



SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 30 July 2020

Time: 10am – 10.40am
11.30am – 11.30am

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
Napier War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed to Council's Facebook via Zoom

Present Mayor Wise, Councillor Price (In the Chair), Deputy Mayor
Brosnan, Councillors Browne, Crown, Mawson, McGrath,
Simpson, Tapine, Taylor and Wright

In Attendance Interim Chief Executive, Director Community Services, Director
City Strategy, Manager Communications and Marketing
Chief Financial Officer
Manager Environmental Services
Manager Property
Team Leader Policy Planning
Team Leader Transportation
Policy Planner/ Analyst
Policy Planner
Strategic Planning Lead

Administration Governance Team

Apologies

Councillors Brosnan / Crown

That the apology from Councillors Boag and Chrystal be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

Cr Tapine noted that he sits on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) Regional Planning Committee which considers these matters, so there may be a perceived conflict. The meeting agreed that this did not require specific management in this instance.

Public forum

Eastern Screen Alliance – Daniel Betty and Derek Slade

The Eastern Screen Alliance representatives spoke to the international film context, noting that NZ is one of the only countries in the world currently fully open for business; a number of films are expected to use NZ in the near future. There is high demand for streaming services, and NZ has stable fast internet. There is a lot of pressure on the NZ screen industry as the international community looks to the country to provide options.

A number of films and short films are already being filmed in the Hawke's Bay, and the Eastern Screen Alliance exists to attract further screen business into the area. They have a direct link to the NZ Film Commission, and work with them in scouting and procuring locations and other needs for the film industry.

While Hawke's Bay holds many of the attractions of other international locations it does not currently have a film industry. There are a number of extremely talented people with international careers now living in the Hawke's Bay. A regional film studio is required to attract and capitalise on opportunities for the area.

A movie set creates hundreds of jobs, and the Alliance would be partnering with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Development to support this. The Alliance has also been approached by international experts to develop a NZ trade school teaching film specific skills including set construction, lighting, sound, makeup and special effects. It was noted that local suppliers benefit from film studios in the area – for example the Mitre 10 Mega nearby Weta Workshops would process significantly larger orders for the film sets than other business orders.

The Alliance are already exploring whether enough accommodation is available in the Hawke's Bay and partnering with local providers to arrange cheaper rates for longer stays while filming.

There would also be opportunity to enable community film events. The aim is to boost the local economy as much as possible.

Grip HQ are the largest equipment provider for film in Australasia and are looking to partner with the Eastern Screen Alliance in creating a studio. The partners require Hastings, Napier and Wairoa to support the proposed facility, which could be largest in the Southern Hemisphere. The team are finalising their business case which they will bring back to Council.

In response to questions from the councillors it was clarified that:

- It is asked of Council to support establishing a regional film office here in the area to work alongside the studios, and which the international market will come to. This regional office would facilitate consents and local requirements.
- The Eastern Screen Alliance are aware that talking to HBRC is important as they oversee one of the main regional development levies.
- Every film studio in NZ to date has essentially been a retro-fit and it is largely amenity value that is worked through (as it is often buildings like old cool stores that are used). Building from the ground up is more challenging due to District Plan requirements. Recently in Auckland the decision was made that the activity was industrial, which doesn't work for the industry as while they require large buildings they also require a quiet location, privacy and so on. The Alliance have submitted to the District Plan processes locally.
- While initially skilled personnel would need to be brought in to the studio, the educational aspect and ensuring tiers of trainees is extremely important. The Alliance have already met with EIT to build a partnership with the intent to offer courses.
- A collaborative approach is required as international companies come to NZ for the vista and outdoors rather than a studio, but a studio is required to make sure that there is a location when the weather is less than ideal. The key is to attract the companies to Hawke's Bay vistas. Access from the airport and port will be important. As well as the studio itself, the site would contain other ancillary buildings.
- The site would ideally be within 20 km of accommodation providers.
- The team are acutely aware of the carbon footprint of an enterprise of this scale and are actively working through the impacts.
- There are around 8 film offices currently including Taranaki and Bay of Plenty (BOP) as well as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch; it is a growing area due to the current interest in NZ.. All the regional offices work together closely. As an example of funding support, the BOP office is supported by the five councils in the area either directly or via their tourism offices.
- The team have spoken to the Provincial Growth Fund, and the ownership structure of the enterprise is still being worked through. Potential revenue based on a study about 4 weeks ago show strong positive benefits both directly and indirectly from studios.

Announcements by the Mayor

Hawke's Bay Tourism has recently received \$700k funding from central government, and will shortly launch a round campaigning to draw domestic tourism into Hawke's Bay.

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Minor Matters

Nil

Announcements by the management

Wastewater Outfall Repair project

Budget has been allocated and the project team has been convened. Contract negotiations are underway. The emergency response plan is in hand and will be submitted to HBRC

tomorrow. The specialist divers are scheduled for the last week in August or the first week of September depending on their previous job.

Pipeline Protection Submissions

About 25 submissions were received. Two may be slightly challenging but are largely referring to the Pan Pac outfall; it appears they may be based on a misunderstanding of the exclusion zone vs seabed ownership.

Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Taylor / Wright

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2020 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. NAPIER CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO THE TANK PLAN CHANGE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal and Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Resource Management Act 1991
<i>Document ID:</i>	944236
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Kim Anstey, Planner Policy/Analyst Jon Kingsford, Director Infrastructure Services

1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to authorise Council Officers to lodge a submission to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's (HBRC) Proposed Change 9 to the Regional Resource Management Plan (RRMP). This plan change seeks to improve the management of fresh water in the Greater Heretaunga Catchments and is commonly referred to as the TANK plan change.

The Napier City Council submission will address the key points discussed at the Council workshop on June 25 and identified in section 1.3 below. A copy of the submission will be provided to Council prior to lodgement before the submission close date of August 14, 2020.

At the Meeting

The Policy Planner/ Analyst spoke to the report providing background to Council's proposed submission to the TANK plan change. The submission is due Friday 14 August 2020.

Hastings District Council are putting a separate submission in but the appendix outlining the relief sought is the same as Napier's.

In response to questions from councillors it was clarified that:

- The current supply of potable water should remain secure throughout the change.
- The potential implications of point 12 will be followed up on; this was an amendment requested by Hastings District Council.

It was noted that the process to work through the TANK plan change has been long and required a huge amount of work from a large variety of people.

Committee's recommendation

Councillors Taylor / Crown

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Authorise Council Officer's to lodge a submission that addresses the key points of submission at section 1.3 below.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am to allow the open agenda of the Future Napier Committee to proceed.

The meeting was reconvened at 11.30am

PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Councillors Taylor / Tapine

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Land Acquisition & Road Stopping - McLeod Road

Carried

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was 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 were as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.	Ground(s) under section 48(1) to the passing of this resolution.
1. Land Acquisition & Road Stopping - McLeod Road	7(2)(i) Enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	48(1)A That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist: (i) Where the local authority is named or specified in Schedule 1 of this Act, under Section 6 or 7 (except 7(2)(f)(i)) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The meeting moved into committee at 11.30am

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval