Item: 2 - Election of Wanaka Community Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

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Purpose – Decision Making

1 To determine the voting method for electing the Chairperson (and Deputy Chairperson) and to elect the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Wanaka Community Board for the 2013-2016 triennium.

Executive Summary

- 2 Clause 37, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 states that a community board must have a chairperson and that Clause 25 applies to the election of the chairperson.
- 3 Clause 25 states that there are two possible voting systems which may be employed. This extract from the Local Government Act sets out the details of each:

If this clause applies, a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:

- (2) (a) the voting system in subclause (3) (system A):
 - (b) the voting system in subclause (4) (system B).
- (3) System A—
 - (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and
 - (b) has the following characteristics:
 - (i) there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and
 - (ii) if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and
 - (iii) if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and
 - (iv) in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.
- (4) System B—
 - (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and
 - (b) has the following characteristics:
 - (i) there is only 1 round of voting; and
 - (ii) if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot



Recommendation

- 1. That the Wanaka Community resolve which system of election it will employ; and
- 2. That using this system, the Wanaka Community Board elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the 2013-16 triennium.

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