

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Special Council  
**DATE:** Tuesday, 5 June 2007  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**PRESENT:** Mayor J C Hurley, Crs T B King, R G Currie, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, N Riley, E J Wilkins, S J Borlase, M J Higgins, E M O'Regan, P K O'Shea, E E Henry, S G Bryant  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Corporate Services Manager (M W Staite), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

## APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Borlase  
CN07/06/01**

**THAT apologies for absence from Cr R G Kempthorne be received and sustained.  
CARRIED**

## **1 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS**

Council heard and/or received the following submissions to its draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan.

508 Weyerhaeuser – supporting changes to Development Contributions Policy  
509 – 514 – supporting Trafalgar Park upgrade  
515 Ben Nistor – supporting Trafalgar Park upgrade and Cycling and Walking Strategies  
516 A N R Wallace – opposed to additional refuse rate for Kaiteriteri area for daily collections at Christmas and stormwater Martin Farm Road  
517 – 519 and 521 – opposed to additional refuse rate for Kaiteriteri area for daily  
520 R J Auld – opposed to additional refuse rate for Kaiteriteri area for daily and Kaiteriteri stormwater  
522 Keep Richmond Beautiful – Requesting placement of new litter bins at Templemore Ponds, behind Craft Habitat picnic table, beside bus stop at Aquatic Centre, outside main gate Waimea Intermediate, beside Wensley Road picnic table by cemetery

### **417 R Sampson**

Mr Sampson was in attendance and spoke to his submission which was concerned with stormwater issues in Iwa Street, Mapua and asked that some action be taken to rectify the problems.

523 Motueka RSPCA – requesting funds for euthanasing feral cats be included in Pest Management budget.

524 G Batten – objecting to 13 ha reserves being put aside per 1000 residents, funding of community boards from general rates and to increase of tourism spending.  
525 P Wilks - requesting UAGC be increased and general rate be decreased.  
526 Rural Issues Group – concerned with level of rates, asking that GST on rates be reviewed and priority be given to green belts in rural land.  
527 J March & B Simpson – erosion and loss of trees at Old Mill Walkway  
528 M Schuetz and R Reich-Attwood - opposing Mapua stopbank rate  
529 W K Darling- defer Richmond Town Centre work, reinstate Marriage Road and Seaton Valley Road and encouraging Council to be more involved in walkways.  
530 Nelson Marlborough District Health Board – suggesting adding in issues, such as peak oil, adopting transport plan, supporting TRMP variation 51 etc.

#### **421 Nelson Bays Arts Advocacy**

M Rodgers, Chief Executive, was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Nelson Bays Arts Advocacy. He acknowledged the work of Council's Recreation Advisor Mike Tasman-Jones. He asked Council to actively participate in, and contribute financially to, the development of a Regional Arts Strategy. It is anticipated \$50,000 would be needed to develop a three-stage strategy. He asked Council to advocate strongly to government for increased funding and also to private sector contributions for arts in the region.

531 Lynda Hannah (Living Legacies – asking Council to look at providing transport between Golden Bay, Motueka, Mapua, Tapawera and Nelson and noting there is a need for providing or subsidising a low cost nappy washing service.

532 P & A Kinzett – asking Council to seal Two Mile Road, Murchison.  
Cr O'Regan suggested a traffic count be undertaken. He said it is one of those roads that if it was improved traffic would speed up and said there is room for a footpath along it.

533 Democrats for Social Credit – requesting Council support the renewed initiative to have the GST removed from rates and to call on the Minister of Finance to restore counter-inflationary policies similar to those employed by the first Labour Government to fund essential infrastructure and state housing. It was suggested Mr Staite prepare a report for a future meeting.

534 J & M Anderson (also Port Company submissions) – concerned about rating increases.

Submissions 535 to 568 support a swimming pool for Motueka.

Mayor Hurley said new initiatives have been looked at for a Motueka swimming pool.

#### **425 Rex Bloomfield**

Mr Bloomfield was in attendance to speak to his submission which urged Council to increase its funding for the Nelson School of Music to \$60,000. He stressed the School of Music is a regional asset.

**475 B Harvey**

Mr Harvey was in attendance and spoke about the Kaiteriteri refuse levy. He said although it is a targeted area, properties from outside the area are taking advantage of, and using, the service. He said the problem is caused by holidaymakers using rental properties. He suggested a skip area, suitably signposted, be provided so holidaymakers could drop rubbish off as they leave the area. He objects paying for a problem that is not his or of his making.

