



Long Term Plan 2018-28

Facebook Comments

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General

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 28 March · On Matamata-Piako Libraries' profile

On Matamata-Piako District Council's profile

The walk to the letterbox will be worth it today! Inside your Piako Post or Matamata Chronicle is the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2018-28.

Sit down with a good cup of tea, check out what we're proposing to do and tell us what you think about it!

You can also find the Consultation Document online at <https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say> or at any of our council offices or libraries.

Comments and Responses

- **Christina Frances-Pratt** Mine was in the box with the mail yesterday, now I am wondering How Much it cost to write/print and deliver, and who are going cold and hungry because of the cost. (2 likes)
 - **David G King** - Central Government, down in Wellington, force councils such as MPDC to produce this plan every 3 years, and to make the document available to everyone. Putting it in the newspaper is much cheaper than posting it out to everyone. Although, it appears Fairfax (aka Stuff) made a mess of that :((3 likes)
- **Meryl Marks** What do other people in the Morrinsville area think of the proposed cycleway Te Aroha to Matamata? There are many Morrinsville residents/ratepayers who won't, can't or will be uninterested in using it. So I was wondering how Morrinsville will benefit.
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** - Great to start that debate, just remember you can also find the Consultation Document online at <https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say> or at any of our council offices or libraries. :)
 - **Zara Sullivan** Morrinsville always gets left behind.. (1 like)
 - **Kim Beachen** I find it fabulous, can't wait until we can try it out.
 - **Janine Sapphire Tuhakaraina** Zara Sullivan yup them and waharoa
 - **Paul Warner** I think this cycle way is a council vanity project that should not proceed. Since I moved to Morrisville 14 months ago we have had two water outages caused by broken pipes. This money should go into infrastructure rather than a vanity projects. (1 like)
- **Susan Melgers** Nt in mine..
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Susan, sorry to hear that! You can also find the Consultation Document online at <https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say> or at any of our council offices or libraries. :)
 - **Brenda Smith** Did you check inside your Piako post? Mine was inside it with the Location newspaper.
 - **Susan Melgers** We gt the chronicle. No location. Nothing
 - **Dee Thompson** I can confirm that not all Piako posts had this in the middle. I deliver the piako post with my son and 30 of the ones I delivered didn't have it.
 - **Sally Barker** I didn't get one either
 - **Suzanne Dalton** we didn't get it in Waitoa finally got a piako post after missing the

- last few weeks but no consultation document
- **Matamata-Piako District Council** Dee Thompson Thanks for that feedback, will pass on, what town or part of the district are you?
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Suzanne Dalton Sorry to hear that, you can view the document online at <https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say> or at any of our council offices or libraries. :)
 - **Dee Thompson** No worries. Te aroha. When papers get dropped off to us to be delivered they come wrapped & tied up in bundles of 30. 2 of the bundles we received didn't have these in the middle.
 - **Dyan Tucker** Once again there is little or nothing for Te Aroha. Why do we need the theatre complex when we have so many unsealed roads? Once again it's all about the young with the changing demographic in this part of the world what help support or even understanding do the council offer to us. Putting in submissions is useless they have their own agendas and all they are doing is "smoke and mirrors"
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Dyan, thanks for your feedback, to be heard it's best to submit at <https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say> or at any of our council offices or libraries. :)
 - **Wilma Van Orsouw** Put submissions in everybody. If you don't have your say, then you don't have the right to complain. Offer support for ideas you agree with, and suggestions if you think something can be done better. Be clear and concise and remember to state whether or not you want to be heard, and on which points you wish to speak. (2 likes)
 - **Rosemary Wilson** I think the cycle ways are a waste of time and money. I drive from Te Aroha to Paeroa often and you very seldom see that cycleway being used very much.
 - **Annie S Burton** Lol how much have we paid for printing. Just to tell us we are gonna be paying more...🙄🙄🙄
 - **Betty Sullivan** Money would be better spent resealing all our roads. They are rutted and dangerous especially when wet as puddles form in ruts and make it hard to control the car.
 - **Jenny Price** I read it through. Right now, words fail me!
 - **John Howlett** Life seems to be consultation documents

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) - 29 March ·

Have your say on the Matamata-Piako Long Term Plan 2018-28 at mpdc.nz/ltip

(video of Mayor Jan)

7 likes, 1 share, 1,575 people reached

Comments and Responses

- **Anna Dawe** How about putting a descent walking path down along the river in Morrinsville the wetlands in Te Aroha is brilliant, why can't Morrinsville do the same?? Would be good for tourism in conjunction with the cow trail, they could also do a nice river walk if a descent walkway was put in. Disappointed local. 🙄

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 31 March ·

Have your say on the future of the Matamata-Piako District. Go to mpdc.nz/ltip

(video of Councillor Thomas)

6 likes, [704 people](#) reached

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Matamata-Piako District Council - 3 April ·

Have any questions about anything in our consultation document or wish to have your say? Talk with your local councillors at one of the councillor cafe sessions happening tomorrow (4 April), from 10–11am at the following locations:

Morrinsville – Loxy & Co (292 Thames St)

Matamata – Robert Harris (47/49 Broadway)

Te Aroha – Austin's Café and Bar (174 Whitaker St)

6 likes, [1,612 people](#) reached

Comments and Responses

- **Shona Edmonds** Still waiting to receive ours Paul ave
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Shona, it was in the paper on 28 March (Piako Post and Matamata Chronicle). :) you can also pick one up from any of our council offices or libraries or online at www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say
 - **Shona Edmonds** Thanks

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 5 April

Did you know that our rates compare favourably to our neighbouring councils. Take a look at the Long Term Plan consultation document for examples of different properties across the district and the proposed rates increases for the coming year and the 10 years ahead. 🏠🏡🏢🐄🐑

It may help you in giving your feedback to the Long Term Plan major proposals and how they might be funded.

Tell us what you think at <https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say>.

(video of Councillor Cronin)

[7 likes](#), [1,343 people](#) reached, 472 views

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 7 April at 09:40 ·

Councillor James Thomas and Donna Arnold are at the Morrinsville Country Market today until 12pm if you have any questions about our Long Term Plan Consultation

Document or any of our major proposals. Go and say hi, they would love to meet you 😊😊
(photo of James and Donna at the market stall)

11 likes, 1,386 people reached

Comments and Responses

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- **Peter Cw** Get rid of the 50kmsphr thru towns in the district, bring in a more friendly pedestrian township, more proper pedestrian crossings and a 30kms speed limit. Create an atmosphere of friendliness and safety around the towns, make more business parking available.. It's difficult to park in MATAMATA and Morrinsville some days because of the staff parking taking up the parks. (1 like)
- **Jan Shoemark** Which counsellor is representing our smaller communities' waitoa and Waihou and looking at lack of playgrounds and parks since the schools closed.
- **Mary Discombe** When will you put up poo dispenser bags and bin at Morrinsville Rec grounds for Dog owners?

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 8 April at 09:43 ·

What a beautiful Sunday morning! What are your plans?

It's a great day to pop down to the Waihou Riding for The Disabled Country Market (Waihou Tavern Car Park). Grab yourself a coffee and come and chat to some of our local councillors who are down there today.

They would love to meet you and answer any questions you might have about our Long Term Plan Consultation Document 🌻🌻🌻🌻🍏🍏🍪🍪☕☕
(Photo of market stall)

5 likes, 1 share, 2,310 people reached

Comments and Responses

- **Peg Denise Fitz-Herbert** How long are they there?
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Until about 1.30pm :)

