



SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date:	Thursday 10 February 2022
Time:	9.00am – 10.15am
Venue	Via Zoom and livestreamed on Council's Facebook page
Present	Councillor Price (In the Chair), Mayor Wise, Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Crown, Mawson, McGrath, Simpson, Taylor and Wright
In Attendance	Chief Executive (Steph Rotarangi) Acting Director Infrastructure Services (Debra Stewart) Acting Director City Strategy (Rachael Horton) Director Programme Delivery (Jon Kingsford) Acting Director Corporate Services (Caroline Thomson) Director Community Services (Antoinette Campbell) Director City Services (Lance Titter) Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Atkinson) Manager People and Capability (Sue Matkin) Pou Whakarae (Mōrehu Te Tomo) Chief Financial Officer (Caroline Thomson) Manager Property (Bryan Faulknor) Manager Environmental Solutions (Cameron Burton) Water Quality Lead (Anze Lencek) Team Leader Transportation (Robin Malley) Transportation Engineer (Sahar Pour) Māori Partnership Manager - Te Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori (Beverley Kemp-Harmer) Māori Partnership Manager - Te Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori (Hilary Prentice) Team Leader Planning & Compliance (Luke Johnson)
Administration	Governance Team (Anna Eady and Carolyn Hunt)

Karakia

The meeting was opened with a karakia by the Chief Executive

Apologies

Councillors Wright / Mawson

That the apology from Councillor Tapine be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Juliet Greig - Latham Street Pedestrian Crossing Island Petition

Ms Greig thanked the Committee for their time, Councillor Boag for presenting the petition on her behalf to the Council and to Council's Transportation Engineer, Sahar Pour, for her report in reply to the petition.

Ms Greig's young children attend Nelson Park School. In December 2021 she organised a petition for a crossing on Latham Street South, near McLean Park Stadium, as she and many other parents at Nelson Park School are concerned about how dangerous crossing Latham Street is for their children; many parents will not let their children walk or scoot to school on their own because of having to cross this stretch of road. The petition has been signed by parents of the school, but also by residents who live in Nelson Crescent, McVay Street, Morris Street, Vigor Brown Street, McDonald Street and Ashridge Road. Ms Greig knocked on doors to discuss the petition and all but one household signed the petition.

One of the signers on the petition is the Principal of Nelson Park School, who agrees that a lot of parents will not let their children walk or scoot to school alone due to Latham Street.

Ms Greig knows of two families who would let their children walk to school alone if there was a proper crossing and is sure there would be more.

If it is not possible to install a formal pedestrian crossing any other solution provided to make crossing Latham street safer would be appreciated.

Announcements by the Mayor

This week is the first year anniversary of the Chief Executive (CE), Steph Rotarangi, starting at Council. The Mayor acknowledged that when the CE started she had to hit the ground running, and that having her support and guidance through the challenges of 2021 has been great.

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

The CE announced item five in the agenda is withdrawn and will be considered at an Extraordinary meeting of the Sustainable Napier Committee on Thursday 17 February 2022 at 3pm.

The Acting Director Infrastructure Services gave an update on five water projects:

