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# SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Thursday 21 August 2025

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Time: 1.00pm – 2.25pm (*Open*)  
4.23pm – 5.15pm (*Public Excluded*)

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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 **Chair:** Councillor Price  
**Members:** Mayor Wise, Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Crown, Greig, Mawson (Deputy Chair), McGrath, Simpson and Taylor  
Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representative – Darren Tareha

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In Attendance Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)  
Deputy Chief Executive /Executive Director Corporate Services (Jessica Ellerm)  
Executive Director City Strategy (Rachael Bailey)  
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Stevens) [online]  
Manager Asset Strategy (Kate Ivicheva)  
Operations Manager (Bevan Trotman)  
3 Waters Technical Development Engineer (Anoop Mathew)  
Manager Infrastructure Developments (Simon Bradshaw)  
Water Strategy Planning Manager (Syed Andrabi)  
Programme Planner (Hansika Iranthi)  
Programme Management Project Manager (Josh Lloyd)  
Senior Project Manager (Stephen Moratti)  
Senior Procurement Advisor (Bex Smiley)

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Network Control Systems Lead (John Kelsey)  
Manager Property (Bryan Faulknor)  
Ahuriri Alliance Manager (Rui Leitao)

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Administration

Governance Advisors (Carolyn Hunt and Jemma McDade)

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia.

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### Apologies

Councillors Mawson / Browne

That the apology for absence from Councillor Tareha be accepted.

Carried

*The Chair noted that Tiwana Aranui had now resigned from the Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee and therefore was no longer a representative on the Sustainable Napier Committee.*

### Conflicts of interest

Councillor Crown declared a conflict of interest in Item 2 Mission Hills Reservoir – Land Options.

### Public forum

Nil

### Announcements by the Mayor

**Bereavement** - Mayor Wise acknowledged National and Hawke's Bay Rugby Union identity and kaumātua Tom Mulligan who passed away on 17 August 2025 at the age of 88 years. He worked at the Tomoana Freezing works for 42 years and was Chair and Deputy Chair of the Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga from 2002-2011. In the 2009 New Year Honours he received the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Māori. Tom was involved across many areas of the community and will be sadly missed by all.

### Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

### Announcements by the management

Nil

### Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Boag / Taylor

That the Sustainable Napier Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2025 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. PARK ISLAND POWER UNDERGROUNDING

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1868931
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Kate Ivicheva, Manager Asset Strategy Bevan Trotman, Operations Manager

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to bring forward funds to underground Unison's transmission lines at Park Island. This aligns with the council's direction in the 2017 Park Island Master Plan.

### At the meeting

The Manager Asset Strategy, Ms Ivicheva and Operations Manager, Mr Trotman presented the report and PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of undergrounding the powerlines at Park Island.

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

- Officers will work with Central Football and sporting codes during the project to ensure minimal disruption. Work will be undertaken during the summer months and Council will be updated on progress.
- Approval is requested up to \$2.5 million and Unison have assured officers that it would not exceed this amount. However, if the cost exceeds approved budget the project would not proceed and a decision would be brought back to Council.
- Loan funding for project at the current interest rate would have a minor impact on rates of 0.06%.
- The budget will be spread over two years, however the preferred option is to undertake the work in one stage to reduce costs, risks and eliminate the need for interim connections and duplication.
- Unison would underground first and then decommission the other lines.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Price / Taylor

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- Receive** the report titled "Park Island Power Undergrounding" dated 21 August 2025.
- Confirm** the budget allocation of \$2,574,295.59 (Excl GST) for the project subject to:
  - Project technical sign off by Unison,

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- ii. Financial delegation approval by the Unison Board
  - c) **Approve** the preferred option to underground the complete section of transmission lines between the sub-station at the northeast side of Park Island and Prebensen Drive on the west side of the Park Island Sports Fields.
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Carried

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#### **Attachments**

- 1 Presentation Park Island Undergrounding (Doc Id 1871055)
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*Councillor Crown having declared a conflict of interest did not participate in discussion or decision making for Item 2 below.*

## **2. MISSION HILLS RESERVOIR - LAND OPTIONS**

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal and Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1868656
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Anoop Mathew, 3 Waters Technical Development Engineer Simon Bradshaw, Manager Infrastructure Developments

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### **2.1 Purpose of Report**

This report seeks Council's decision on the preferred land purchase option for the Mission Hills Reservoir site, following a reassessment prompted by potential construction cost savings of approximately \$900,000. The report outlines two viable pathways - purchasing land from Marist Holdings or proceeding with the existing allocated site - and presents the associated benefits, risks, and implications for project delivery.

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#### **At the meeting**

3 Waters Technical Development Engineer, Mr Mathew together with Manager Infrastructure Developments, Mr Bradshaw presented the report.

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

- To acquire this piece of land under the Public Works Act 1981, Council would need to demonstrate there are no other viable options available and the option exists to purchase the land.
  - A recent valuation of an adjacent site estimated the value at \$50,000.
  - An initial offer of \$100,000 was communicated to the landowner. The current landowner, Marist Holdings verbally communicated their price of \$350,000. Negotiations first began at the beginning of the year and it has taken a long time to get to this stage and is not a priority for the landowner.
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- The cost of the foundation work would exceed the purchase price and could result in savings of approximately \$500,000. The proposed location enables a more efficient and resilient design.
- There is urgency for this work as Council has commitments to provide water supply to the Mission Hills Development.
- Financial contributions are fixed however, there is a private development agreement which has been established with Emerald Hills Joint Venture Limited (EHJV), (the current developer of the Mission Hills residential and commercial sites). The agreement was to support this reservoir and offsite local infrastructure that was required, in addition to what was covered by financial contributions.
- Private agreement with the EHJV has cost recovery and will support the costs for the reservoir. The percentage of additional costs of the \$350,000 that will be recovered through the Joint Venture Agreement is 50%. The higher cost of \$900,000 would also be 50%.
- The urgency is for the lots to have certification to be given title and have assurance that the water supply and services are available. There is also a contractual agreement that requires Council to supply a certain volume of water to the Mission Hills development to be honoured.
- The engineers had indicated the size of the land required that would best suit the reservoirs.
- The cost in the report is for one reservoir, however similar issues could be duplicated for the next two reservoirs if this piece of land is not acquired.

*The meeting noted whether or not a counter offer for the land be made, however on becoming aware that the piece of land could provide cost savings in futureproofing for additional reservoirs an alternative recommendation to the officer's recommendation was made.*

## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Councillor Simpson

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- Approve** the purchase of a part of 198 Church Road (to be subdivided) of approximately 2500m<sup>2</sup> as per option A.
- Approve** a purchase cost of up to \$350,000 (+GST if any), to be funded through the existing Project Capital Budget.
- Note** Council to cover the associated costs of the subdivision, to be funded through the existing Project Capital Budget.
- Prior** to contracting any costs, staff acquire endorsement from the Emerald Hills Joint Venture Limited (EHJV) development to cover 50% of the costs in accordance with the Private Development Agreement.

Carried

*Councillor Greig voted AGAINST the Motion*

*Councillor Crown having declared a conflict of interest did not participate in voting.*

### 3. THREE WATERS CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMME

Type of Report:	Information
Legal Reference:	N/A
Document ID:	1867951
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Vonnie Archibald, 3 Waters Programme Manager Hansika Iranthi, Programme Planner

#### 3.1 Purpose of Report

To provide an update on programme performance for June 2025 and a year-end overview of the 2024/25 Three Waters Capital Delivery Programme.

#### At the meeting

The Programme Planner, Ms Iranthi, together with the Water Strategy Planning Manager, Mr Andrabi provided an update on the programme performance through a PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1870137).

*It was noted at the meeting for future reporting that officers reflect the work that has been delivered and not just how much of the budget has been spent.*

<b>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION</b>	Councillor Chrystal / Mayor Wise
	The Sustainable Napier Committee:
	a. <b>Receive</b> the report titled “Three Waters Capital Delivery Programme Update” dated 21 August 2025.
	Carried
	<b>Attachments</b>
	1 Presentation Three Waters Capital Programme (Doc Id 1870137)

### 4. NON-WATERS CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Type of Report:	Operational
Legal Reference:	N/A
Document ID:	1868885
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Josh LLoyd, Programme Management Project Manager Kate Ivicheva, Manager Asset Strategy

#### 4.1 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 Manager Asset Strategy, Mr Lloyd together with Manager Asset Strategy, Ms Ivicheva summarised the report via a PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1870916) with a special focus looking back on delivery and performance through the 2024/25 year.

