by the Chief Executive from Councillor O'Neill-Stevens is attached (A2788981).

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: A2788981 Councillor O'Neill-Stevens Notice of Motion - 'Free Fares' [↓](#)

Monday 15 November 2021

To: Pat Dougherty, Nelson City Council Chief Executive  
Cc: Mayor Rachel Reese

From: Cr Rohan O'Neill-Stevens

**Subject: Notice of Motion – “Free Fares”**

In accordance with standing order 25.1, the below signatories request the following notice of motion be on the agenda for Nelson City Council's Extraordinary Council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2021:

Recommendation:

- 1) That Council supports, and adds their name to, the Free Fares Campaign being coordinated by the Aotearoa Collective for Public Transport Equity, noting:**
  - a) the campaign is advocating for the government to provide free public transport for Community Service Card holders, tertiary students and under-25s; and**
  - b) that supporting this campaign does not require any further actions of council.**

Background:

1. The Aotearoa Collective for Public Transport Equity (ACPTÉ) is a growing coalition of unions, climate action organisations, churches, student associations, disability organisations, and local politicians, united under a campaign for free fares on public transport for Community Service Card holders, tertiary students and under-25s (a list of current supporters is attached as Appendix 2 although this is not up to date, due to more organisations joining).
2. ACPTÉ are currently calling on councils to support their campaign. At the time of writing, Porirua City Council and Kāpiti Coast District Council are both supporting the campaign, with multiple councils scheduling deliberations on the issue. Locally, Nelsust and the Beneficiaries and Unwaged Workers Trust are supporting the campaign.
3. In 2019 Nelson City Council declared a State of Climate Emergency, and in the 2020/21 Annual Plan and 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan identified creating a sustainable transport culture as a council priority.
4. Nationally, 21% of New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions come from transport, and increased 100% between 1990 and 2018 (<https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/environment-and-climate-change/climate-change/>). In Nelson, 94% of household emissions come from transport (<https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/greenhouse-gas-emissions-by-region-industry-and-household-year-ended-2019>).
5. The government is currently consulting on its emissions reduction plan, which closes November 24<sup>th</sup> and to which the campaign is submitting. This represents an opportunity to remove the barriers many have to using public transport, helping achieve modal shift and deliver to council's priorities, while encouraging the government to take bold climate action.

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6. This campaign is specifically requesting the free fares be paid by central government, and therefore this decision does not represent a material decision to funding and has no impact on council finances or Nelson ratepayers.
7. Further any subsequent decisions by government and their implications would be subject to further reports to council and decision-making.
8. In relation to Council's decision making requirements (s.77-82 LGA 2002), council has heard from the community on public transport on multiple occasions, including Long Term Plan deliberations and the Regional Public Transport Plan deliberations and this decision is consistent with previous council decisions. As this is a decision to support a submission and council is not the decision-making body, its significance is relatively low.

Mover:



Cr Rohan O'Neill-Stevens

Seconder:

Cr Matt Lawrey

Signatories:

Cr Kate Fulton  
Cr Rachel Sanson  
Cr Pete Rainey

APPENDIX 1:

Related Information

- <https://freefares.nz/>
- <https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/now-is-the-moment-for-free-fares>
- <https://www.facebook.com/freefaresnz>
- <https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2021/11/calls-for-free-public-transport-to-help-combat-climate-crisis.html>

APPENDIX 2:



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