- Low Manganese Drinking Water – Council is currently working on the new Awatoto bore, and over the next few weeks flow testing will occur. A new treatment plant is being constructed off-site and will be moved on-site soon. The bore is anticipated to be operational by June 2022. The bore and treatment plant in Taradale are in early stages of construction. Both of these bores are vital to provide low manganese water and eliminate the dirty water issues experienced by residents.
- Pandora Tradewaste Pipeline – This services industrial sites in Pandora and discharges to the wastewater treatment plant in Awatoto. Work is underway to unblock this pipeline. It has been out of service for a number of years due to a build-up on the inside wall. Once recommissioned it will be brought online and used to convey tradewaste to the wastewater treatment plant. The project contract and drawings are completed for the project; once approved the contract will go out for tender. A number of contractors have approached Council about this work since the Stuff news article prior to Christmas.
- Airport Pump Station – Council is replacing the wastewater pump station at the airport to improve levels of service, increase resilience of the network, and reduce the risk of wastewater overflowing into the Ahuriri Estuary. During the construction phase there may be elevated noise levels from site, fresh water being discharged onto the land and into the waterway, and at some stages during the project pumps could be operating 24 hours a day. Completion is anticipated by July 2022.
- Smart Manholes – Fifty manholes across the city are getting their own brains. Sensors are being installed inside manholes to let Council know when a drain is getting too full or reaching capacity. This can be an indicator of a blockage, a fault, or higher than usual flow. The sensors are relatively inexpensive and housed in boxes made in New Zealand with a 3D printer. They send signals to a satellite, which in turn sends a message to the monitoring system. Twenty have been installed already, and testing is taking place. A similar system has been trialled and installed in Tauranga and Taupō.
- Wastewater Plant Treatment Cells – The capacity of the wastewater treatment plant upstream and the pump station are restricted by the capacity of the outfall. This means during heavy rain the wastewater backs up in the system and overflows. The installation of new storage areas will mean temporary storage of wastewater is possible until there is capacity available in the system to discharge. It is not expected wastewater will be stored for more than three days at a time, and in this case the wastewater will be highly diluted. The temporary storage will also be used when repairs need to be carried out on parts of the wastewater treatment system.

Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Chrystal / Mawson

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PETITION - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ISLAND, LATHAM STREET

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1418278

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Sahar Pour, Transportation Engineer
Robin Malley, Team Leader Transportation

1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council in regard to a petition received on 13 December 2021 from Juliet Greig on behalf of residents concerned about road safety in Latham Street. The petition (Doc ID 1426565) will be tabled at the meeting.

The Petitioners' Prayer reads as follows:

"We, the residents below, support the proposal for Napier City Council to install a pedestrian crossing island on Latham Street, Napier South to help children and families cross the road on the way to and from Nelson Park School (Petition organised by Juliet Greig, Napier South, December 2021)."

There are 52 signatories to the Petition.

At the Meeting

The Officer spoke to the report noting that due to timing the roading team have not been able to develop options for a crossing on Latham Street or cost them properly at this stage. Depending on Council's decision the team will then work with the Ward Councillors and petitioners to move to the next stage. It will take four to six weeks to get costings of preferred design options.

In response to questions from the Committee it was clarified:

- The preferred option would probably be installed on the McLean Park side of the intersection of Latham Street and Morris Street. There are fewer house frontages there. Also part of the investigation would be to look at putting a splitter island in a side street as they help to slow down traffic.
 - The crossing that was installed on Gloucester Street Taradale, near Atawhai Resthome, a few years ago was a more complicated crossing as there was a bus stop near the location to take into account.
 - The protected cycle lanes for the length of Latham Street was deprioritised due to the cost of the project. If the team were directed to look at this project this year available funding would need to be considered. Reprioritisation of the
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capital spend is being worked on currently now big projects from 2021 have been completed.

- Once the four to six week period to carry out investigation, design and costing is complete, then the project would have to be added to the construction programme, but it is not possible to give a timeframe on when that construction could begin at this point in time.
- This project would qualify for Waka Kotahi funding, but only for investment support, which would be 51% of the total project cost. It would be classified as walking and cycling improvements and road safety improvements.
- Any roading project the Council undertakes follows accessibility guidance for limited mobility pedestrians. These are part of the design standards.
- Council has not carried out vehicle or cycle counts in this area. There is anecdotal evidence of the busyness of Latham Street. Counts can change quickly, especially around Intermediate Schools as the population totally changes every two years. With Nelson Park Primary School the road users will be in place for longer as the population is there for longer.

Committee's Recommendation

Mayor Wise / Councillor Boag

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Receive the report titled "Petition for a Pedestrian Crossing Island, Latham Street, Napier South".
- b. Receive the tabled petition of 52 signatories from residents.
- c. Support in principle the petition which seeks additional traffic calming and pedestrian crossing subject to detailed investigation including consultation
- d. Instruct Officers to communicate findings and outcomes to the Lead Petitioner and Ward Councillors.

Carried

2. LEASE OF RESERVE - OMNI GYMNASTIC CENTRE INCORPORATED

Type of Report: Contractual

Legal Reference: Reserves Act 1977

Document ID: 1424320

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Bryan Faulknor, Manager Property

2.1 Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval to enter into a new ground lease with Omni Gymnastic Centre Incorporated at Onekawa Park for 15 years with one right of renewal. The proposed lease includes an additional area to accommodate a proposed extension to the existing facility.

At the Meeting

The Officer spoke to the report. There were no questions from the Committee.

Committee's Recommendation

Councillors McGrath / Brosnan

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Resolve to grant a ground lease, pursuant to Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977, to the Omni Gymnastic Centre Incorporated for land at Onekawa Park accommodating the existing facility plus including provision for a proposed extension.
- b. Resolve that the term of the lease be for 15 years with one right of renewal.
- c. Note that in granting the lease Council is merely acting in its capacity as a lessor and as owner of the land. Any such approval shall not imply the consent of Council as a regulatory authority and thus the proposed building extension is subject to the Centre obtaining all required regulatory consents.

Carried

3. REPORT ON NAPIER WATER SUPPLY STATUS END OF Q2 2021-2022

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1420222

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Anze Lencek, Water Quality Lead

3.1 Purpose of Report

To inform the Council on:

- the status of Napier Water Supply (NAP001) at the end of the second quarter (Q2) of 2021-2022 compliance year
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At the Meeting

The Officer took the report as read, but provided an update on section 3.3 of the agenda item. Since the report had been compiled Taumata Arowai have released final drafts of the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand and the Compliance Operational Rules which are out for public consultation. The consultation closes on 28 March 2022. The Hawke's Bay Councils are considering doing a joint submission on these.

Committee's Recommendation

Councillors Simpson / Chrystal

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Endorse the:
 - i. Report on Napier Water Supply Status end of Q2 2021-2022.

Carried

4. CAPITAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1425264

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Jon Kingsford, Director Programme Delivery

1.1 Purpose of Report

To provide Council with information on the 2021 Long Term Plan Capital Programme and initiatives underway to improve Capital Programme Delivery.

At the Meeting

The Officer spoke to the report. In response to questions from the Committee it was clarified:

- The Marewa shop project is being re-scoped as the original design was too complex and was going to be significantly over budget. The new design is aiming to bring the costs down.
- Kennedy Road, from Georges Drive to Wellesley Road, does not currently have an off-road cycleway. Council will have to break ground to construct this and it is a complex underground environment. Investigations about how to proceed are underway.
- Council will present the Kennedy Road Cycleway project to the Cycle Governance group, which meets on Monday.
- Centennial Hall now has a new floor and the project is now at the stage of replacing the lighting in the Hall. A contract has been signed for this work and it should take six to eight weeks, all things going well.
- The projects featured on the Capital Delivery Report are ones which are potentially higher risk and which are public facing. Council officers will investigate if it is possible to add an estimated project completion date column to the report. Once contracts are secured for projects it is possible to estimate completion dates, but these would be subject to contract extensions and/or variations.
- The Morrison Lowe report contained in the agenda will be added to the Council website for public access. This will be helpful if there are questions to Elected Members from residents about project delays.

ACTION: The Director Programme Delivery to update the Committee:

- With further detail on the Kennedy Road Cycleway project underground complexities.
 - If television will be able to operate in Centennial Hall once the new lighting is installed.
 - If it is possible to add a projected completion date column to the Capital Delivery Report.
 - That the Morrison Lowe Report has been added to the Council website.
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Committee's recommendation

Councillors Price / Simpson

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Receive the report titled "Capital Programme Delivery".

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9.50am and reconvened at 10.03am.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Councillors Brosnan / Crown

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

1. Whakarire Revetment Project Update

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. Whakarire Revetment Project Update	7(2)(b)(ii) Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	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 10.07am

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

Chairperson

Date of approval