

# AHURIRI REGIONAL PARK JOINT COMMITTEE Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Monday 9 December 2024

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Time: 11.30am – 12.05pm

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Venue Breakout Room 2  
War Memorial Centre  
Marine Parade  
Napier

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Present: **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan (NCC)  
Councillor Price (NCC)  
Councillor Ormsby (HBRC)  
Peter Eden and Joseph Reti (Deputy Chair) (Mana Ahuriri Trust)

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Also present: Councillors Browne (Alternate) and Crown

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In Attendance: **Napier City Council**

- Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)
- Executive Director City Strategy (Rachael Bailey)
- Strategic Planning Lead (Connie Mills)
- Principal Planner Policy (Fleur Lincoln)
- Manager Water Strategy (Phil Kelsen)
- Acting Manager Environmental Solutions (Sarah Bowler)
- Parks Policy Planner (Amelia Longley) [via Zoom]

**Hawke's Bay Regional Council:**

- Regional Park Planner (Bart Leslie)
- Team Leader Asset Planner (Johan Kirsten) [via Zoom]

**Consultants:**

- Cameron Drury (Stradegy)
  - William Hatton (Boffa Miskell) [via Zoom]
  - Greig Wilson (Beca) [via Zoom]
  - Rebecca Ryder (Boffa Miskell) [via Zoom]
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Administration Governance Advisor (Carolyn Hunt)

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Karakia

Mr Reti opened the meeting with a karakia.

### Apologies

Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Councillor Hinewai Ormsby

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That the apologies for absence from Councillors Williams and Kirton (HBRC) and Evelyn Ratima (MAT) be accepted.

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Carried

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### Conflicts of interest

Nil

### Public forum

Nil

### Announcements by the Chairperson

**MAT Alternate Appointment** – The Chair advised that with the appointment of Evelyn Ratima to the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee as a Committee member a new alternate for Mana Ahuriri Trust was required.

Mana Ahuriri Trust to advise of a new alternate appointment to the Committee.

### Announcements by the management

Nil

### Confirmation of minutes

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Joseph Reti / Councillor Price

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That the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2024 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. PROJECT MANAGER'S UPDATE

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1814873
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Connie Mills, Strategic Planning Lead

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a Project Managers update.

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### At the meeting

The Project Manager, Mr Drury spoke to the report providing a summary and overview of the progress made over the period mid-August to November 2024.

Mr Drury recognised that due to the hikoi for the Treaty Principles Bill during November, mana whenua had not been able to participate in the hapū design wānanga. A rescheduled design hui is being organised to occur prior to the preferred concept being progressed to concept design.

The Chair commented that Mr Drury and Ms Mills had done a great job in presenting the project stage progress to the Hawke's Bay Airport when they met with the operational team to discuss environmental and bird-strike issues. Bird-strike is one of the strategic risks to the project and it was felt that all the constraints were well in-hand with the expertise that the team have on board and was very collaborative towards a solution. As an outcome of the meeting a draft monitoring and maintenance plan was to be developed in co-ordination with the Hawke's Bay Airport.

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**COMMITTEE** Councillor Ormsby / Joseph Reti

**RESOLUTION**

The Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee:

- a. **Receive** the report titled "Ahuriri Regional Park – Project Update" dated 9 December 2024.

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Carried

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## 2. ENDORSEMENT OF OPTION TO CONCEPT DESIGN

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Procedural
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1814874
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Connie Mills, Strategic Planning Lead

### 2.1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks endorsement of a design option to proceed to concept design for the Ahuriri Regional Park masterplan.

Further, it seeks to delegate approval of the preferred design option to the Chair, subject to engagement with Mana Ahuriri Trustees. This will enable progressing with the masterplan and avoid delays.

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### At the meeting

The Strategic Planning Lead, Ms Mills spoke to the report advising that the workshop held prior to the meeting had provided in-depth discussion on design considerations and key park components such as the location of wetlands, the softening of stopbanks, access points, and activities that support avifauna. The size and placement of the stormwater treatment wetlands, in particular, have had a substantial impact on the overall park design.

