



Otorohanga District Council

AGENDA

19 February 2013

Members of the Otorohanga District Council

Mr DF Williams (Mayor)
Mr MM Baxter
Mrs S Blackler (Deputy Mayor)
Mr RM Johnson
Mr A Ormsby
Mr KM Phillips
Mrs DM Pilkington
Mr R Prescott

Meeting Secretary: Mr CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

19 February 2013

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga District Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Tuesday 19 February 2013 commencing at 10.00am.

12 February 2013

DC Clibbery
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

9.30am Citizenship Ceremony Morning Tea

VISITORS ATTENDING THE MEETING

11.00am Waikato Regional Council representative, Katie Mayes

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PRESENT

OPENING PRAYER

IN ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 29 JANUARY 2013

REPORTS

Item 314 ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2012

**To: Mayor and Councillors
 Otorohanga District Council**

From: Engineering Manager

Date: 19 February 2013

Relevant Community Outcomes

- The Otorohanga District is a safe place to live
 - Ensure services and facilities meet the needs of the Community
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Executive Summary

This is a routine report on engineering matters

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The report be received.

Discussion

Section 1: Services Activities

Water Services

Kawhia Water Supply

The supply of water over the Christmas and New Year period of peak consumption was successful. Prior to Christmas there were some problems with the backwash actuator failing. This issue was resolved by the water services team.

Arohena Water Supply

A faulty electrical cable at the Huirimu treatment plant prevented the operation of the filter backwash. As this was an emergency, the cable purchased for the transducer that was to measure the stream flow rate as part of the Resource Consent requirements was used to replace the faulty cable. A new transducer cable will have to be purchased and installed next financial year to ensure that the consent requirements are met.

Tihiroa Water Supply

The Tihiroa water treatment plant is operating successfully. Previous issues appear to have been resolved.

Otorohanga and Waipa Water Supplies

The revised Catchment Survey and Protozoa Risk Assessment for the Otorohanga/Waipā Water Supply which includes the *Cryptosporidium/Giardia* testing data for 2012 was submitted to the Waikato District Health Board on Friday 1st February 2013. This report is currently being assessed by the Drinking Water Assessor. The assessment will determine the log credit value that the plant must reach to meet the requirements of the Drinking Water Standards.

Otorohanga and Waipa Water Treatment Plant – Capital Works

The tender for the Stage 1 upgrade works is close to completion with commission likely to be undertaken before the end of February 2013.

Te Kawa Street Sewer Pump Station Area

The area behind the pump station has been levelled and new soil laid on the surface. Weeds have been sprayed with herbicide and the land is in a condition for grass sowing in the autumn season.

Parks and Facilities

Otorohanga Cemetery

A broken grave has been re-instated after having been run over by a rubbish truck.

Rotary Park

Novaflo drainage pipes have been installed at Rotary Park extending from the Kiwi House classroom to the ditch close to the main entrance.

Domain Playing Fields

A section of the land drain adjacent to the playing field alongside Kakamutu Road that was not worked on last year was excavated and laterals were jetted. One lateral was blocked and jetting with high pressure water released considerable quantities of brown water. It is anticipated that this may well have solved the problem of continuously wet ground during the winter soccer season.

The angle parking capital works on the edge of Alex Telfer Drive will be undertaken by Inframax towards the end of February or in early March.

Flood Protection

River level gauges have been installed at the Toa's and town (SH31/39) bridges to provide a 'back up' means of river level measurement in the event of the failure of the electronic gauging stations during a flood.

Trees adjacent to the Swimming Pool

Two trees that give rise to heavy leaf fall into the pools causing maintenance problems have been felled by the arboriculture contractor Kelvin Hayes and the timber removed from the site.

Bob Horsfall reserve

The swing bridge has been cut down and lowered at one end, as requested by the Otorohanga Community Board.

Memorial Swimming Pool

A new shade sail has been installed above the toddlers' pool.

Village Green

A new below ground electrical cable has been installed by the Lines Company connecting the lamps illuminating the Poupu statues to the main. Those lamps lighting up the kiwis have corroded and require replacements.

Kawhia

Drains on the Kaora track have been cleaned out and a fence has been erected to keep horses off the bank.

District Reserves

The one remaining new boundary sign to be installed will be erected on the Waipapa Road next week.

Section 2: Road Maintenance Activities

Contract 963 Roads Maintenance (Inframax Construction)

Road maintenance in the last three months has been progressing very well, with a strong focus on drainage and culvert works which has now eased off as we concentrate on sealed pavement repairs, vegetation control and other general maintenance tasks.

A digout and stabilising program was commenced in mid December that will take eight to ten weeks to complete, dependant on the weather, and this will progress along with the reseal and second coat Contract repairs program.

Sealed roads suffered quite badly during last winter, but with the above works we will bring the roads back to the required condition.

Traffic services, signage and marker post maintenance is on-going with cleaning and constant replacement of pegs being carried out. Keeping marker pegs as close to the required specification as possible is a constant process, particularly around this time of year as the larger cropping and silage tractors always damage and destroy pegs due to the extra width of their tyres.

Unsealed roads at present are in good condition, with the weather conditions in the final months of 2012 allowing us to keep up with the grading program. The roads need to be damp to achieve the best results. Going forward providing we do not get too much dry weather it should be possible to keep the roads in their present state.

No major slips or drop outs have occurred recently.

Inframax have repaired the upstream approaches and stacked rock under Perham bridge on Wharepuhanga road, which was scoured out in a storm event last year.

There has also been a repair completed at route position 2.1 on Honikiwi road, a slumped section of road has been reinstated.

Road side mowing started mid November and will carry on through till March when growth should ease back. All but a few roads were completed in the first round of mowing. Arterial roads will be completed in round two and we will monitor roads to decide on the amount to be completed in final round.

Contract 981 Pavement marking (Road Runner Markers Wanganui)

This is a new Contract which was Tendered in November 2012.

Five tenders were received for this contract, with prices ranging from \$218,765 to \$351,138. The Engineer's price estimate was \$303,658.

Roadrunner Markers of Wanganui were the successful tenderer with a price of \$218,765.

Since award of the tender Roadrunner have completed 75% of the District and will be returning to complete reseal sections and pick up any markings remaining to be completed.

Contract 920 Street Lighting

(The Lines Company)

This Contract is running on track, we have had some problems with areas in Kawhia over the last couple of months, repairs have been undertaken, but lights failing within a month of the repairs being completed.

Contract 979 2ND Coat and Reseal Contract

(Inframax Construction) Repairs

(Masters and Johnson) Sealing (Jointly with Waitomo District)

Inframax have progressed well with repairs, subcontracted to Gideon. Repairs programmed to be completed before mid-February with sealing to follow.

To save on establishment costs, reseals and maintenance contract works are being completed while plant is in vicinity.

Contract 980 Bulk Metaling

This is a new Contract tendered during December 2012 and January 2013.

The new Contract is a five year Contract. All schedules and programs have been programed for the term of the Contract, but can be subject to change at the commencement of each year during the term of the Contract. Maintenance staff will inspect the roads programed and rearrange the program as is required, to suit the condition of roads, and budget restraints.

Tenders closed on 21 January with five tenders received, with prices ranging from \$620,543 to \$940,405. The Engineer's price estimate was \$674,172.

Inframax Construction were the successful tenderer, with a price of \$620,543.

Contract 939 Area Wide Pavement Treatment

(Downer)

All work on this Contract completed in mid-December, with fencing work programed for completion in January.

The next scheduled AWPT works are on Honikiwi, Otewa, and Maihihi roads. Because of delays in NZTA confirming funding allocations and other factors a contract for these works will not now be awarded this financial year, and these works will instead form part of a larger AWPT contract to be tendered in 2013/14.

Contract 983 Footpath Construction/Maintenance

A new contract is to be written for this coming season. Footpath and kerb inspections have been carried out and require prioritization.

Section 3: Other Project Works

Contract 985 – Kawhia Seawall

This contract involves driving a 'sheet pile' wall of interlocking steel or polymer (plastic) sheets into the beach in front of the existing concrete sea wall protecting Omimiti Street in Kawhia, to prevent continuing erosion from water under the road.

Since the wall protects the road the works will be funded from the roading account.

The Engineer's price estimate for this contract was \$150,884. Council received 14 different priced options from 7 tenderers, ranging in value from \$143,256 to \$335,394. The contract was awarded to HEB Construction for the sum of \$143,256. HEB will be using a polymer sheet piling product and installation will start in mid February 2013.

Contract 988 – River Weir Upgrade

This contract is to renew the rock armouring of the weir in the Waipa River downstream of the Otorohanga Water treatment plant. The weir is intended to both provide an adequate depth of water at the treatment plant intake and to reduce the speed of river flow downstream. The rebuild weir will also include arrangements for easier upstream passage of fish.

An Engineer's price estimate for the works (prepared by Waikato Regional Council) was \$76,000.

Council received one tender from Inframax Construction for \$46,040. The contract was awarded to Inframax and works have commenced and are expected to be completed by early March 2013.

Contract 978 – Rangiatea Road Sealed Smoothing

This contract is to straighten 600 metre long section of section of Rangiatea Road near to McRae Road.

The Engineer's price estimate for the contract was \$171,740.

Council received two tenders. Inframax Construction was awarded this contract at the lowest tendered price of \$186,652. Works are expected to have commenced by the time this report is received by Council.

Contract 984 – Concrete Lining of Armco Culverts

This contract involves the concrete lining of the invert (bottom) of three large diameter steel Armco culverts, under Hauturu, Ngapeke and Kiokio Station Roads.

Tenders have been received for this contract and are currently being evaluated. Tenders were received above the budgeted amount and decisions will be made on either reducing the contract works, or increasing the budget amount.

