



Report 08.986

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Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 8 May 2008 at 9.31 am

Present

Councillors Kirton (Chairman), Baber, Burke, Greig, Wilde, and Wilson; and Mr Flavell.

In attendance

Cr Lamason.

Officers Present

Crisp, Cox, Hunt, Kennedy, Laidlow, Leonard, McCarthy, Reay, Shaw, Waititi, and Waddy.

Public Business

PFU 26 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

Accepts the apologies from Mr McKenzie.

PFU 27 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

PFU 28 Public Participation

Joe Clarkson, John Lancashire, Jonathan Kennett, and Stuart Kilminster gave a *Powerpoint* presentation, and spoke in support of the Queen Elizabeth Park Cycling Tracks Concept Plan

PFU 29 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Burke)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 27 March 2008, Report 08.212.

PFU 30 Bulk Water Supply Development Strategy 2008

Report 08.244

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Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

- (1) Receives the report and notes its contents.*
- (2) Notes the proposal to prepare a Regional Water Strategy in conjunction with the region's territorial authorities, which will include demand-side options that could defer the need for future water supply infrastructure.*
- (3) Approves the seeking of a resource consent variation required to source more water from the Kaitoke weir.*
- (4) Notes officers will be reporting back to the Committee following completion of initial design work to raise the maximum water level in the Stuart Macaskill Lakes.*
- (5) Notes officers will be proposing adjustments to the 2008/9 capital works programme at the June Committee meeting to be approved by the Council, but these will not impact on the water levy for 2008/9.*
- (6) Agrees that the proposal for water abstraction at a pumping station on the Hutt River at Te Marua will not proceed.*
- (7) Agrees in principle that the Whakatikei dam site and associated infrastructure is the preferred site for the development of a dam, at such time as one is needed, and that action is taken to appropriately designate the site.*

- (8) *Approves officers concluding a draft agreement with Wellington City Council and possibly the Capital and Coast District Health Board for joint use of a new reservoir to be built in Wellington city, and reporting back to the Committee.*
- (9) *Approves consultation with the four city councils about the four short-term water source development projects, and selection of the Whakatikei dam site for development at such time as it may be required.*

PFU 31 Wholesale water capital works programme 2007-2008 third quarter review

Report 08.287

File: B/25/01/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report and notes its contents.*
- (2) *Recommends to Council that \$407,000 be transferred from the 2007/08 Wholesale Water Capital Works Programme to the 2008/09 capital works programme to fund the completion of projects for which the funding was assigned.*

PFU 32 Regional Outdoors Programme 2008

Report 08.270

File: PK/02/03/01

Amanda Cox, Manager marketing & Design, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*

PFU 33 Divisional report for period ended 31 March 2008

Report 08.257

File: E/06/28/03

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Wilson)

That the Committee

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

PFU 34 Visitor monitoring framework – update 3

Amanda Cox, Manager marketing & Design, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Report 08.280

File: PK/02/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

PFU 35 Queen Elizabeth Park Cycling Tracks Concept Plan

Ross Jackson, Advisor Community Projects, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Report 08.221

File: PK/14/01/03

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Baber)

That the Committee

- (1) Receives and notes the content of the report.*
- (2) Approves in principle the Queen Elizabeth Park Cycling Tracks Concept Plan.*

General

PFU 36 General

Councillor Burke reported on a Whitireia Park Board meeting he attended, and asked why Iwi involvement was holding up progress on passing management of the Park over to Greater Wellington. He was advised by officers that talks with Ngati Toa are progressing, but the Iwi is obliged to give other matters greater priority at the moment.

Councillor Wilde reported on the establishment of the Wairarapa Moana Regional Conservation Park.

A Board is to be established, and local Iwi are fully engaged. A report and memorandum of understanding will be presented to the Committee in due course.

PFU 37 Exclusion of the Public

Report 08.297

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Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Burke)

That the Committee:

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Stoney Creek wind farm development: report on contract negotiations

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each	Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<i>Stoney Creek wind farm development: report on contract negotiations</i>	<i>The information contained in the report is subject to mutually understood obligation of confidentiality. Release would be likely to prohibit future tenderers from tendering if they were aware that their names would be made public in advance of a tender decision being made. It is in the public interest that Greater Wellington receives tenders to ensure that Greater Wellington is able to attract the best possible tenderers.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(c)(i) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage,</i>

Release of the information prior to commercial activities). approval by Council and the signing of the contract by both parties would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the Council in carrying on contract negotiations.

Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of the particular information above in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the identified prejudice.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The open part of the meeting closed at 10.46 am.

CR RS KIRTON
Chairman

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 19 May 2008

To be moved:

That Council

Receives the unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Forest and Utilities Committee held on 8 May 2008, items PFU 26 to PFU 37 inclusive.