

Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes 10 May 2023

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RDC-1387497

Minutes

Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held Wednesday 10 May 2023, 9.30am Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tapsell (Chair)
Cr Barker and Cr Wang (Deputy Co-Chairs), Cr Brown, Cr Kai Fong,
Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell, Cr O'Brien, Cr Paterson, Cr Waru
- APOLOGIES:** None
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Emma Murray (Chief Executive, InfraCore), John McRae (Chair,
InfraCore)
- STAFF PRESENT:** G Williams, Chief Executive;
T Collé, Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Enablement;
J.P Gaston, Deputy Chief Executive, District Development;
O Hopkins, Deputy Chief Executive, District Leadership & Democracy;
S Michael, Deputy Chief Executive. Infrastructure & Environmental
Solutions;
G Rangī, Deputy Chief Executive, Te Arawa Partnership;
R Pitkethely, Manager Active and Engaged Communities;
S Craig, Chief Information Officer;
I Tiriana, Manager, Council Communications;
D Cossar, Governance and Democracy Manager;
G Kieck, Corporate Planning and Strategy Manager;
T Rutherford, Executive of Communications, Mayor's Office;
I Brell, Governance Support Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.30am.

The Chair, Mayor Tapsell welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public.

1 **KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI** **OPENING KARAKIA**

Cr Barker opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 **NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA** **APOLOGIES**

None

4 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cr Paterson raised the installation of a new pedestrian crossing on Springfield Road and its proximity to the Old Taupo Road roundabout. The Chair referred the item to staff – response provided at item 6.2.

4 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 5 APRIL 2023

RDC-1374728

Resolved

1. **That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting held 5 April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Moved: Cr Kai Fong

Seconded: Cr Wang

CARRIED

6. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

6.1 INFRACORE MONITORING REPORT (7 MONTHS TO 31 JANUARY 2023))

RDC-1384927

Resolved

1. **That the report “InfraCore Monitoring report (7 months to 31 January 2023) be received.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr Barker

CARRIED

Emma Murray and John McRae overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled InfraCore YTD Review (Attachment 1).

6.2 ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION-CONSULTATION OUTCOME

RDC-1272100

Resolved

1. **That the report “Organic Waste Collection – consultation outcome” be received.**

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

Stavros Michael requested to provide a response to Cr Paterson's item - Springfield Road pedestrian crossing, which was accepted. Mr Michael provided the following update:

- Works are subject to site safety assessments.
- Comply with the relevant standards.
- Consider community feedback.
- Prioritise the safety of pedestrians, especially children walking to and from school.
- Ensure drivers are aware of navigating through intersections.

Mr Michael would follow up with Cr Paterson.

Niki Carling and Stavros Michael overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled Organic Waste Collection (Attachment 2).

Further resolved

- 2. That the Committee endorse a Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) collection, with fortnightly collection of rubbish, as the preferred option.**
- 3. That Committee approves officers to prepare procurement and implementations plans to enable the roll-out of a Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) waste collection service.**

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

Request for recording of vote: Cr Lee voted against the motion

6.3 CHANGE THE SUB-CATEGORY OF THE HULME PLACE LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE TO ROADWAY

RDC-1381898

Resolved

- 1. That the report "Change the sub-category of the Hulme Place Local Purpose Reserve to roadway" be received.**

Moved: Cr Kai Fong

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

Rob Pitkethley overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation slide 'Hulme Place Local Purpose Reserve.'

Further resolved

- 2. That the Committee recommends that it resolves to change the sub-category of the Hulme Place Local Purpose Reserve to roadway, pursuant to Section 24A (3) of the Reserves Act 1977.**

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10.58am and resumed at 11.13am

6.4 SPEED MANAGEMENT PLANNING 2023

RDC-1378002

Resolved

- 1. That the report 'Speed Management Planning 2023' be received.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr Kereopa

CARRIED

Niki Carling, Stavros Michael and Darryl Robson overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled

- 2. That the Committee accepts the recommended approach to setting speed limits for Rotorua and the use of this approach to create a draft Speed Management Plan.**
- 3. That the Committee authorises officers to undertake public consultation on the draft Speed Management Plan.**
- 4. That the Committee approves the revocation of the Speed Limit Bylaw 2014.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr Wang

CARRIED

Request for recording of vote: Cr Lee, Cr O'Brien and Cr Paterson voted against the motion.

6.5 TE WHARE TAONGA STRENGTHENING AND RESTORATION OPTIONS

RDC-1386618

Resolved

- 1. That the report 'Te Whare Taonga Strengthening and Restoration Options' be received.**

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Wang

CARRIED

Gina Rangi, Thomas Collé, Aimee McGregor and Stewart Brown to overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled

Further resolved

- 2. That the Committee notes:**
 - a) In 2018, Council agreed to strengthen and restore the building with a Council contribution of \$15.5m and external funding of \$38m secured, bringing the total project funding envelope to \$53.5m.**
 - b) The final construction cost is now expected to be \$81.4m (including contingency, consultant costs and costs to date), which requires an additional \$28m capital investment. Due to the complexity and age of the building there is a risk that costs may escalate**

beyond the estimate and the contingency provided. Therefore it needs to be noted that \$81.4m is not a final project cost.

c) There are four possible options going forward:

1. Restore the building and reopen it as a museum.(estimated at \$81.4m, which would require an additional \$28m more of funding) - This option involves full building strengthening and restoration, and all internal fit-out to provide for the opening of the doors on a revitalised museum service offering. This option depends on confirming external funding, as well as RLC providing some additional funding. Note: the exhibition design and installation is on top of the construction costs. Under this option, the museum may be completed in late 2025 and re-opened in early 2026.
2. Stage the project – Stage one (Strengthen the building) but do not open as a museum until further funding is obtained and internal fit-out carried out (stage two). Stage one is estimated at \$54.0m with a requirement for an additional \$500k of funding from Council. Commencing a staged project with the current funding available would provide only for stage one to be completed. Stage one would involve all work to strengthen the building, make it watertight and ensure fire protection. Due to the complexity and age of the building there is a risk that costs may escalate beyond the estimate and contingency provided. Therefore it needs to be noted that \$54m may not be a final stage one project cost. Stage two would include the sourcing of additional funds to complete the fit-out of internal spaces to enable the museum to be opened. This option is subject to all external funders agreeing to a staged approach. Under this option, the museum would not re-open until the internal fit-out can be completed.
3. Postpone the project - The building remains standing but is closed and investigation into a new museum/art gallery in an alternative location. The cost to stop the project is estimated at \$10m, which could be funded from within the existing council funding envelope of \$15.5m (external funding already committed would need to be returned to the funders). This option will require remedial work to be undertaken to make the building safe for passers-by and to prevent trespass. In this option the museum service will not re-open within the Bath House building and will require further work to find alternatives to the provision of a museum service. It must be noted that the Council has an obligation under the Building Act to strengthen the building by 2042.
4. Investigate alternative seismic solution to strengthen the building to at least 34% National Building Standard (NBS). The building would comply with the Building Code but would not open as a museum. There would be an investigation into a new museum/art gallery in an alternative location. At this percentage of NBS the building would not be able to be used as a museum and alternative uses (if possible) would be explored. The cost of achieving this is currently unknown and requires further investigation to determine if it is feasible.

d) External funders are open to providing further funding for Option 1 but request that Council first confirm its share of the additional funding.

3. That the Committee directs staff to commence community consultation on the four options to understand what the level of commitment from the community is to the project and level of support or not, for additional ratepayer funding. Following consultation, the Council will make a decision on which option will be pursued.

- 4. That the Committee notes a draft consultation document will be distributed by staff to councillors so that councillors can endorse the content of the consultation document ahead of consultation commencing on 24 May.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr Wang

CARRIED

**7 HE WHAKATAUNGA KIA HOKI ATU TE ARONGA O TE HUI HAI HUI TŪMATAWHĀITI
RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

Resolved

- 1. That Committee move into Public Excluded session.**

Moved: Cr O'Brien

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1.47pm and resumed at 2.15pm.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason 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 are 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) for passing of this resolution
Confidential Minutes of previous meeting held 5 April 2023	Please refer to the relevant clause/s in the open meeting minutes.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).
OneCouncil Phase Two – Contract Approval – 16-037-ERP System Implementation - TechnologyOne	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(i)
Recommendation to award contract 20-047 - Vaughan Road shared path - package 02 (Te Ngae Road to Rotorua Forest Haulage), and stormwater renewals	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.	Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Sections 6 or 7 of the Act or Sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above (in brackets) with respect to each item.

OPEN SESSION

**11. TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA
CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr Barker closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed 2.47pm

To be confirmed at Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on 7 June 2023



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Chair

Note 1: Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council

Note 2: Attachments to these minutes are available on request or on Council's website: [click here](#)