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

- Mr Lloyd advised that the work being undertaken at Oak Place was a combination of sumps, kerb and channel, roadside and swale drains. The work involved is not hugely significant but there were some complexities and there was a high degree of interest in the project.
- Outcomes of work delivered across the programmes during the year were pleasing however, there were some exceptions with timeliness and cost where the scope and budget have been revised and delivered against them. If standards are not met rework is completed. Council have a number of different mechanisms in place on how quality is assessed.
- The design process for the Dolbel Reserve toilet block is underway and will be shared with Council at the next update.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Browne / Mawson

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- Receive** the report titled “Non-Waters Capital Programme Update” dated 21 August 2025, as background information

Carried

#### Attachments

- 1 Presentation Non Waters Capital Delivery Programme (Doc Id 1870916)

## 5. LICENCES FOR EV CHARGERS ON RESERVE LAND - UPDATE

*Type of Report:* Information

*Legal Reference:* Reserves Act 1977

*Document ID:* 1868866

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

### 5.1 Purpose of Report

For information only, to update Council on the withdrawal by Meridian Energy of their proposal to install and operated Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at the Aquarium Carpark and The Flanders Avenue Carpark at Onekawa Park.

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**At the meeting**

The Manager Property, Mr Faulknor took the update report as read.

There were no questions.

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**COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Councillor Browne

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. **Receive** the report updating Council on the withdrawal by Meridian Energy of their proposal to install and operate Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the Aquarium Carpark and The Flanders Avenue Carpark.
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Carried

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**6. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO UNISON NETWORKS LIMITED – CABLE  
REPLACEMENT IN COUNCIL LAND**

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*Type of Report:* Operational

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*Legal Reference:* Reserves Act 1977

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*Document ID:* 1869623

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

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**6.1 Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for the granting of an easement (pursuant to Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977) in favour of Unison to replace cable under certain Reserve land. Similarly, to obtain approval for an easement relating to a small portion of Kennedy Park land.

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**At the meeting**

The Manager Property, Mr Faulknor spoke to the report advising that formal approval was required as the easement is on Council Reserve.

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**COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

Councillors Greig / Mawson

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a) **Approve** as Administering Body the granting of an easement (pursuant to Section 48 of The Reserves Act 1977) in favour of Unison Networks limited for electrical installations on or under Council Reserve land included in the following Legal Descriptions:
- Lot 3 DP 11132 Record of Title HBB2/909
  - Lot 4 DP 11132 Record of Title HBB2/909
  - Lot 536 DP 9314 Record of Title HBK4/1446
  - Lot 535 DP 9314 Record of Title HBK4/1446
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- Lot 3 DP 9598 Record of Title HBK4/1445
  - Lot 6 DP 7354 Record of Title 32524
- b) **Approve** in exercise of the Ministerial consent (under delegation from the Minister of Conservation), the granting of the above Easement.
- c) **Note** that in consideration of Section 48 (2) and (3) of the Reserves Act, the installations are unlikely to materially alter or permanently damage the reserves, and the rights of the public are not likely to be permanently affected.
- d) **Approve** the granting of an easement in favour of Unison Networks limited for electrical installations on or under Council land included in the following Legal Description:
- Section 1 SO 9945 Record of Title HBP1/954
- e) **Note** that the above approvals are subject to satisfactory arrangements being agreed with appropriate Council officers regarding reinstatement of reserves, protection of Council underground infrastructure, and road corridor and traffic management issues.

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Carried

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### Minor matters

There were no minor matters to discuss.

# RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Councillors Mawson / Chrystal

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

1. Land Sale
2. Awatoto Wastewater Outfall Replacement Project Update
3. Restoring Redundancy at Awatoto Water Treatment Plant- A2 Bore Replacement
4. Church Road Booster Pump Station Upgrade
5. Ahuriri Alliance Update 2025

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.	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.
1. Land Sale	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.	To not prejudice negotiations between NZTA and Mana Ahuriri
2. Awatoto Wastewater Outfall	7(2)(h) Enable the local authority to carry out, without	48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the	The wastewater outfall pipe design and build contract is currently in

Replacement Project Update	<p>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>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 middle of the tender process and this report contains commercially sensitive information around price and budgeting.</p>
3. Restoring Redundancy at Awatoto Water Treatment Plant- A2 Bore Replacement	<p>7(2)(h) Enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</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>Approve rephasing of up to \$750,000 from FY2026/27 to FY2025/26 for A2 bore replacement; report to be public excluded due to commercial sensitivity.</p>
4. Church Road Booster Pump Station Upgrade	<p>7(2)(h) Enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</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>Sensitive financial information</p>

5. Ahuriri Alliance Update 2025	7(2)(h) Enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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.	Commercial information protection, negotiation protection
<b>Public Excluded Text</b>			
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.			

*The meeting adjourned at 2.25pm and reconvened in Public Excluded at 4.22pm*

*The meeting closed with a karakia at 5.15pm*

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

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....