

# SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date:	Thursday 6 March 2025
Time:	1.00pm – 2.09pm ( <i>Open</i> ) 3.05pm – 3.30pm ( <i>Public Excluded</i> )
Venue	Large Exhibition Hall War Memorial Centre Marine Parade Napier

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*Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page*

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Present	<b>Chair:</b> Councillor Price <b>Members:</b> Acting Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Crown, Greig, McGrath, Simpson and Taylor
In Attendance	Chief Executive (Louise Miller) Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond) Chief Financial Officer / Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (Caroline Thomson) Executive Director City Strategy (Rachael Bailey) Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete) Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Stevens) [via zoom] Manager Property (Bryan Faulknor) Team Leader Open Spaces (Tania Diack) Senior Projects Manager (Stephen Moratti) Water Strategy Planning Manager (Syed Andrabi) Programme Planner (Hansika Iranthi) Manager Water Reforms Transition (Andrew Lebioda) General Manager, National Aquarium (Rachel Haydon) General Curator, National Aquarium (Joe Woolcott)
Administration	Governance Advisors (Carolyn Hunt and Jemma McDade)

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia.

### Apologies

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Councillors Browne / Taylor

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That the apologies for absence from Mayor Wise, Councillors Mawson and Tareha be accepted.

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Carried

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Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representative – Tiwana Aranui was not present at the meeting.

### Conflicts of interest

Nil

### Public forum

Nil

### Announcements by the Acting Mayor

Nil

### Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

### Announcements by the management

Nil

### Confirmation of minutes

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Councillors Greig / Crown

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That the Minutes of the Sustainable Napier Committee meeting held on 24 October 2024 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. LEASE OF RESERVE VARIATION - NAPIER CITY ROVERS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INC. - PARK ISLAND

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Reserves Act 1977
<i>Document ID:</i>	1832615
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Bryan Faulknor, Manager Property Tania Diack, Team Leader Open Spaces

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

To seek Council approval to a variation to the current ground lease with Napier City Rovers for land at Park Island Reserve. The variation is to adjust the land area to accommodate an extension to their clubrooms along with changed ground access requirements.

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### At the meeting

The Manager Property, Mr Faulknor provided a brief summary of the report noting that management had no concerns.

### In response to questions the following was clarified:

- The proposed extension does not impact any of the playing or public areas.
- The lease for the Napier City Rovers will be adjusted for the larger footprint under the variation. The building and grandstand are owned by Napier City Rovers and are their responsibility.
- The Bluewater Stadium hedged area is controlled by Napier City Council and the Napier City Rovers book that on an annual basis through the Sportsgrounds Booking System.
- The plan shows there is an existing point south of the building, which had originally been earmarked as outdoor space. However, it was identified that access through the park for emergency and maintenance crews would be required if it was agreed to utilise this area. Discussions are being held to achieve this.

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### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Simpson / Taylor

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a) **Approve**, under Section 54 (1) (b) of the Reserves Act 1977, a variation to the current lease with Napier City Rovers Association Football Club Incorporated by adjusting the land area subject to the lease to accommodate a proposed building extension and changed ground access requirements.
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- b) **Note** that the extension is for new changing rooms, new bathrooms, and storage areas, with final concept design required to be approved by Council’s Team Leader Open Spaces.
- c) **Note** that in granting a variation 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 extension is subject to the Club obtaining all required regulatory consents.

Carried

## 2. NON-WATERS CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1832487
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Josh LLoyd, Programme Management Project Manager Kate Ivicheva, Manager Asset Strategy

### 2.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Sustainable Napier Committee with an update on the 2024/25 Capital Programme for the Open Spaces, Transport and Buildings/Facilities portfolios.

#### At the meeting

The Programme Management Project Manager, Mr Lloyd provided an update on the non-water capital programme. It is intended this this would be an ongoing report covering the rest of the programme with the exception of two very large projects such as Te Aka (Civic Building and Library Upgrade) and the Parklands land development.

#### In response to questions the following was clarified:

- The Marewa Shops project was put on hold, however the Transportation Team are now looking to reinvigorate that project.
- This reporting assists internally with future capacity needs and to forecast for the designers, project managers as well as the construction market. There is a lot of future work coming and this will help best prepare for it and identify where the challenges will be.

#### Feedback for future reporting:

- Include visibility on projects when completed if under/over budget.
- Capital projects being managed within scope and then rescope.
- Risk noted – That the Sycle project management system does not talk to the financial system and this is one of the significant areas needing improvement.

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- Link the report to Council's priorities
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**COMMITTEE** Councillors Crown / Simpson  
**RESOLUTION**

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a) **Receive** the report titled "Non-Waters Capital Programme Update" dated 6 March 2025, as background information.

**ACTION:** *Officers to email elected members and clarify the following issues:*

- *Update on the positioning of the new Dolbel Reserve toilet block and playground facilities.*
  - *Detail and information on the timing for completion of the Building Renewals - Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre.*
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*Carried*

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### 3. THREE WATERS CAPITAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY

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*Type of Report:* Information

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*Legal Reference:* N/A

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*Document ID:* 1833063

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*Reporting Officer/s & Unit:* Hansika Iranthi, Programme Planner  
Vonnie Archibald, 3 Wasters Programme Manager

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#### 3.1 Purpose of Report

To provide Council with a programme update on the FY24/25 3 Waters Capital Programme Delivery.

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#### At the meeting

The Water Strategy Planning Manager, Mr Andrabi presented the report and provided a brief summary of the 3Waters Dashboard.

#### In response to questions the following was clarified:

- During the last couple of years Council have mainly been in the design stages for a lot of key projects and are now actually seeing projects being constructed and delivered.
  - It is unlikely that the projects that are on hold were linked to the 2020 flooding event.
  - Water pressure is monitored and 3Waters have not noticed any significant change in water pressure, which is pretty stable. People moving houses may notice a change in their water pressure. Water pressure is driven by the reservoir and flows by gravity and therefore Council tries to keep the reservoirs full.
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- When a concern is raised by the public in relation to water pressure the team will test the pressure at the house and in the street to determine where the change in pressure may be eg: private plumbing or a network issue.
- If residents are experiencing pressure fluctuations they should contact the Council’s Customer Services Team to request the Water Team investigate and try and assess where the problem is.
- Mataruahou Reservoir design is progressing, with the concept design due for completion by April.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Councillors Simpson / Chrystal

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a) **Receive** the report titled “Three Waters Capital Plan Delivery” dated 6 March 2025.

**ACTION:** *Officers to email elected members:*

- *Confirmation that there are no 2020 flooding event projects put on hold or not started yet.*
- *Confirm the Mataruahou Reservoir Governance structure, that includes elected members.*
- *Update report on the Mataruahou Reservoir to be presented to the Sustainable Napier Committee meeting on 10 April 2025.*

Carried

**4. IAF - MARAENUI TO TE AWA STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS SKINK HABITAT FUNDING APPROVAL**

Type of Report:	Operational
Legal Reference:	Enter Legal Reference
Document ID:	1832847
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Andrew Lebioda, Manager Water Reforms Transition

**4.1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to direct \$100,000.00 from the budget for the IAF – Maraenui to Te Awa Stormwater Project (the Project) to the construction of a predator exclusion skink sanctuary for the Northern Spotted Skink, *Oligosoma kōkōwai* (Skinks) located on the Marine Parade foreshore.

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### At the meeting

The Manager Water Reforms Transition, Mr Lebioda took the report as read. He advised that the purpose of this funding and the enclosure from the stormwater project perspective is to mitigate risk to the Resource Consent and Notice of Requirement in anticipation that a lizard management plan will be a requirement of the Resource Consent.

The General Manager, National Aquarium, Ms Haydon displayed a PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1837560) providing some history and further information on the skinks.

### In response to questions the following was clarified:

- It was anticipated that funding of the \$100,000 could be reallocated without any additional budget required. The Engineers estimate has come in under budget from the original optioneering.
- It was not intended to come back to Council with the final plan. The original sanctuary was 100m<sup>2</sup> and has been reduced to 75m<sup>2</sup> to prevent having to go through a Resource Consent process.
- Operational costs of the sanctuary would be minimal and it is anticipated that the ownership of the project would be looked after by a community group, who have already expressed an interest. There would be a point of contact with the Animal Team at the Aquarium to ensure certain tasks were being undertaken in addition to any monitoring of population growth, predator growth etc.
- The structure comprises PVC walls that have to be in the ground to a certain depth and the skinks would be on normal substrate. The structure has been designed not to be a permanent structure and can be moved to another location, if required.
- The 2021 methodology indicated 10-100 Northern Spotted Skinks in a 30 kilometre radius between Whirinaki and Clifton. More baseline monitoring is to be undertaken to get some more accurate statistics of the number of skinks.
- This is part of the Resource Consent process for a water stormwater alleviation project to enable community housing. It is coincidental that the proposed outfall location is where a habitat has already been created for these species through the works of community groups and Department of Conservation.
- It has brought to light a deficiency in GIS layering that this habitat zone was not located there or not available to asset planners at the time, to look at alternate designs to avoid the habitat. This has highlighted a need to create biodiversity habitat layers in GIS to prevent situations that can be pre-planned for.
- Funding of \$12.4m has been committed by Kainga Ora through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Agreement.

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### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Councillor Taylor

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a) **Approve** to commit \$100,000.00 from the Project budget to fund the skink habitat.
- b) **Note** that Council's current committed budget for the Project is ~\$22,500,000.



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**ACTION** *Officers will have discussions with the Roding Team and NZTA in relation to the skinks habitat and what happened during the construction of the Awatoto roundabout.*

*Councillor McGrath voted AGAINST this Motion*

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Carried

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**Attachments**

1 Presentation on skinks (Doc Id 1837560)

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**Minor matters**

There were no minor matters to discuss.

# RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Councillors Taylor / Crown

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

1. Awatoto Wastewater Outfall Procurement Strategy Report
2. Land Purchase
3. Mission Hills Water Supply Rising Main and Pump Station

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered.</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) to the passing of this resolution.</b>	<b>Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.</b>
1. Awatoto Wastewater Outfall Procurement Strategy Report	<p>7(2)(h) Enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>7(2)(i) Enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>The discussion around the methodology and costings in the strategy may make commercially sensitive information publicly available, which may prejudice the procurement process.</p>

<p>2. Land Purchase</p>	<p>7(2)(f)(ii) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment</p> <p>7(2)(i) Enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>Council may need to go through compulsory acquisition of property under PWA. This contains sensitive information.</p>
<p>3. Mission Hills Water Supply Rising Main and Pump Station</p>	<p>7(2)(i) Enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>To enable Council to continue negotiations</p>
<p><b>Public Excluded Text</b></p>			
<p>Council has considered the public interest in the information above and balanced those interests with the reason(s) for withholding this information. This ensures Council has met the requirements for withholding information under section 7(2) of the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</p>			

*The meeting adjourned at 2.09pm and reconvened in Public Excluded at 3.05pm*

*The meeting closed with a karakia at 3.30pm*

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

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....