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) - 28 March



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17 likes, 3 shares

Comments and Responses

- **Ann Armstrong** Just seen that Putaruru is connected to fibre broadband. Really?! And Morrinsville isn't! Whys the promotion of business here less important! (1 like)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Ann, Morrinsville is in the next round of towns to get UFB. But this is your opportunity to have your say if you want that as a priority. You can submit online if that is easier at [mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say](https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say). (1 like)
- **Jan Pattinson** We need more car parks in Matamata desperately. People will stop dropping in to our town if they can't find a car park. Please consider a decent parking area beside and behind the public toilets. It would mean losing a few oak trees, but there still would be plenty left between there and the I site. It's central for everyone and is a no brainer really. (2 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Jan :) Thanks for your feedback, to get Council to consider this, please make a formal submission as outlined above :)
 - **Janine Sapphire Tuhakaraina** Agree Jan all that space could be a car park (2 likes)
 - **Donna Quinn** Parking round town is terrible council should know this already and be thinking of ways to fix it
- **Ann Armstrong** Just got the brochure in Piako Post. I don't know why I have to indicate my age or ratepayer/non-ratepayer status. Either way we pay to live here. My submission can only be recorded on the back page with a note to not use staples to include additional pages as it will result in non-delivery. Bit confusing. Good information to contemplate tho. I appreciate the effort to be inclusive but please let go of the age rubbish. My age is not relevant to my submission surely. (2 likes)
- **Pip N Darling** The mayor needs to help her own district before helping other townships and Waharoa needs a park (2 likes)
- **Pollyanna Whauwhau** Matamata township needs a bypass for traffic coming from Tauranga way

- **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Pollyanna :) Thanks for your feedback, to get Council to consider this, please make a formal submission as outlined above :)
- **Janine Sapphire Tuhakaraina** How about adding a new park on the resident side of waharoa. Waharoa is part of the piako district. 6 swings by the toilets isn't a playground. (1 like)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Inside your Piako Post or Matamata Chronicle is the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2018-28. Find out what Council is proposing to do and tell us what you think about it! There is a submission form on the back page or you can find it online at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say>. Facebook posts will not be counted as formal submissions. (1 like)
 - **Janine Sapphire Tuhakaraina** Why is a park in waharoa community put in a long term plan when the long term plan is 10yrs. And the submissions are reviewed every 3 yrs. That's not very helpful to a community that doesn't have safe access to a fully functional playground.
 - And it's not helping the community move forward in a positive light. (2 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Janine :) Thanks for your feedback, to get Council to consider this, please make a formal submission as outlined above :) (1 like)
 - **Louise Marie Beer** Hi Janine, I met with Matt the other day and will be working with him around recreation facilities in Waharoa for youth. We will be looking for community members to support this project so please get in touch with Matt. Cheers, Lou (Sport Waikato) (2 likes)
 - **Janine Sapphire Tuhakaraina** Louise Marie Beer awesome thank u
 - **Pollyanna Whauwhau** yes we need a safer place for a playground instead of on the main street in Waharoa State Highway 27 is too busy and can be dangerous road to cross

Financials

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 3 April -

"Keeping our debt levels well below the independently audited recommendation of 150% of annual revenue (currently our debt levels are only half that), gives us any number of alternative ways to fund the major proposals in the Long Term Plan."

- Brian Hunter (Matamata Councillor)

We want to do what's best and fairest for the current and future residents and ratepayers of the Matamata-Piako District, so tell us what you think and how you'd like to see them paid for at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say>

(Video of Councillor Hunter) 14 likes, 1 share, 3,360 people reached (boosted post)

Comments and Responses

- **Pip N Darling** Rates are far too high for Waharoa and we don't even have a park for kids (3 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Pip :) we value your feedback! To make sure the Councillors consider your comments please make a formal submission at www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say (1 like)
 - **Pip N Darling** Matamata-Piako District Council just submit my comment (2 likes)

- **Miriam Sainsbury** Rates help pay for things like parks. We can't expect our rates to be lowered and in the same breath ask for new parks.
 - **Pip N Darling** Miriam Sainsbury the flash streets around matamata have parks and us a township don't get your facts right first I'm a double rate payer
 - **Janine Sapphire Tuhakaraina** Whararoa don't even have a proper park with safe access for all ages
 - **Harold Potter** Yeah, well, when Waharoa start looking after their town and learning to wear clothes in public they might get nice things. And no, pyjamas don't count.
- **Cyril Bosch** Rates are far too high! (3 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Cyril, we value your feedback :) Fill out the submission form in your consultation booklet or online at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say> to get your feedback heard :)

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) - 4 April ·

Having debt is one way to make sure both current and future generations pay their fair share. Give us your feedback on the proposals and the financial strategies around how they can be funded at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say>

(Video of Councillor Jager) 8 likes, 423 views

Comments and Responses

- **Tania Jamieson** Why have all the comments disappeared off this post?
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Tania Jamieson, the comments are in the photo we genuinely want your feedback so would only ever delete comments if they are abusive/offensive. :)

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) - 4 April ·

13 likes, 2 shares



- **Tania Jamieson** You must be a complete moron to suggest any type of debt is good, the council is the governing body to spend the rate payers money to supply services and infrastructures for the community, if they cannot achieve this without going into debt, I would seriously look at their competency to do the job they were hired to do. Personally I am sick and tired of money being wasted with a lot of "smoke in mirrors " (8 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Tania, we value your feedback :) Fill out the submission form in your consultation booklet or online at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say> to make sure your feedback is heard :) It also explains why Councils have debt :) (1 like)
 - **Pauline Ross** You tell them Tania
- **John van Zeist** What a selfish, cold hearted way of thinking! (2 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi John, we value your feedback :) Fill out the submission form in your consultation booklet or online at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say> to make sure your feedback is heard :) It also explains why Councils have debt :)
- **Pip N Darling** I reckon what the heck is this supposed to mean all I know different strokes for different folks
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Pip, we value your feedback :) Fill out the submission form in your consultation booklet or online at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say> to make sure your feedback is heard :) It also explains why Councils have debt :)
- **Janine Sapphire Tuhakaraina** For real like wtf type of vision does this fool have ffs. What a joke
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Janine, we value your feedback :) Fill out the submission form in your consultation booklet or online at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say> to make sure your feedback is heard :) It also explains why Councils have debt :)
- **Ranui Ropiha** Who thought that was a good slogan? Probs some rich dick that needs a punch to the face until they have a new face. How dare they say something stupid like that. Maybe Maori should take back all land the government hold and charge market rent (1 like)
- **Helen Williamson** Love how the council just does a copy & paste to everyone's replies, wonder if they will respond to feedback the same way. (3 likes)
- **Tania Lawton** Omgosh! I've never heard something so stupid!
- **Emalene Cull** Anthony Cull how bout this logic 😊😊😊😊
- **Ash Kendall** Scott Kendall wow

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) - 3 April ·

3 likes



- **Cyril Bosch** Rates are far too high as it is. (2 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Cyril, we value your feedback :) Fill out the submission form in your consultation booklet or online at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/have-your-say> to get your feedback heard :)

Economic Opportunities

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) -10 April ·

Council is proposing to employ an economic development facilitator and invest more in regional economic development. Have your say on the 2018-28 Long Term Plan at <http://mpdc.nz/ltp> (video of Councillor Tappin)

2 likes, 319 views

Vibrant Cultural Values

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) – 11 April

We are wanting to promote and protect our arts, culture, natural and historic resources. Find out more about the Long Term Plan 2018-28 at mpdc.nz/ltp. (video of Councillor Tanner)

7 like, 290 views

Matamata-Piako District Council - 17 April ·

Have your say on how we plan to grow vibrant cultural values by giving feedback on our Long Term Plan <http://www.mpd.govt.nz/say-it/have-your-say> (video of Councillor Cornes)

5 likes, 468 views

Connected Infrastructure

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 20 April

We are planning infrastructure for both current and future generations.

Tell us what you think about the proposals being put forward in the Long Term Plan and help shape our district for the future. <http://www.mpd.govt.nz/s.../have-your-say> (video of Councillor Goodger)

5 likes, 1.5k views, 2,444 people reached (boosted post)

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council - 24 April ·

During the next ten years we need to make some big decisions for our infrastructure - particularly the Matamata and Morrinsville Bypasses. At this stage we're planning on progressing the Matamata Bypass and removing the designation for the Morrinsville Bypass. Find out more about our plans for infrastructure and tell us what you think at <http://mpdc.nz/ltp> (video of Councillor Arnold)

6 likes, 711 views

Environmental Sustainability

Facebook post

Matamata-Piako District Council

Published by Jenni Cochrane · 27 April at 14:39 ·

The upcoming changes to rubbish bags are only one part of a wider plan to reduce the amount of rubbish we're sending to landfill. We're proposing a number of initiatives to reduce waste to protect our beautiful district for future generations - and we want to know what you think of our proposals. Go to <http://mpdc.nz/ltp> to find out more and make your submission by 5pm this Sunday (video of Councillor Sainsbury) 14 likes, 1.4k views, 4 shares, 2,444 people reached (boosted post)

Comments and Responses

- **Donna Quinn** So what will our rates portion of rubbish cover now you want us to pay for bags and do you think this was thought of before you put our rates up could you clarify this (3 likes)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hi Donna - the rubbish and recycling portion of your rates will drop significantly from \$153 to around \$30, which will go towards the costs of the kerbside collection contract (along with the income we receive from rubbish bags). This means if you only buy 52 rubbish bags (the same number you

were previously allocated), you will be paying less overall for rubbish and recycling services (i.e. your targeted rate for solid waste will drop by \$123, and 52 bags will only cost \$104). (3 likes)

- **Donna Quinn** Matamata-Piako District Council thanks for responding (3 likes)
 - **MikeeCez Cameron-Walker** the rubbish and recycling portion of rates would, in theory (and theory only), drop for home owners. For lower socio-economic renters, this will present yet another added cost in addition to what is already being paid. (Unless we're buying into delusions of such supposed rate drops being passed on via rent drops?)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** You're right MikeeCez Cameron-Walker that this change will affect renters the most significantly. We're encouraging landlords and tenants to start talking about this now to determine who will be responsible for rubbish bags from 1 July.
 - **MikeeCez Cameron-Walker** Let's be real - it's going to be left to renters to deal with and pick up the cost.
 - **Nick Harding** Not really, it has an effect on us all, I'm looking at my rates for next year and our uniform annual general charge is going up so is water in fact our rates have inflated so that we have to pay more with the reduction in place...
 - **Lynette Hansford** Matamata-Piako District Council the solid waste portion of our rates is going down, yes. But the other parts are going up (according to the proposed rates on your website). So the overall rates total increases and then you still have to add in the cost of rubbish bags!
- **Maxine Schultz** Think the charged for the Rubbish bags are too dear. For any of us Low income
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Good news then Maxine - from 1 July the price for rubbish bags will drop to \$2 each :-)
 - **Maxine Schultz** That is still too dear. Would like them to be about 50 cents .Sell in a bundle for about \$3.00 .Like the Super markets one are .You get 30 in a bags .For so many weeks.
 - **Janeen Autridge** This article says "have your say". How can we do that? (1 like)
 - **Matamata-Piako District Council** Hey Janeen - if you click on the link it will take you to a page with more information, including a link to a submission form. If you don't want to read more, here is a link directly to the submission form :-)
<http://www.mpdcc.govt.nz/.../news-a.../3052-make-a-submission> (2 likes)
 - **Chris Applebee** How can I reduce my waste when manufacturers continue to put excess packaging on their goods? Councils and central government should be putting pressure on manufacturers to limit the "showy" packaging rather than expecting the onus to be solely on the consumer/ratepayer (8 likes)
 - **Christine Whelan** Couldn't agree with you more Chris! So tired of struggling to get through layers and layers of plastic and card packaging that I then have to dispose of - and that add absolutely nothing to the value of the purchase! (2 likes)

- **Chris Applebee** One of my pet hates. So much unnecessary packaging in most cases yet councils still try to force us to reduce our waste. I am not the one generating the waste. I am just the one that has to get rid of it because I can't buy goods without packaging. (3 likes)
- **Christine Whelan** Exactly. (1 like)
- **Karen Remetis** I leave a lot of that at the shop and wont take it home. Like 'no bag' at the supermarket. (1 like)
- **Karen Remetis** That packaging costs..us. as we remove it and biff it in the bin we've paid for that packaging to be put on the object of purchase. Maybe we should say "how much without the packaging?" (2 likes)
- **Chantelle Hay** I don't know if I am being dumb but people that don't own houses that rent that will not be getting bags anymore if they can't afford it what stops them from just getting cheap black bags from shop. I don't see how it will make it better. (1 like)
 - **MikeeCez Cameron-Walker** Becomes OBP. Hands thusly washed.
From what I've seen in other instances of such schemes, it will only be the "official" bags that will be accepted, or buy your own bags (size limits) and pop a sticker on it. The bigger problem is that renters will be at a significant disadvantage under this sort of scheme. It is extremely unlikely renters will benefit from any supposed rate cut such a scheme is suggested to bring. Instead they will be lumbered with an extra household expense, for many one they can ill afford.
- **Shelley Tesselaar** More black sacks will be purchased and more rubbish dumped on our roadsides.....awesome. Zero waste is ridiculous, minimal waste is where we should be heading (2 likes)
 - **Beverley Brownlee** just get a wheely bin shelly, cheaper and they don't give a fuck what goes in there. And luckily Higgins contractors did a great job when cleaning up the main road last time. (1 like)
 - **Kimbo Kim** A lot of people can't afford wheelies though. So probably look forward to them 52 free bags. (1 like)
- **Jan Shoemark** Why don't counsellors have sessions in the smaller towns. It seems Waiotahi, Waihou and Tahuna all have halls and even though Waitoa hall has been decommissioned it's still used by Fonterra so therefore useable for counsellors.
- **MikeeCez Cameron-Walker** A "zero waste" initiative is, to put it plainly, idiotic.
- Scrap that nonsense, get a new think-tank, and work on waste minimisation instead. (1 like)
- **Jan Shoemark** My concern on charging for rubbish bags will be the poor that struggle and will this increase in more illegal dumping which can cause more problems to clean up? (1 like)
 - **MikeeCez Cameron-Walker** Yup, exactly. This has very little to do with actually waste management, much more to do with making the financial bottom line look better in relation to such. Making it harder for people to dispose of rubbish does not magically make that rubbish go away.
- **MikeeCez Cameron-Walker** Ah. So, from having a brief squizz at the proposal, it seems it's already been decided and put into action that we'll now be paying for rubbish bags AND transfer station fees have gone up.

Looks like renters who are already struggling to cope with significant hikes in rates and living costs can't dodge the revenue bullet.

So what's it to be then?

The much maligned dump'n'run? Or backyard fire pit time? (1 like)

- **Kathleen Bradley** You need to leave us rate payers a loan. Have no charge at dump for home owners as we pay it in our rates and have rubbish wheelie bins emptied twice a week. It's ridiculous (1 like)
- **Gayle Dickson** Am thinking a lot of people haven't read the document
- **Truck Bunns** Hope everyone made submissions to the MPDC Long Term Plan. They are wanting the plug firmly glued in the huge feeding trough that this Council gorges from at the expense of the RATE PAYER. Wait for the rate increases !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And the not our fault excuses. GET THIS COUNCIL OUT OF OFFICE, vote with your feet next election.

Healthy Communities

Facebook post

[Matamata-Piako District Council](#) - 28 April ·

Open spaces and recreational facilities encourage healthy communities, but also bring visitors to our district, so we're proposing to focus on a number of small improvements, extending the cycleway to points of interest, and complete major works to Headon Stadium, as well as funding for a future indoor sport facility in Matamata. Submissions close on Sunday 29 April, so don't miss your chance to share your thoughts with us at <http://mpdc.nz/ltp>

5 likes, 420 views