In answer to a question about the location of a facility, Mr Harvey believed there would be a better response if it was put closer to Cook's corner and considered a proper study needs to be undertaken and opinion solicited from permanent residents.

**426 R B Rainey**

Mr Rainey was in attendance to speak in support of Nelson School of Music's request for funding of \$35,000 per year for three years. He said its future will be in jeopardy if a rescue package cannot be put together. He suggested a working party involving Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council and School of Music be set up to ensure the School receives adequate funding in future years. Mr Rainey said the School operates a contemporary music course, approved by NZQA. Numbers of students are down and grants are made by Education Department per capita for each person. It covers all forms of contemporary music, CDs etc. He undertook to make the current prospectus available.

In answer to a question, Mr Rainey said with full employment, numbers in these courses are down throughout the country.

Submissions 569 to 614 request a targeted rate based on the full costs of running community boards.

Submissions 615 to 680 request Council funding of \$35,000 for three years for the Nelson School of Music.

Submissions 681 to 686 comment on Suter ownership and requesting Council increase funding to match Nelson City Council funding.

687 WOW – supporting initiatives in relation to arts

Submissions 688 to 691 and 693 to 711 support a regional arts strategy, School of Music, Bishop Suter Art Gallery and support Performing Arts Centre and see arts as critical to our community

Submission 692 supports a regional arts strategy, School of Music, Bishop Suter Art Gallery and support Performing Arts Centre and see arts as critical to our community and asked for a feasibility study to investigate transport options.

Submissions 712 to 716 support stormwater improvements in Iwa Street, Mapua.

717 J Sharman, Mapua and Districts Community Association – Iwa Street stormwater and requesting Council to purchase land at north end of Mapua Domain to be used as parking.

Submissions 718 to 724 support funding of Headingly Centre.

Submissions 725 to 736 support completion of Kaiteriteri Road

737 M & L Wilson – concerning poor state and maintenance of the Rainy River Road.

738 Kayla Jones – suggested painting murals on Railway Reserve underpasses

739 J Butler – animal control, walkways, carparks, recycling, governance, ASB Bank Aquatic Centre, Motueka pool, supports Motueka Community Board's submission, and the discretionary fund should be increased from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

740 Nelson City Council, supports Tasman Bays Heritage Trust submission, Lee Valley Dam. Requesting Council to include \$20,000 towards a feasibility study for regional governance and \$75,000 towards a traffic demand management.

741 Motueka Community Board asking for the removal of general rate component from Motueka Airport.

742 R Taylor, Wakatu Incorporation requesting referendum on amalgamation.

743 Tasman Area Community Association re Community Outcomes and wishes to see restoration of status of the Tasman Reserve off Dicker Road.

744 Clare Hynd supporting changes to Motueka Business Rate. Concerned about Kaiteriteri refuse collection rate. Pleased with development of Goodman Park, Motueka and support Community Outcomes.

745 Sarah Holmes, Nelson Tasman Business Trust supporting Council's commitment to encouraging businesses to set up and develop in the region.

746 Rotoiti District Community Council – commenting on governance, wastewater and recycling. Cr O'Shea said there needs to be a discussion on representation.

747 E Griffiths & Others – Planning and opportunities in conjunction with the Tasman connection to the Ruby Bay Bypass. Cr O'Shea said it would be useful for Engineering Services to have a meeting with the Community Association to discuss issues relating to the community.

748 Paula Baldwin, asking Council to give focus on maintaining reserves, cycleways and walkways. Cr O'Regan said they say four times road sweeping is inadequate and he requested comment back from Engineering on that matter.

749 Nelson Grey Power Association – asking for rates to be spent wisely.

751 Career Services – seeking Council support for the Connections programme

752 Torrent Bay Township Committee requesting grant of \$8,600 plus GST for stage two water at Torrent Bay.

753 Nelson Multi-Ethnic Council – requesting a Tasman District Council staff member be appointed to their committee

754 A Clark – objecting to Our Town Motueka increase

755 Motueka District Museum Trust Board – supporting funding of museums in the region.

757 M Lile on behalf of M Soeters requesting strategic planning for the area north of Kaiteriteri be advanced.

758 NZ Historic Places Trust commending \$5,000 budget for Council's Heritage building restoration initiative scheme, but asking for it to be increased.

759 EnergySmart – requesting funding for continuation of Healthier Homes project.

760 Work and Income supporting financial and in-kind support to Nelson Tasman Connections Project. Asking Council to increase funding.