Walker Road

The Council funded preliminary construction work on the revised alignment of Walker Road has been completed. Affected landowners have been advised of this, and a suggestion made to them that they might engage the same contractor to finish the construction of the road.

Underpasses

We have received initial enquiries from a property owner on Ouruwhero Road for installation of a new underpass. An application has not been received at this stage. It is understood that a boundary relocation needs to take place first.

Other Projects

Documents are also being prepared for works to Upgrade the Right Stop bank from Mair St to Behind the South School, Main North Road Stormwater Upgrade and Hinewai Street Stormwater Upgrade.

Dave Clibbery
ENGINEERING MANAGER

Item 315 DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

**To: His Worship the Mayor & Councillors
 Otorohanga District Council**

From: District Accountant

Date: 19 February 2013

Relevant Community Outcomes

- Ensure services and facilities meet the needs of the Community
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Executive Summary

The Draft Management Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2012 are attached under separate cover.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Draft Management Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 be received.

Brendan O'Callaghan
DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT

Item 316 **ELECTIONS 2013**

To: **His Worship the Mayor & Councillors**
Otorohanga District Council

From: **Governance Supervisor**

Date: **19 February 2013**

Relevant Community Outcomes

- Ensure services and facilities meet the needs of the Community
 - Foster an involved and engaged Community
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Executive Summary

Council to consider appointing Colin Tutty, Governance Supervisor, as Electoral Officer. Council to consider early processing of voting documents during the voting period in respect of the Triennial General Election to be held in October 2013.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. Pursuant to the Local Electoral Act 2001 s15, Colin Arthur Tutty be appointed Electoral Officer for the 2013 Local Government Elections.
2. Pursuant to the Local Electoral Act 2001 s79, voting documents in respect of the Triennial General Election to be held in October 2013 are to be processed during the voting period.

Report Discussion

Pursuant to the Local Electoral Act 2001 s 12 every Local Authority must at all times have appointed an electoral Officer to exercise the powers and carry out the duties conferred on the Electoral Officer by the Act and any other enactment in relation to that Local Authority.

I have acted as Electoral Officer for both the 2007 and 2010 Local Government elections and if appointed I will work with Election Service providers and other Councils to put in place effective and efficient electoral systems for the election due to be held on Saturday 12 October 2013.

Since the 2004 elections early processing of votes has been allowed. It is necessary for Council to consider and resolve to do this for the 2013 elections.

Councils throughout New Zealand have almost universally adopted the process. It essentially allows votes to be opened at specific times before polling day under very strict conditions. No counting is allowed but the information is scanned into a secure computer environment and unlocked by the Justice of the Peace and Electoral Officer after the Poll closes. No Scrutineer is allowed to be present however a Justice of the Peace must be present during the early processing.

Regulations allow Council to decide the order of candidates names on the voting paper. The options are alphabetical, pseudo random, random. In the absence of any resolution, the candidates must be arranged in alphabetical order of surname.

CA Tutty
GOVERNANCE SUPERVISOR

Item 317 APPEALS ON REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

**To: His Worship the Mayor & Councillors
 Otorohanga District Council**

From: Environmental Services Manager

Date: 19 February 2013

Relevant Community Outcomes

- The Otorohanga District is a safe place to live
 - Ensure services and facilities meet the needs of the Community
 - Provide for the unique history and culture of the District
 - Promote the local economy and opportunities for sustainable economic development
 - Manage the natural and physical environment in a sustainable manner
 - Foster an involved and engaged Community
 - Protect the special character of our harbours and their catchments
 - Recognise the importance of the Districts rural character
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Executive Summary

This Paper provides an update of progress in the RPS process since the last meeting of Joint Working Party (JWP) elected members in November 2012. It gives an overview of appeals to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) lodged by other parties, and discusses the s274 notices to these appeals, lodged on the JWP's behalf. The resolution made by the JWP at the meeting on 8 February to continue to support the s274 notices is attached

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Appeals on Regional Policy Statement report be received.

Report Discussion

Following the commencement of the RPS review in 2009, a Joint Working Party (JWP) from the Hauraki (HDC), Matamata-Piako (MPDC), South Waikato (SWDC), Thames-Coromandel (TCDC), Otorohanga (ODC), and Waitomo (WDC) District Councils was established for the purpose of sharing resources and working together to respond to the forthcoming RPS.

The JWP comprises elected members supported by senior planning staff from the participating Councils. His Worship the Mayor Hugh Vercoe presently chairs the JWP. Since its inception, JWP staff and elected members have met on several occasions to formulate the collective's response to the RPS development. The JWP's work up to the last meeting in November 2012 includes:

- April 2009 Joint Comments on the RPS "Discussion Document"
- February 2010 Joint Comments on RPS "Working Draft"
- Mid-2010 Joint participation/ input into WRC's RPS Workshops
- February 2011 Joint Submissions on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement
- July 2011 Joint Further Submissions on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement

- January 2012 Joint Review of WRC Staff's s42A Report/ Recommendations
- May 2012 Presentation of Joint Evidence to WRC's Hearings Committee
- October 2012 Joint staff review of WRC's decision on the JWP's submissions
- November 2012 JWP workshop and decision not to appeal the RPS, but to become a s274 party to relevant appeals by other parties

The most recent meeting of the JWP held on 30 November 2012 in Te Aroha considered a Staff Report that provided an overview of the WRC's decisions on the JWP's submissions. The meeting concluded that, while not all of the JWP's submissions were accepted, the JWP was generally satisfied with the WRC's decisions. Consequently, the meeting resolved:

1. *That the report of JWP Staff be received.*
2. *That the JWP agree not to appeal the decisions of the WRC on the JWP's submissions to the RPS.*
3. *That JWP Staff be requested to assess appeals lodged by other parties.*
4. *That JWP Staff be authorised to lodge notices with the Environment Court under s274 of the RMA to become a party to any appeals by others that seek relief that is contrary to the JWP's submissions.*
5. *That the JWP agree to share the cost up to a total of \$ 30,000 during this financial year (2012/13) to give effect to this resolution, in the following proportion:*
 - *TCDC, HDC, MPDC, SWDC = 1/5th each*
 - *ODC and WDC = 1/5th jointly.*
6. *That JWP Staff report back to the JWP in early 2013 regarding the s274 RMA notices lodged with the Environment Court and the financial implications thereof (if any) for the 2013/14 financial year.*

Subsequently, and to give effect to the above resolution, JWP staff:

- During December 2012, assessed the appeals lodged by other parties; and:
- In January 2013 lodged s274 notices with the Environment Court of the JWP's wish to become a party to a number of appeals by other parties concerning matters of particular interest.

JWP staff collaboratively reviewed the appeals assessment referred to previously, and reached agreement to become a party to 11 of the appeals to the RPS, namely the appeals by:

- i. The Environmental Defence Society;
- ii. Hamilton City Council;
- iii. New Zealand Transport Agency;
- iv. Winstone Aggregates;
- v. TrustPower Limited;
- vi. Federated Farmers of New Zealand;
- vii. Contact Energy Limited;
- viii. Mighty River Power Limited;
- ix. Waipa District Council;
- x. Horticulture New Zealand;
- xi. Genesis Power Limited.

With the assistance of MPDC's in-house Counsel, s274 notices were subsequently lodged with the Environment Court, covering 60 relevant appeal points (some of which overlap) in respect of the 11 appeals identified above. The relevant appeal points in each appeal and the JWP's position

(support/ oppose or conditional support) are set out in the table that was circulated at the last Council meeting.

The JWP has the ability to withdraw from any (or all) of the s274 notices lodged on behalf of JWP Councils. Should the JWP decide on this option, then all that is required is for staff to serve notice with the Court confirming withdrawal from the relevant proceedings.

Resolution to Continue

Following discussion on the detail of the appeals and the appeal process, the JWP decided to accept the s274 notices lodged, and to support and resource staff to continue to be involved with the appeal process. The resolution passed by the meeting is attached.

The Way Forward

JWP Staff are currently in the process of assessing the position of other parties who have filed s274 notices covering the same matters that are of interest to the JWP. It is likely there may be opportunities for collaboration and cost sharing with organisations whose interests aligns with the JWP.

Current Court records indicates that there are approximately 100 other parties who have lodged s274 notices on the 11 appeals of interest to the JWP. It is likely that further s274 notices may still be filed late by other parties potentially increasing that number to over 150.

The Environment Court has served notice of the first pre-hearing conference, scheduled for Monday 18 February 2013. The purpose of the first conference is to clarify the issues that parties want to be involved with, identify parties with similar interests.

It is likely a number of pre-hearing conferences and mediation meetings concerning the different topics covered by the various appeals will be convened under the Court's direction over the following months, subsequent to the 18 February meeting.

JWP staff will share the responsibility to attend meetings, with external support where necessary.

The JWP staff's role will essentially be to provide planning input to the relevant issues and to keep a "watching brief" over the direction that proceedings are taking, rather than to take an active role.

JWP staff will report back to a full JWP Meeting following the 18 February conference when more detail will be available regarding the manner in which the appeal will be managed, likely timeframes and other 274 parties with similar interests to the JWP.

In conclusion, JWP staff considers that the current collective approach whereby resources are shared between the participating Councils has been very successful in achieving good outcomes during this regionally significant policy-making process.

Attachment – JWP Resolution 8 February 2013

- i) That this Paper be received;
- ii) That the JWP confirms the eleven s274 notices filed on behalf of the six participating Councils.
- iii) That the JWP confirms that it does not want Staff to assess the s274 notices relating to appeals to which the JWP is not currently a party;
- iv) That the JWP agrees not to file any additional s274 notices;
- v) That the JWP confirms that the role that it wants to take in the pending Court proceedings will be to provide planning input to the relevant issues and to keep a "watching brief" over the direction that proceedings are taking, rather than to take an active role;
- vi) That, in respect of representation at upcoming Court initiated conferences and meetings, it is agreed that JWP Staff will share the responsibility to attend meetings, with Mr Rademeyer's support;

- vii) That the JWP authorises M Hawthorne and M Rademeyer to make decisions during the 18 February 2013 pre-hearing meeting and that the staff will report back after this pre-hearing.
- viii) That the JWP approves additional funding of \$30,000 (excluding GST) to cover costs to the end of the current (2012/13) financial year, to be shared in the ratio:
 - 1/5 each – TCDC, MPDC, HDC, SWDC; and:
 - 1/5 jointly – ODC and WDC
- ix) That JWP staff agree to report back to the JWP as and when is required.
- x) That the JWP authorises M Hawthorne to sign (consent to) waiver applications and associated procedural matters on behalf of all JWP Councils.

Moved **John Tregidga**
Seconded **Neil Sinclair**

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

Item 318 **APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – HAMILTON CAR CLUB**
To: **His Worship the Mayor and Councillors**
 Otorohanga District Council
From: **Engineering Support Officer**
Date: **19 February 2013**

Relevant Community Outcomes

- Provide for the unique history and culture of the District
 - Promote the local economy and opportunities for sustainable economic development
 - Foster an involved and engaged Community
 - Recognise the importance of the Districts rural character
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Executive Summary

An application has been received from Hamilton Car Club for the following road closure within the Otorohanga District, to enable the Hamilton Car Club to hold the Ngutunui Tarmac Hillclimb.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that:

Purpose: Ngutunui Hillclimb

Date: Sunday, 24 March 2013

Details of Closure: **PEKANUI ROAD** – entire length. Includes intersection with Scott Road (no exit)

Period of Proposed Closure: 9.00am to 5.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Hamilton Car Club is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Hamilton Car Club is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Hamilton Car Club is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
5. Hamilton Car Club is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Hamilton Car Club is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
8. Hamilton Car Club is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intending to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Two mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All initial mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution commences. The

subsequent mail drop is to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.

9. Hamilton Car Club is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the event have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
10. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Hamilton Car Club representative is to meet with Council Engineering staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

Report Discussion

Hamilton Car Club have applied for this road closure pursuant to the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974.

They are prepared to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965. Hamilton Car Club have provided a signed consent form from all but one resident of the affected areas, indicating agreement for the road closures. At that time they also made the initial letter drop and will carry out a reminder mail drop no later than ten full days before the proposed closure.

At the suggestion of a resident, the Hamilton Car Club are donating trees to Ngutunui School to offset the carbon emissions from this event, therefore making the event carbon neutral.

This event is also a major fundraising event for Ngutunui School, who provide an off-road venue, sausage sizzle and catering for competitors and visitors to the school and the event.

The Car Club will also give the Ngutunui School a donation of \$5 per entry and a share of the profit from the catering. A couple of people from the area will also be given the opportunity to experience a ride in a rally car.

Robyn Hodges
ENGINEERING SUPPORT OFFICER

Item 319 **APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - TARGA ROTORUA 2013**

To: **His Worship and Councillors
Otorohanga District Council**

From: **Engineering Support Officer**

Date: **19 February 2013**

Relevant Community Outcomes

- Provide for the unique history and culture of the District
 - Promote the local economy and opportunities for sustainable economic development
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Executive Summary

Application has been received from Club Targa Inc for the following road closures within the Otorohanga District, to enable the Targa Rotorua 2013 event and associated activities to proceed. To assist with the stage security, Club Targa Inc have also requested the closures to include 50 metres of each adjoining road, (with the exception of Waipapa Road), from where it intersects with the road being applied for.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that:

That approval be granted for the following road closures, including 50 metres of each adjoining road, (with the exception of Waipapa Road), from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose: Targa Rotorua 2013

Date: Saturday, 11 May 2013

Details of Closure: **Stage Name – Mangare Road**

MANGARE ROAD – from the district boundary to its intersection with Pukewhau and Huirimu Roads. Includes intersection with Landing Road.

PUKEWHAU ROAD – from its intersection with Mangare and Huirimu Roads to finish at the intersection with Waipapa Road.

Period of Closure: 12.30pm to 5.00pm

Stage Name – Aotearoa

KAHOREKAU ROAD – from its intersection with Waipapa Road to its intersection with Aotearoa Road.

AOTEAROA ROAD – from its intersection with Kahorekau Road to the district boundary.

Period of Closure: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
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2. Club Targa Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Club Targa Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Te Awamutu Courier.
4. Club Targa Inc is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
5. Club Targa Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
6. Club Targa Inc is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences. The subsequent mail drop to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
7. Club Targa Inc is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
8. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Club Targa representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

Report Discussion

These road closures are proposed pursuant to the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974. Club Targa are prepared to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, to build on the good relations they have with residents from the affected areas.

Robyn Hodges

ENGINEERING SUPPORT OFFICER

Item 320 WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESENTATION ON WAIKATO REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROFILE

**To: His Worship the Mayor & Councillors
Otorohanga District Council**

From: WRC Programme Manager – Regional Strategy

Date: 19 February 2013

Relevant Community Outcomes

- The Otorohanga District is a safe place to live
 - Ensure services and facilities meet the needs of the Community
 - Provide for the unique history and culture of the District
 - Promote the local economy and opportunities for sustainable economic development
 - Manage the natural and physical environment in a sustainable manner
 - Foster an involved and engaged Community
 - Protect the special character of our harbours and their catchments
 - Recognise the importance of the Districts rural character
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Executive Summary

To provide background material about the Waikato regional economic profile and to set out the profile's key findings. Under separate cover is the slides of the presentation.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

That the report "Waikato Regional Economic Profile" (Doc #2333540 dated 12 February 2013) be received for information.

Report Discussion

Background

The purpose of the profile is to provide information so that all Waikato stakeholders can have a shared understanding of the economic issues and opportunities facing the region and take steps collaboratively to address these. It is therefore useful to decision makers, analysts, entrepreneurs and students.

The profile is also informing Waikato Regional Council as it determines its role in enabling regional development. The regional council already holds much information about the state of Waikato's environment but relatively little is known about the region's economy. Waikato Regional Council has already decided that balancing environmental and economic outcomes is a core aspect of its role (refer Waikato Regional Council mission). This profile therefore informs the regional council's discussions about the relationship between economic and environmental issues, within a broader discussion about its role in contributing to community wellbeing.

The contributors included territorial authorities, central government agencies, tertiary education providers and Crown Research Institutes, regional tourism organisations and business organisations. The publication of the profile in October 2012 was highly anticipated because there

is little public information about the Waikato regional economy overall and its components. The process to develop the profile has contributed to new discussions being initiated between different organisations and individuals who operate in the regional economy, which could lead to ongoing collaborative relationships.

The profile can be accessed via the Waikato Regional Council website at <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Services/Publications/Technical-Reports/TR-201237/>.

Key findings

There is an imperative for collective action to grow and sustain Waikato's economy because **the region is lagging behind much of New Zealand across a range of indicators**. All of these affect the economic and social wellbeing of communities in the region.

Waikato is the fourth-largest regional economy in New Zealand. It accounts for approximately 10 per cent of land area and population and 8.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP). Several sectors are part of national value chains, such as food, forestry and wood product manufacturing, manufacturing and services. The region is an important centre of primary production and relies on the Auckland and Bay of Plenty regions for access to international ports.

There is evidence to suggest, however, that the Waikato region is not achieving its potential. For example:

- Estimated Waikato Gross Regional Product per capita in 2011 was \$40,039, which was approximately 9 per cent lower than national GDP per capita (\$44,064);
- Waikato's median weekly household income is higher than only three other regions. Median weekly household income increased from 1998 to 2011 at a lower rate annually (3.4 per cent) than New Zealand (3.8 per cent);
- The distribution of incomes is narrower in Waikato than New Zealand as a whole. There are more middle income households and fewer households with annual incomes greater than \$150,000 per year;
- The educational attainment of Waikato school leavers is below average, with only 66 per cent attaining a qualification at level two or above compared with a national average of 71 per cent; and
- The level of social deprivation is slightly worse than New Zealand as a whole.

Waikato's economy is closely tied to the resources and waste assimilation services provided by **its environment**. Finite productive land, poor water quality and reliance on finite fossil fuels, for example, mean that neither "business as usual" nor "more of the same" is sustainable.

We need to work on a number of **opportunities for the region**:

- To develop a strategy that identifies Waikato's role in contributing to the upper North Island, other regions and New Zealand as a whole.
- To adopt a green growth theme that is consistent with international trends, national approaches and the strategic direction of WRC.
- To improve coordination between location-, iwi-, sector- and firm-based economic development activities to increase effectiveness and efficiency.
- To take advantage of a population that is relatively young and has relatively more Māori.
- To improve the quality and coordination of regulatory processes for valuable sectors that cross local and regional boundaries, such as forestry and geothermal energy. This requires collaboration among local authorities and with central government potentially.
- To partner with Māori/iwi for economic development due to their unique advantages and long-term commitment to the future of the region and its people.
- To increase generation from abundant, renewable resources such as geothermal and wind energy. The region will continue to be well placed to deal with increased demand.

- The region can make better use of its existing infrastructure by identifying opportunities for improved management and finding better ways of managing demand. It can also be smarter about investing in new assets by considering how they function as a network. This applies at local and regional level.
- The roll-out of ultra fast broadband enables firms to improve communications, productivity and education without regard to location (particularly if rural communities gain equitable access).
- To increase the commercialisation of the existing knowledge strengths within the region's research and education institutions.
- To enhance collaboration among the knowledge generation and diffusion sub-system for greater innovation outcomes.
- To improve alignment between the regionally significant sectors and the education and research strengths of the region's institutions.
- To increase the value of our international and interregional exports, particularly in the regionally important sectors that present immediate opportunities because of their existing scale and growth:
 - high-value food manufacturing (dairy, meat and other food manufacturing);
 - high value manufacturing (such as agritech, aviation and materials and equipment manufacturing);
 - forestry and wood product manufacturing;
 - high value services (such as agriculture, geothermal energy and information and communications technology); and
 - aquaculture is small currently but has growth potential also.
- To align the attraction of business visitors with sector strengths and opportunities.

