

## **Extract from the Minutes – Council’s Meeting held 27 November 2006**

### **8.3 Referendum '07**

<p><b>Policy on Determining Significance</b> – In terms of the Policy the recommended decision is not significant.</p>
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Sue Dudman, Communications Co-ordinator, reports:

“A number of topics have been identified for inclusion in Referendum '07. These are:

- Water softening
- Wanganui Anniversary Day/public holiday
- Gang patch by-law

It has been suggested that a smokefree policy for parks and open spaces could be included in the referendum. The smokefree policy is being considered as part of the Community Development Committee report to this Council meeting.

A separate referendum for the Heart of Wanganui project will be held in June 2007.

As in previous years, it is intended to distribute a brochure which provides background information on each referendum topic and to establish a dedicated website.

It is proposed that Referendum '07 be held on 10 March 2007. The process would be:

5 February 2007	Information brochure distributed to all households
19 February 2007	Voting papers distributed to all persons on the Wanganui electoral roll
10 March 2007	Voting closes at noon.”

### **Discussion**

In discussion Mayor Laws suggested that the Gang Patch By-law could be added to Referendum '07. Cr Wills requested that roofing of the velodrome also be a topic for inclusion.

In reply to a question, Julian Reweti, Infrastructure Manager, said the costing for water softening options would not be available until drilling on the current site was complete and this probably would not be until the middle of January 2007. Councillors generally agreed that the polling date for Referendum '07 be April 2007 not March 2007 to enable these costings to be available.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Strategy Committee.

**Council's Resolution**

Proposed by Cr McGregor, seconded by Cr Wills:

THAT Referendum '07 be moved one month to April 2007 to enable costings for water softening options to be available.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** Sue Dudman

Proposed by Mayor Laws, seconded by Cr Westwood:

THAT Item 8.3: Referendum '07 be referred to the next meeting of the Strategy Committee.