761 K Atkinson, Cancer Society, asking Council to look at policy for shade in outdoor recreation areas and bus stops.

762 Bibby Smith, Supporting programmes assisting wise water management, appreciation for management of two walks at Dawson Road and Chaytor Road, support initiatives for long term planning, 20 – 50 years, and would like to see debt burden actively managed and reduced.

763 Community Services Committee, changes to Reserve DILs proposed and allowance of \$14,500 to allow directors fees to be paid to Tasman Bays Heritage Trust. Cr O'Regan said a report is needed on Motueka Recreation Centre Upgrade.

764 Nelson Badminton Association seeking financial assistance of \$4,200 to upgrade the entrance to their hall at Gladstone Road.

765 Roving New Zealand, advocating programme called Operate Safe and asking Council to support in principle.

766 D Mitchell, submitting on land transportation, walkways and cycleways, resource policy etc. Opposes spending on motor sport, Headingly Centre and excavation of the traverse between Rabbit and Rough Islands.

767 Monika Dising, public transport and recycling and asking Council to consider climate warming.

Cr King left the meeting at 12.30 pm.

#### **432 P Robins, Nelson School of Music**

Mr Robins, Chair of Nelson School of Music, was in attendance to speak to their submission. He said the School needed \$110,000 for three years to enable it to change direction and invoke a new business model. He requested \$35,000 per year from Council. They have also requested funding from Canterbury Community Trust and Nelson City Council. \$320,000 per year is needed to maintain the historic building and provide basic booking and caretaking services.

#### **433 C Strang**

Mrs Strang was in attendance and asked Council to support the funding request from Nelson School of Music.

Submissions 427 – 430, 434, 436, 437 and 440 all supported the Nelson School of Music funding request.

416 C & E Willis – Stormwater issues, Iwa Street

418 I & R MacFadyen – stormwater issues, Iwa Street

Submissions 419, 420, 422 – 424 all supported arts activities and projects

50 safe cycling and opposed to spending on rugby facilities

51 Mik Symons, on behalf of Pene Ralph, wanting trees planted on unformed portion of Reilly Street

52 Pohara Boat Club – requesting funding to develop, promote and manage Port Tarakohe

53 Margaret Baker – asking for off road cycle lanes into the Golden Bay area

54 Golden Bay Community Arts Council –requesting \$15,000 to go towards a sculpture as part of library development

55 Golden Bay Health Centre – more money on cycle lanes, less money spent on resealing, firewells

56 Silvia Schneider-Rose – less money on resealing, more money on cycle lanes, doesn't support proposed water reticulation

57 Neil Baker – roads too narrow and not enough space for cyclists.

58 M Scott & S Shotton – requesting road widening from Paynes Ford to Takaka to include cycles lanes. Funding for motor sports should be funded by motor sports association.

59 V Davis – more money on safe cycling, reduced transport spending, no rates on rugby or motor sports facilities, no Takaka water scheme and supports increased autonomy for Golden Bay

60 C Coke supports region-wide arts strategy funding, arts sector and Nelson School of Music

Submissions 61 to 77 support Nelson School of Music funding.

78 M Randall – arts, activities and projects, Nelson School of Music, performing arts and conference centre, Bishop Suter Art Gallery

79 S Burgess – more money on safe cycling, reduced transport, no rates on rugby or motor sports, no Takaka water, supports increase of autonomy for Golden Bay

80 Golden Bay Integrated health Services – new Health Centre in Takaka

81 G Coates, NZ Marine Farming – supports interim AMAM areas in Golden and Tasman Bay assessed by MFish (Undue Adverse Effects) test, greater emphasis on marine biosecurity and marine pest eradication, contribution toward investigation of cost structures at Port Tarakohe in respect of line levy paid by mussel farmers and spat catchers

82 D Butler – requesting repairs to Milnthorpe Wharf to a safe and useable level

83 Golden Bay Heritage Aorere Trust – requesting administration costs of \$4,000 from Tasman District Council museums account.

84 John Arcus – requesting feasibility study of Golden Bay Museum with a vision to redeveloping facilities

Submissions 85 to 415 were all related to the proposed Takaka water reticulation and firewells.

119 also requesting safe cycle, pedestrian, horse ways along roads

122 supporting Nelson School of Music funding

153 supporting cultural services, history heritage, culture, recreation and leisure, camping grounds, parks, reserves, sports grounds.

281 requesting for pedestrian crossing at Telegraph Corner, Takaka

**723            Headingly Centre**

K Polglase, Project Co-ordinator, was in attendance to speak to Council on the Headingly Centre. Council has already agreed to a contribution of \$500,000 which is included in the draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan. A further \$802,000 is sought to cover the cost of the alterations deemed necessary to meet community use. These funds would not be required until the 2008/2009 financial year.