The challenges and opportunities are significant and inter-related. No single organisation has the scale or scope to address them across the region and maximise the benefits to themselves or the wider community. Activities and investments require better coordination within the region and between the region and central government. It is also necessary to improve the utilisation of regional resources and deliver a regional strategic focus. Collaboration is therefore required among and between firms and industry groups, central and local government organisations, iwi, tertiary education and research providers and commercialisation and economic development agencies.

General issues

Information sharing

There is little public information about the Waikato regional economy and its components (e.g. territorial authority areas, iwi, firms) and there is no common base for its analysis. For example, data is contained in multiple sources and territorial authorities commission economic models from third parties that are built using the same data (sourced from Statistics New Zealand) and focus on territorial authority areas. They do not identify or address region-wide issues therefore.

Related issues include:

- The type of information that is sometimes collected may not be useful for strategy and planning, such as retail sales data versus export data.
- The duplication of information collection may be inefficient if multiple providers are contracted, especially when some organisations may be collecting the information anyway, such as Waikato Regional Council.
- There is a demand for accurate, timely, easy-to-understand information from TAs, business organisations and the media amongst others.

Collaboration

The challenges and opportunities identified are significant and inter-related. No single actor has the scale or scope to address them across the region and maximise the benefits to themselves or the wider community as illustrated in the diagram below. Collaboration is therefore required among and between firms and industry groups, central and local government organisations, iwi, tertiary education and research providers and commercialisation and economic development agencies. For example, it appears that the highest number of students and graduates at tertiary education providers are in subjects that do not relate directly to regionally significant economic sectors. There could be benefit in engaging with industry to identify their short- and long-term labour and skills needs.

