

## Council perks

The very timely letter (*Advocate*, August 6), from Warren Slater regarding the Tamiflu for the mayor and some of councillors makes one wonder what other perks come with the jobs. We are all astounded about the allowances dished out to our politicians but do we really know how much of our rates money goes on perks.

Surely with the salaries of these people in office they can afford to pay for their own health protection. Ratepayers should not have to be health providers.

As to the mayor's response. Mr Slater was not being negative. He was just letting the public know something that was going on that we would not have known about had we not read his letter. As far as the length of time Mr Slater has lived in Whangarei — is the mayor meaning that unless one is a long-time resident they should be precluded from any input of interests as to how our city is run?

It appears that the mayor is also upset that Mr Slater referred to Whangarei as a town. Hang on Mr Mayor, did Whangarei not compete in a competition called "Top Town"? Personally I would hope that our firemen, ambulance personnel, police, etc would all have the vaccinations as they are the necessities we cannot do without. Oh and don't forget the paper boys, we all need them.

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