Endorsement from the Committee was sought for Option 2 – “Interwoven Land Use” to develop a full concept design. At the stakeholder meeting Options 2 and 3 were overwhelmingly favoured. Upon revision Option 2 is the preferred option.

Following discussion the Committee were comfortable with Option 2 provided the following aspects are addressed:

- predator proof fencing is provided for recognising that this is a long term project and may be implemented at a later date.
- the largest wetland area is provided for to enable the maximum treatment opportunity for incoming stormwater from the Old Tutaekuri River Bed.
- Combining people centric and communal spaces where practical.
- Reducing car travel in the Park.
- the entrance stands out, giving a welcoming experience into the Park similar to a waharoa.
- Recreational walking tracks for all walking abilities. .

The Acting Manager Environmental Solutions Ms Bowler advised that the report from Tonkin + Taylor in regard to confirmation of site constraints, wetland sizing and location was anticipated to be released at the end of this week.

Ms Bowler advised that on receipt of the report a copy would be circulated to all Committee members for information.

The Executive Director Infrastructure, Mr Bond advised that Council have a joint stormwater discharge consent with the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council (HBRC) and any work within the programme would need to involve the HBRC. The joint consent requires a variety of treatment

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options be investigated throughout the catchment and the Water Team have been working on the complexities in delivering this, it is currently in the monitoring phase. The team may be able to provide a picture on what projects are currently occurring to give effect to the directions set by the joint consent. As these solutions involve both Councils and is needed to be co-funded, a definitive timeline on when and how these solutions are being delivered may not be available.

The Chair advised, for this project to be successful, it is becoming clearer that a whole of network approach is required to get the best water quality outcome. The Committee agreed that a paper from the Sustainable Napier Committee would provide Committee members an update on what is happening throughout the network with stormwater quality, highlighting that the ARP is one facility in the wider works programme and consideration of stormwater quality action plan upstream of the ARP.

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**COMMITTEE** Councillor Ormsby / Peter Eden  
**RESOLUTION**

The Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee:

- a) **Endorse** Option 2 – ‘Interwoven Land Use’ to develop a full concept design.
- b) **Delegate** the responsibility to approve the final design option, prior to preferred concept design, to the Chair provided the following is addressed:
  - i. **Re-confirm** the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee’s core vision to treat all currently untreated stormwater entering te-whanga.
  - ii. **Note** the direction feedback from the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee workshop held on 9 December 2024 as follows:
    - Predator proof fencing
    - Availability of wetland area
    - People and communal spaces
    - Car travel
    - Wahoroa / entrance way
    - Walking abilities.
  - iii. **Note** officers will report back to the 17 February 2025 Committee meeting, recommendations from Tonkin and Taylor regarding the incoming stormwater solution for the OTRB Old Tutaekuri River Bed (OTRB) catchment.
  - iv. **Recommend** to the Sustainable Napier Committee that they consider the development of an upstream stormwater treatment action plan, pre discharge in to the Ahuriri Regional Park (ARP), to address water quality improvements in the catchment, and flag the importance of these works on the successful delivery of the ARP end-of-line treatment.

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Carried

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## Minor matters

**Next Steps** – Ms Mills advised that the design team, Boffa Miskell will be developing the design further so that at the meeting on 17 February 2025 it will look like a Master Plan with today’s modifications.

Prior to February 2025, a second design hui will be arranged with Mana Ahuriri to ensure that the design components are aligned with their aspirations and considered well throughout this project, noting there maybe some design alterations as an outcome.

The next Joint Committee meeting in February 2025 will be seeking to receive endorsement from the Committee to go out for public feedback. During the public feedback process further design alterations may occur.

At the 23 May 2025 meeting the Committee will be presented with the final Master Plan.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chair acknowledged and thanked officers, supporting team and Committee on the fantastic progress of the project this year, and also gaining consensus with the stakeholders.

The Chair wished everyone a Merry and safe Christmas.

*Mr Reti gave the closing karakia with the meeting closing at 12.05pm*

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

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....