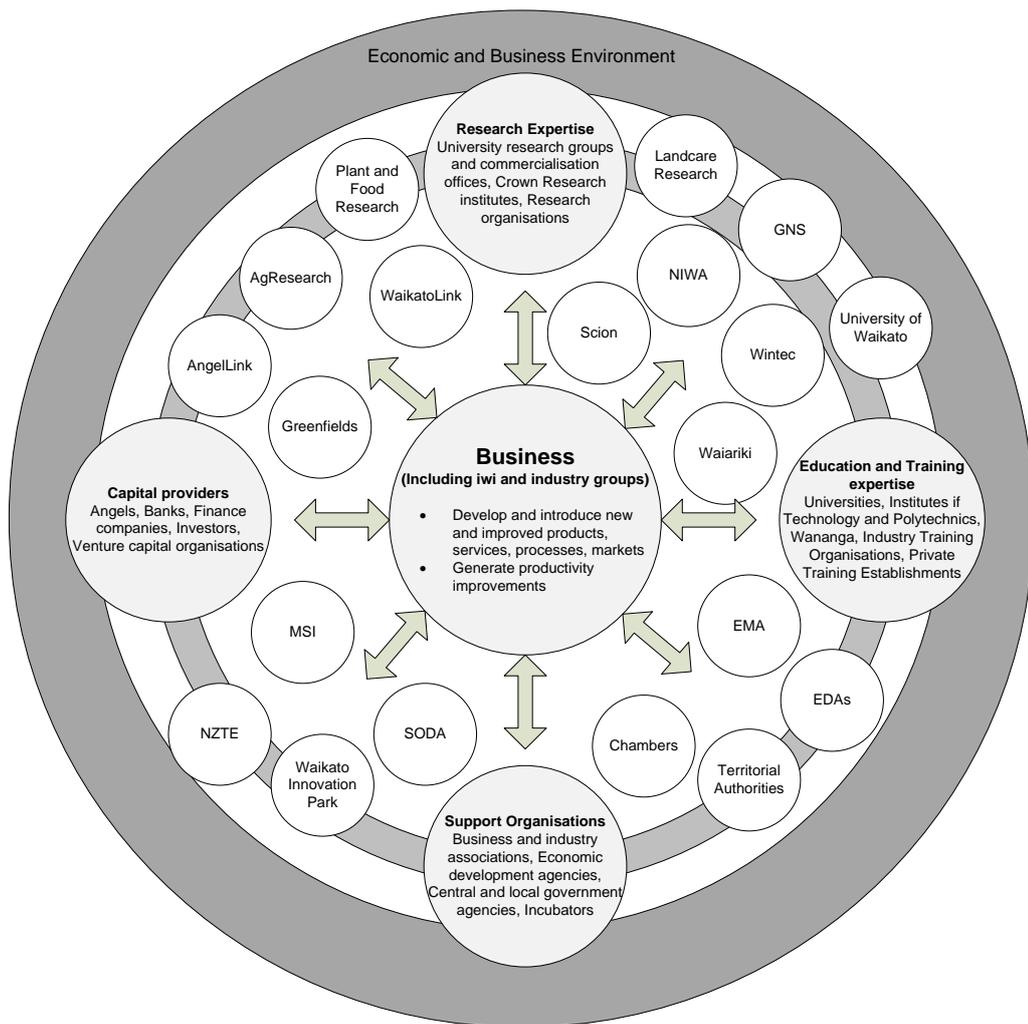


Figure 1 Key components of the Waikato innovation system

Scale and density

Although Waikato is the fourth-largest region in New Zealand and contributes approximately 10 per cent to the national economy, the region's population is approximately 15 per cent less than the third-largest region (Wellington), is small in an international context and has relatively low population density outside the region's urban centres. Furthermore, the proportion of the region's population that reside in a metropolitan area (Hamilton) is lower than the larger regions. This makes it difficult to take advantage of economies of scale and density that occur in larger cities typically.

Current work

Examples of work by Waikato Regional Council staff with colleagues that has been completed or is about to commence include:

Interviews of firms

Waikato Regional Council commissioned MartinJenkins to interview 35 firms in several industry sectors to identify their opportunities and barriers to growth through innovation and internationalisation. This was a follow-up to the regional economic profile, because Waikato Regional Council found that there was limited information available about firms' experiences of various issues. The most common issues raised by the interviewees were skills availability, regulation and a lack of coordination of economic development support.

Waikato Regional Council is considering how to ensure regulation and processing of consents is not an unnecessary barrier to firms being successful. The findings of the interviews relating to skills have been passed on to those groups leading work in this area. Coordination of economic development support is being discussed in Hamilton (discussed below) and it is hoped this discussion will extend to other areas in due course.

Research into the Māori/iwi asset base

Comprehensive information about the Māori/iwi asset base and economic development activities was not available at the time of writing the Waikato regional economic profile. Waikato Regional Council also found it challenging to obtain public information for the Iwi chapter of the profile, which was based on secondary sources. Collating such information would help identify the nature and scale of iwi/Māori interests in, and contributions to, the Waikato regional economy and identify opportunities for growth and capability building.

Waikato Regional Council, Te Puni Kōkiri and the Federation of Maori Authorities have agreed to collaborate to collate information about the nature and scale of iwi/Māori interests in, and contributions to, the Waikato regional economy. The project will involve desk research to identify the main activities, income and expenditure and value, and economic potential of assets of Māori/iwi entities in the Waikato region, including the location, size and current and potential use of land holding (where relevant). The key output will be a report outlining the findings from the research.

This information could form an input to the development of both a Waikato regional Māori/iwi economic action plan and a broader regional economic development strategy. The action plan could be designed to complement and give practical effect to the thematic directions set in the national Māori Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

Collaboration

A networking group began in 2011 among the staff of some of the regional innovation organisations based in Hamilton (e.g. Hamilton City Council, Innovation Waikato Ltd, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, Opportunity Hamilton, Prima Group, SODA Inc, Waikato Chamber of Commerce, WaikatoLink, Wintec).

The group provides opportunities for the members to:

- share information about their activities or best practices (knowledge transfer);
- identify and share common opportunities (business leads);
- identify opportunities to coordinate services (this could: free resources to specialise in complementary niches; and reduce search/transaction costs for firms).

It is expected that this group's membership will be extended to other parts of the region in due course.

Information sharing

Waikato Regional Council staff are working with stakeholders to determine and help meet their regional economic information needs. The output could be an online, open information source about the Waikato regional economy that is updated regularly and linked effectively to other information (environmental, social/cultural).

This is needed because there is a demand for accurate, timely, easy-to-understand information about the Waikato regional economy and its components (e.g. territorial authority areas, iwi, firms) from territorial authorities, business organisations and the media amongst others but there is little public information available. Although some organisations, such as Waikato Regional Council, collect data at regional and territorial authority-level, data is contained in multiple sources and there is no common base for its analysis.

Regional economic development strategy

Waikato Regional Council is supporting the Waikato Mayoral Forum as it facilitates the development of a regional economic development strategy focused on unlocking the export and innovation potential of key regional sectors.

Conclusion

The economic profile provides a useful evidence base about various economic issues facing the region. WRC is keen to explore economic development opportunities with others in the region and to support the work of the Waikato Mayoral Forum in facilitating the development of a Regional Economic Development Strategy.

Assessment of Significance

Having had regard to the decision making provisions in the Local Government Act 2002 and Council's Policy on Significance, a decision in accordance with the recommendations is not considered to have a high degree of significance.



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Item 320 **ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 29 JANUARY 2013**

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Otorohanga District Council**

From: **Governance Supervisor**

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Executive Summary

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

29 January 2013

- i. To prepare a report on the number of Building Consents issued for the quarterly period.

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