



# AHURIRI REGIONAL PARK JOINT COMMITTEE Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Wednesday 1 May 2024

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Time: 9.30am – 12.40pm

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Venue Large Exhibition Hall  
War Memorial Centre  
Marine Parade  
Napier

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Present: **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan (NCC)  
Councillor Price (NCC)  
Councillor Williams (HBRC)  
Mōrehu Te Tomo and Joseph Reti (MAT)

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In Attendance: Executive Director City Strategy (Rachael Bailey) (NCC)  
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond) (NCC)  
Manager Water Strategy (Phil Kelsen) (NCC)  
Principal Policy Planner (Fleur Lincoln) (NCC)  
Strategic Planning Lead (Connie Mills) (NCC)  
Team Leader Asset Planner (Johan Kirsten) (HBRC)

**Consultants:**

- Cameron Drury and Catherine Reaburn (Strategy)
- William Hatton and Gabriel Ross (Boffa Miskell)
- Rebecca Ryder (Boffa Miskell) [via Teams]
- Greig Wilson (Beca)

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Administration Governance Advisor (Carolyn Hunt and Jemma McDade)

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*NCC (Napier City Council); HBRC (Hawke's Bay Regional Council) and MAT (Mana Ahuriri Trust)*

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

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### Apologies

Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Councillor Williams

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That apologies for absence from Councillor Ormsby (HBRC) and Evelyn Ratima (MAT) be accepted.

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Carried

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### Conflicts of interest

Nil

### Announcements by the Chairperson

The following items to be discussed in Minor Matters:

- District Plan Further Submissions Update
- Update on the Masterplan by Boffa Miskell

### Announcements by the management

Nil

### Confirmation of minutes

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Joseph Reti / Councillor Price

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That the Minutes of the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee meeting held on 5 May 2023 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. AHURIRI REGIONAL PARK

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1752562
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Fleur Lincoln, Strategic Planning Lead Connie Mills, Strategic Planning Lead

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks endorsement of the Engagement Plan and function and membership of the Technical Advisory Group.
2. Further, it seeks appointment of a new Deputy Chair of the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee.

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### At the meeting

#### Appointment of new Deputy Chair

Nominations were called for the position of a new Deputy Chair, following the resignation of Tania Eden (MAT).

Joe Reti (MAT) was nominated by Mōrehu Te Tomo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brosnan.

Joe Reti accepted the appointment as Deputy Chair of the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee (ARPJC). There being no other nominations, Joe Reti was duly elected unopposed as Deputy Chair.

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**COMMITTEE** Mōrehu Te Tomo / Deputy Mayor Brosnan

#### RESOLUTION

The Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee:

- a) **Approve** Joe Reti (Mana Ahuriri Trust) be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee from 2 May 2024.

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Carried

#### Engagement Plan

Mr Drury spoke to the report summarising the key points of the Engagement Strategy and Plan advising that it was a live document that would be updated throughout the project.

Ms Ryder from Boffa Miskell provided further clarification on the engagement strategy timeline in relation to the Open Day in the middle of July. It was proposed to host an Open Day on-site or hire a hall as a back-up indoor venue nearby. Alternatively the Open Day could be tagged onto another Council event or festival/activity that is happening at that similar time. It was acknowledged having an open day in the middle of winter is challenging.

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**Comments at the meeting included:**

- In order to mitigate the risk of the community questioning the timing of this exploratory phase of the project, communications will need to focus on climate issues, building resilience, managing core infrastructure and stormwater treatment as the key priorities for the development of the Regional Park.
- It was agreed that the Engagement Strategy would need minor amendments to respond to this change in messaging, and the proposed Open Days were recommended to be delayed to the end of the overall project to offer information once concepts had been developed.
- NCC holds a resource consent from HBRC for the purpose of stormwater discharge. Conditions of this consent require NCC to investigate treatment options prior to the stormwater entering the Estuary. This forms the regulation driver for the development of the Park.
- A monitoring brief on the feedback received through the Long Term Plan (LTP) engagement is to be undertaken.
- The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of experts and core team, who will guide the design process and outcomes, includes local and regional authorities as well as representatives from MAT.
- Work that resulted from the initial Beca report has been tendered through to the 3 Waters panel. This provided information on whether the stormwater modelling was possible. Further detailed modelling is being tendered for currently as part of a separate work programme.
- An engineering technical expert will sit on TAG as an independent member to ensure a good attenuation method/parameters can be provided, noting that the actual detail will follow once the general location is known.
- The project team offered reassurance that the development of stormwater modelling on the park and land treatment attenuation space would be at a sufficient level of detail that they could with some accuracy identify the general space required which will be allocated within the master plan. Further detail will follow.
- Advice from Frank Engagement was to specifically include Westshore and the Ahuriri Residents Association in public engagement about the Park. The ARPJC members considered the Bay View Residents Association should also be included in the engagement.
- The ARJPC agreed that the community Open Days be removed from the Engagement Plan at this stage, but put back in at a later date when information was available.

The ARPC requested the following minor amendments to the engagement plan:

- Messaging of the project to be focused on climate resilience and stormwater management, based on the history of the site.
- Co-opting stormwater representative into TAG
- Sequencing public facing media posts
- Look at LTP communication plan to ensure timing does not infringe on that consultation
- Move the Open Day to the end of the timeline
- Add Bayview Residents Association to the Community and Public Engagement Group
- Amend the social media timing in relation to LTP hearings and decision making timelines for both the HBRC and NCC.
- To note the slight change of messaging – that the engagement plan identifies risk and is sensitive to community sentiment of rate increases.

**COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

Mōrehu Te Tomo / Councillor Price

- a) **Endorse** the Engagement Plan with minor amendments as below:
- Messaging of the project to be focused on climate resilience and stormwater management, based on the history of the site.
  - Co-opting stormwater representative into TAG group
  - Sequencing public facing media posts
  - Look at LTP communication plan to ensure timing does not infringe on that consultation.
  - Move the Open day to the end of the timeline
  - Add Bayview Residents Association to the Community and Public Engagement Group
  - Social media timing with relation to LTP hearings and decisions making timelines of both the HBRC and NCC with regard to 3 year LTP plans.
  - Noting amendments given slight change of messaging – engagement plan looks to identify risk and identify the community sentiment of rate increases.

**ACTION:** *All agendas, minutes and workshop summaries are to be circulated to the Governance/Administration teams of each partner organisation and uploaded to relevant electronic document sharing platforms (Hub/Stellar)*

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Carried

**Function and Technical Advisory Group**

It was noted that since the report had been written Senitra Nathan-Marsh had resigned from MAT and Parris Greening had been contacted to discuss the appointment of a replacement on the TAG.

Anna Madarasz Smith (HBRC), who had been proposed as the Marine Science expert, has resigned from HBRC. When a replacement has been appointed they will be appointed to the TAG.

**Comments at the meeting included:**

- The concept design of stormwater attenuation and wetland treatment solutions to be undertaken by an independent consultant on the 3 Waters Infrastructure Panel. The ARPJC agreed that a representative from the NCC stormwater design team also be appointed as an independent member of the TAG.
- The TAG overview update report will notify the ARPJC of any membership changes through the project managers.

**COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

Councillors Williams / Price

- a) **Endorse** the function and membership of the Technical Advisory Group as outlined in the agenda report.

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Carried

## Attachments

- 1 Further Submissions to Proposed District Plan (Doc Id 1757169)
  - 2 Boffa Miskell presentation (Doc Id 1757168)
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*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.05am  
and reconvened at 11.26am*

## Minor matters

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### District Plan Further Submissions Update

#### At the meeting

Ms Reburn advised the Committee that the purpose of further submissions was to widen the scope of submissions lodged. Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotu submission will be held next year and officers will work through matters with the submitters.

Ms Reburn displayed a PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1757169) providing an overview of the further submissions.

The ARPJC addressed the following further submissions on the Proposed District Plan and officer recommendations, including the following comments:

- **Hawke's Bay Regional Council**  
ARPJC support co-benefits/creation of indigenous habitat in Policy 2 Habitat restoration.
- **Department of Conservation**  
ARPJC support the enhancement, as well as protection, of ecological values in Objective 2 Protection and enhancement of ecological values
- **Denise Fastier**  
Restrict big crowds where sensitive wildlife nesting. It was noted that predevelopment of the masterplan and use of an amphitheatre were yet to be determined.

ARPJC support, in principal enabling other events outside of where wildlife are nesting. This is consistent with the current approach under the District Plan for temporary events activities.

Officers to check if provision of community facilities vision might fit within this area.

- **Hawke's Bay Airport Limited**  
ARPJC generally supported the intention for substantial amendments to the Special Zone to address operational risks for the airport. Specific provisions can be worked through pre-hearing as part of the Engagement Strategy for this project.
- **Ahuriri Protection Society**  
Most of the matters raised were already addressed in the Zone or other parts of the District Plan.

ARPJC support the following matters raised, with most matters consistent in the approach taken in policies and rules:

- discharge quality requirements (out of scope – HBRC function);
  - management of noise and light spill effects;
  - location of building sites and use of recessive materials;
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- that recreation activities do not affect the Estuary and its wildlife;
  - that further public access is not opened up in sensitive wildlife areas (including new cycleways).
- **Taradale Residents (Catherine Hawkins)**  
This submission was not directly related to the District Plan provisions and therefore no comment was necessary from the ARPJC.
  - **Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotu**  
The submission generally supported the Park and Zone.
  - **Forest and Bird**  
ARPJC supported the following officer recommendations:
    - the suggestion to amend Objective 2 with wording changes to be further discussed in pre-hearing engagement.
    - amending Rule 3 with the officer's recommendation of suggested Controlled Activity Status with a limited range of matters relating to District Plan functions and Zone objectives and policies.
    - in part the master planning process can help identify appropriate coverage standards and inform hearing position.

## Update on the Masterplan by Boffa Miskell

### At the meeting

Messrs Ross and Hatton displayed a PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1757168) providing a summary and update on the project to date, and the next steps going forward.

### Comments at the meeting included:

- The Master Plan needs to be presented as a climate resilience project, recognising there are co-benefits.
- Officers are to look into leaving the existing stopbank as it is or soften the hard engineered edge, which will have costs associated with it.
- The Master Plan aims to recognize and celebrate the naturalness of the area and is not intended to have large built facilities, but rather walkways, wharepaku, and if there is to be a structure the possibility of an education center next to the entrance and a shelter. Commercial activities are discouraged.
- ARPJC acknowledged the temporary commercial activity Blowcarts in the eastern corner as being the only activity in the Park. If the space is not required for the project the temporary lease will remain.
- It is important to get the right fauna and native plants.
- Explore predator proofing.

*Councillor Williams left the meeting at 12.30pm*

### Next Steps:

- Submit further submission
  - Brief the Technical Advisory Group
  - Meet with Mana Ahuriri Trust
  - Meet with the Hawke's Bay Airport and Department of Conservation
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- Implement Engagement Plan
  - Develop risk register for design and engagement
  - Monitor integration of stormwater design
  - Continue progressing master planning process
  - Monitor/identify need for additional inputs.
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*The meeting closed with a karakia at 12.40pm*

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

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....