Cr Higgins said the facility will be able to be booked and used for community and he asked about the interface of use.

Mr Polglase said discussions have been held with Lloyd Kennedy on a Heads of Agreement and assurance will be included that there will be ongoing use by the community. The vision is that the Trust should build a facility that is a community facility that will be used as a centre for Grace Church also.

Cr King arrived at the meeting at 2.30 pm.

In answer to a question from Cr Higgins, Mr Polglase said there are no limitations on boundaries and they would welcome bookings by activities from Nelson and wider areas.

Cr Borlase noted conferences were on the list of possible users and asked where accommodation would be for 500 people.

Mr Polglase said it is one of the tensions of growth, in the short term they will have to travel to accommodation.

**435            W Oosterhoff**

Mr Oosterhoff was in attendance to speak to his submission which asked Council to support Nelson School of Music funding of \$35,000 per year for three years.

**441            Joanne Springer**

Joanne was in attendance and spoke to her submission which supported funding of \$35,000 per year for three years for the Nelson School of Music.

**442            Andreas Niemann**

Mr Niemann was in attendance to speak to his submission which asked Council to support Nelson School of Music funding of \$35,000 per year for three years. He said it is not all about money, if there wasn't the people base there it would collapse.

Submissions S5 to S22 were all related to proposed Takaka water reticulation and firewells.

S23 Ian Wemyss – LTCCP, debt, rates, etc. It was suggested that Mr Wemyss be invited to a meeting with Mayor Hurley and Mr Staite.

S24 – S26 and S33 were opposing an extension to kerbside recycling in Lee Valley.  
S27 – S31 (except S28) are requesting a targeted rate for community board areas.  
S28 Community Services Committee

Submissions 438 and 439 also supported Council funding Nelson School of Music.

**444 Jim West**

Mr West was in attendance to present his submission which supported the Nelson School of Music request for funding.

**483 David Stephenson**

David Stephenson spoke to the submission which requested a change to the proposed refuse charges, specifically, non-complying whiteware, light gauge steel and polystyrene.

Mayor Hurley and Cr Higgins were concerned about the proposed cost (\$60 per cubic metre) for disposing of polystyrene.

**446 Bishop Suter Art Gallery**

Hugo Judd, Judy Finn, Pam Joyce and Julie Catchpole were in attendance on behalf of the Bishop Suter Art Gallery.

Julie Catchpole spoke to the Council on ownership and funding issues for the Bishop Suter Art Gallery. The gallery is requesting additional operational funding of \$28,000 above the \$70,000 provided for in the 2007/2008 draft Annual Plan.

Mr Judd urged Council to reconsider their decision to not join the Nelson City Council in running the Suter as a Council controlled organisation.

Mayor Hurley said Arts Marketing is seeking funding for an arts strategy to be developed. He asked if Council was to pursue that, was it seen as being of high importance?

Judy Finn said the Suter Art Gallery has a history of employing people to run an art gallery and then asking them to fundraise. We can't compare an arts marketing strategy with funding for the Suter Art Gallery. It would be superb to have an arts strategy as well.

Cr Higgins asked the level of rates the Gallery pays to the Nelson City Council.

Cr King left the meeting at 4.45 pm.

Mrs Finn said it would be cheaper to contribute to one regional gallery. She said it is normal part of life in other parts of New Zealand to have a gallery, it isn't an extra.

Cr Currie said there is only limited money we can use to fund all the art requests, such as Nelson School of Music and Bishop Suter Gallery. These requests are becoming a burden on the ratepayers.



**447 Donna Hiser**

Donna Hiser said in Tasman District we have an amazing art collection and we should be investing in it. She said we are losing ground to other regions. We are seen as the artistic focus of the country and we can't afford to lose it. She urged Council to see investing in the Suter as an investment not a cost to the ratepayers. She would like to see Council putting money into the Suter to get some benefit back.

**419 Pam Joyce**

Pam Joyce was in attendance and spoke to her submission which asked Council to provide additional funding to the Bishop Suter Gallery to maintain and grow its level of activity. She urged Council to reconsider joint ownership of the Suter Art Gallery.

Cr O'Shea asked if a benefit was seen in a plan that encompassed all the arts activities.

Mrs Joyce saw benefit in a plan, so they could all work together to make Nelson a vibrant arts community.

Submission 445 – Yumiko Uda supported Nelson School of Music funding of \$35,000 per year for three years.

The meeting concluded at 5.05 pm.

Chair:

Date: