

Notice is given that an ordinary meeting of the Motueka Community Board will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday 15 December 2020  
**Time:** 4:00 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Motueka Office  
**Venue:** 7 Hickmott Place  
Motueka

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## Motueka Community Board

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## 7 REPORTS

### 7.2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REMOVE A TREE

Decision Required

**Report To:** Motueka Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 15 December 2020  
**Report Author:** Andrew Ellis, Commercial Portfolio Manager  
**Report Number:** RMCB20-12-8

#### 1 Summary

- 1.1 This report requests the approval of the Motueka Community Board to remove a red oak tree at Motueka TOP 10 Holiday Park.

#### 2 Draft Resolution

**That the Motueka Community Board:**

1. receives the Tree Removal Report, RMCB20-12-8; and
2. approves the removal of a red oak tree at Motueka TOP 10 Holiday Park.

**3 Purpose of the Report**

- 3.1 The purpose of the report is to obtain approval from the Motueka Community Board to remove a red oak tree at Motueka TOP 10 Holiday Park.

**4 Background and Discussion**

- 4.1 The red oak tree is situated close to the northern boundary of the holiday park, close to a children’s play area. The tree is labelled number 70 on the attached arborist survey report (Attachment 1).
- 4.2 The main stem of the tree has split into two leaders, and the arborist has recommended that we either install a static bracing system in the tree or remove it.
- 4.3 Given that the tree is close to a children’s play area and therefore a significant health and safety risk, the Council reserves team have recommended removal as soon as possible.
- 4.4 Please note that Council is not proceeding with all of the work in the attached survey. The reserves team have advised on the work that they feel is necessary, with a focus on the high priority items. The arborists have been instructed to proceed with circa 50% of the proposed work. The removal of the red oak is subject to Community Board approval.

**5 Options**

- 5.1 Option 1 (recommended) – remove the red oak tree.
- 5.2 Option 2 – install a static bracing system.
- 5.3 Option 3 – do nothing.

**6 Strategy and Risks**

- 6.1 Removing the tree will eliminate the health and safety risk, and this is the preferred option of Council staff.
- 6.2 Installing a static bracing system will reduce the health and safety risk, but not remove the risk entirely.
- 6.3 Doing nothing is not recommended as the tree is a clear health and safety risk.

**7 Policy / Legal Requirements / Plan**

- 7.1 The Reserves General Policies document states:
- Trim remove and replace old or damaged trees that pose a significant safety risk, as determined by a professional assessment where necessary (6.7.2.7)

**8 Consideration of Financial or Budgetary Implications**

- 8.1 There will be a relatively minor cost to remove the tree, which will be funded by the commercial activity and offset against rental income from the holiday park.

## 9 Significance and Engagement

- 9.1 This issue is assessed as low significance, see detailed analysis below:

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low	The tree is large and attractive, but it is not a native or protected tree.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	No	
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	No	
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	No	
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	No	
Does the proposal require inclusion of Māori in the decision making process (consistent with s81 of the LGA)?	No	

**10 Conclusion**

10.1 It is requested that the Motueka Community Board approves the removal of the tree for safety reasons.

**11 Next Steps / Timeline**

11.1 If the Community Board adopts the recommendation to remove the tree, qualified arborists will be engaged to remove the tree as soon as possible.

**12 Attachments**

1. Motueka TOP 10 Tree Survey

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Ben & Ashlee Ilton  
Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park  
10 Feron St  
Motueka  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Ben and Ashlee

Please find attached the survey of the trees at Morueka Top 10 Holiday Park. I have included a map of the campground with the trees numbered, priority and work required. In general the condition of the trees within the Holiday park were in good condition with removal of deadwood and keeping the tree canopies elevated to clear campervans being the most common work required.

Based on 3 arborists, truck and chipper, I estimate around 90hrs of High Priority work, 65hrs of Medium Priority work and 70hrs of Low Priority work. This based on chipping the branches and leaving larger pieces of timber on site in managable lengths (3-4m). The survey does not include any of the Protected Trees within the Holiday Park as they are assessed under a diffeent program.

I surveyed the trees at a preliminary level only. The survey must not be substtuted for a tree risk assssment report. Detailed inspections, aerial inspecftions, root or soil analysis etc were not undertaken. I visited the site 1 Cotober 2020. Trees are dynamic living organisms, whose health and condition can be subject to rapid changes, depending on several internal and extermnal factors. The recommendations contained in this survey are based on the trees at the time of inspection. It should be nmoted that even completely sound healthy trees can failgiven sufficiently severe weathr conditions.

Regards

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Diploma in Arboriculture (Wintec)

#	Species	Common name	Priority	Work Required	Hrs
1	Podocarpus totora	Totora	M	Remove minor deadwood	1
2	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Remove minor deadwood	1
3	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Deadwood	1
4	Pittosporum eugenioides	Lemonwood	M	Crown lift for campervan access	1
5	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
6	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
7	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree	
8	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	H	Crown lift, reduce over extended limbs	4
9	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	M	Crown lift, reduce over extended limbs (has Ganoderma bracket on trunk)	3
10	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree	
11	Alnus glutinosa	Alder	M	Reduce outside leader of codominant stem, shape	3
12	Pittosporum eugenioides 'Variegatum'	Variegated lemonwood	M	Crown lift for campervan access	1
13	Podocarpus totora	Totora	M	Crown lift for campervan access	1
14	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Formative prune, reduce over extended limbs	3
15	Podocarpus totora	Totora	M	Crown lift for campervan access	3
16	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Formative prune, reduce over extended limbs	3
17	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Formative prune, reduce over extended limbs	2
18	Sophora microphylla	Kowhai	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
19	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Formative prune, reduce over extended limbs	2
20	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Formative prune, reduce over extended limbs	1
21	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	M	Decay at base of tree with limited active root system, consider removal	3
22	?		M	Deadwood, formative prune	3
23	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
24	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
25	?		M	Crown lift, reduce weight on over extended laterals	1
26	Aronia melanocarpa	Chokeberry	H	Crown lift for campervan access	1
27	Metrosideros excelsa	Pohutakawa	L	Crown lift for campervan access	2
28	Metrosideros excelsa	Pohutakawa	H	Remove epicormic around base of tree	2
29	Metrosideros excelsa	Pohutakawa	H	Remove epicormic around base of tree	2
30	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Minor deadwood	1
31	?		L	Sections of tree dying off, may have cypress canker?	1
32	Hoheria populnea	Lacebark	H	Majority of tree is dead with mistletoe on dead branches, remove tree	2
33	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	H	Crown lift, Formative prune	4
34	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	M	Crown lift for campervan access	1
35	Hoheria populnea	Lacebark	H	Deadwood	1
36	Prunus sp.		L	Formative prune	1
37	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
37a	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea		Protected tree	
38	? Deciduous		L	Formative prune	1
39	Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Tree	H	Formative prune, reduce any heavy laterals	4
40	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
41	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1

42	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	M	Deadwood
43	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access
44	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Not looking super healthy, deadwood
#	Species	Common name	Priority	Work Required
45	Metrosideros excelsa	Pohutakawa	H	Crown lift, remove lower epicormic
46	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree
47	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree
48	Ulmus sp.	Elm	L	Formative prune
49	Griselinia littoralis		L	Formative prune
50	Aesculus indica	Horse chestnut	M	Crown lift for campervan access
51	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Deadwood, reduce over extended laterals
52	Metrosideros excelsa	Pohutakawa	M	Crown lift for campervan access
53	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected Tree
54	Fuscospora sp.	NZ beech	H	Tree is dead, remove
55	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	M	Crown lift, remove low epicormic growth
56	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	H	Crown lift, deadwood, light reduction on over extended laterals
57	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	M	Crown lift
58	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Deadwood, light reduction on over extended laterals
59	Aesculus indica	Horse chestnut	L	Crown lift for campervan access
60	Griselinia littoralis		M	Crown lift for campervan access
61	Acer negundo		M	Crown lift for campervan access
62	Platanus x acerfolia	Plane tree	-	Protected Tree
63	Sophora microphylla	Kowhai	L	Crown lift, deadwood
64	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	M	Crown lift, deadwood
65	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	M	Crown lift, deadwood
66	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Crown lift, deadwood, reduce over extended laterals
67	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Crown lift for campervan access
68	Myoporum latum	Ngaio	H	Major decay in main trunk, recommend a significant reduction on laterals to minimise leverage on limbs
69	Alnus glutinosa	Alder	L	Formative prune
70	Quercus robur	Oak	H	Main stem has split between the 2 leaders, recommend either installing a static bracing system in the tree or removal
71-76	Grove of old growth titoki and Griselinia		H	Continue to reduce end weight on limbs extending over sites and trampoline area and deadwood. Griselinia within group is in decline, remove major deadwood.
77	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	L	Formative prune
78	Photinia sp.		L	Formative prune
79	Dodonaea viscosa	Akeake	M	In advanced decline, remove tree
80	Betula pendula	Sliver birch	L	Formative prune
81	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	M	Deadwood
82	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Deadwood, Formative prune
83	Betula pendula	Sliver birch	L	Formative prune
84	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Deadwood, lift branches off building, formative prune

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85	Ligustrum sinense	Privet	L	Crown lift for campervan access	1
86	Hoheria populnea	Lacebark	M	In decline, remove major deadwood	2
87	Quercus rubra	Red oak	H	In hedge, remove any deadwood likely to fall over campsites	3
88	Griselinia littoralis	Lacebark	L	Formative prune	2
89	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	M	Crown lift, deadwood	2
90	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	M	Crown lift, deadwood	2
91	Fuscospora sp.	NZ beech	L	Formative prune	1
#	<b>Species</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Work Required</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
92	Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	H	Reduce end weight on laterals	3
93	Pseudopanax sp.		L	Formative prune	1
94	Metrosideros excelsa	Pohutakawa	L	Light canopy lift	1
95	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree	
96	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree	
97	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree	
98	Betula pendula	Sliver birch	L	Formative prune	2
99	Liquidambar styraciflua	Liquidambar	L	Formative prune	4
100	Cupressus sp.	Cypress	L	Formative prune	2
101	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Formative prune	3
102	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Formative prune	1
103	Podocarpus totora	Totora	L	Formative prune	1
104	Cryptomeria japonica 'Nana'		L	Crown lift	1
105	Liquidambar styraciflua	Liquidambar	M	Clear from powerlines	3
106	Podocarpus totora	Totora	M	Crown lift, deadwood	3
107	Agathus australis	Totora	M	Remove low epicormic growth	1
108	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	L	Formative prune	4
109	Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	L	Formative prune	4
110	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea	-	Protected tree	
111	Trees along front boundary		M	Clear trees from powerlines	6

Attachment 1

