

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 4 September 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Cr T E Norriss (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs S G Bryant, R G Currie, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, N Riley, E J Wilkins
IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation Manager (R Ashworth), Asset Engineer Roads (S Elkington), Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson), Development Engineer (D Ley), Utilities Asset Engineer (D Stephenson), Utilities Asset Engineer (K Arnold), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Wilkins
WK08/09/01

THAT apologies for absence from Crs S J Borlase and T B King and lateness from Cr Higgins be sustained.

CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 P Heywood, Nelson Automobile Association

Mr Heywood expressed his appreciation and best wishes to Roger Ashworth who was leaving the Council after 24 years as a member of the Engineering staff.

1.2 G Turner

Mr Turner, representing NZ Road Transport Association, asked that Council call for nominations for membership of the Regional Land Transport Committee and tabled a letter on that subject for consideration by the Council.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Crs Inglis/Ensor
WK08/09/02

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 24 July 2008, containing resolutions numbered WK08/07/01 to WK08/07/11 be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

3 ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson's report was contained within the agenda. Cr Norriss thanked Mayor Kempthorne, Roger Ashworth and Council staff and contractors associated with the award-winning Sundial Square project in Croucher Street, Richmond.

Public consultation had recently occurred on the Richmond ring-road route.

Cr Norriss congratulated Councillors and staff in association with the Wai-iti Community dam, which recently completed filling and flowed over the spillway.

Cr Norriss referred to recent storm events which have resulted in considerable damage throughout the district and also to the front beach at Torrent Bay.

Mayor Kempthorne arrived at the meeting at 9.40 am.

**Moved Crs Riley/Glover
WK08/09/03**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee Chairperson's report dated 27 August 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

4 TRANSPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr Ashworth said that during the recent storm events and continued wet weather, Fulton Hogan Ltd has performed extremely well and that a letter of thanks should go to that Company. He referred to the completion of the Sundial Square Richmond Town Centre project with the official opening on Saturday 6 September 2008.

Public meetings and consultation have begun with the Richmond ring-road route and advertising had been by local newspapers, Richmond Hubbub and by letter drop.

Rameka Creek, unformed legal road, has been washed away by flood waters, preventing access to a new house construction site. Mr Ashworth said there is no funding immediately available for reinstatement work.

**Moved Crs Dowler/Glover
WK08/09/04**

**THAT Cr Riley and the Engineering Services Manager work with all land owners and all parties, including the Department of Conservation, to look at some of the alternatives and options available for property access from the unformed legal road reserve adjacent to Rameka Creek.
CARRIED**

Mr Ashworth thanked the Chairman and Council for the support over the years in his work as Transportation Manager.

Moved Crs Norriss/Dowler

WK08/09/05

**THAT the Transportation Manager's report dated 25 August 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

5 EMERGENCY EVENT FUNDING

The report dated 25 August 2008 in the agenda from Transportation Manager, Mr Ashworth, provided a summary of the cost of work in the three contract areas of Golden Bay, Waimea and Murchison, required as a result of heavy rainfall events, snow in early July 2008 and mid August 2008 and wind/heavy rain/High seas at the end of July 2008. Mr Ashworth sought the Committee's approval to apply to the NZ Transport Agency and to Council's Disaster Fund for funding of recent storm events. The report said the financial assistance rate (FAR) at which NZ Transport Agency funds emergency works, varies according to the total of such funding approved for the year and the Council's total general rate. For the Council's share of funding in any one year, the first \$100,000 is to be covered by the Transportation activity account. The total cost of immediate response and planned work over the district is \$1,196,000.

Mr Thomson advised that this situation will also be referred to the Corporate Services Committee and Council.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Edgar
WK08/09/06**

THAT the Tasman District Council:

- a) makes application to NZ Transport Agency for funding to cover reinstatement of damage to the roading network from storm events in July 2008 and August 2008, for the sum of \$1,196,000;**
- b) share of approved funding is met from Council's emergency reserves account in accordance with the general disaster reserve fund policy.**

CARRIED

**6 COUNCIL'S REGIONAL WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY –
PROGRESS REPORT**

Asset Engineer Roads, Mr Elkington, spoke to his report contained within the agenda and referred to the attached 2005 – 2008 Regional Walking and Cycling Strategy which is currently under review by Opus Consultants.

The revised draft is due for consideration by Council in September 2008 and will go out for public consultation.

**Moved Crs Currie/Ensor
WK08/09/07**

THAT the 2005 – 2005 Regional Cycling and Walking Strategy progress report be received.

CARRIED

Cr Higgins arrived at the meeting at 10.35 am.

Cr Currie left at 11.00 am.

7 UTILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT

Utilities Manager, Mr Cuthbertson, spoke to his report dated 25 August 2008 and said that the snow storm between 14 and 17 August 2008 had cut power to pump stations in Murchison and St Arnaud and the long term effect on the effluent treatment ponds is not yet fully known.

During water shortage issues in Nelson City, as a result of the 31 July 2008 severe wind storm event, Waimea water was redirected into Stoke in Saxton Road to help Nelson City Council keep up with water demand.

Mr Cuthbertson referred to flood gates in Motueka which get damaged in the whitebait season. He said several sites have been investigated for a new camper van dump station.

Utilities Asset Engineer, Mr Stephenson, spoke to the portion of this report on solid waste. The report advised that Council has recently been successful in an application to the Ministry for the Environment for up to 17 small and 7 large public place recycling bins. Council staff will be working with local communities to establish preferred locations and design of the bins.

Mayor Kempthorne said that the Nelson and Tasman Mayors and Deputy Mayors are in favour of a joint management agreement on the Eves Valley and York Valley landfills.

Mr Thomson commented that work is progressing on that issue.

Cr Glover spoke of an example of a shopping mall at Tauranga which has made savings in the areas of waste disposal and recycling.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis
WK08/09/08**

**THAT the Utilities Management Report dated 25 August 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

8 DEVELOPMENT/CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2008

Development Engineer, Mr Ley, spoke to this report to review and highlight developments and service requests received by Council during April to June 2008. Mr Ley said that the hours spent on resource consents by Council's consultants such as MWH NZ Ltd, is charged to resource consent holders.

Moved Crs Riley/Ensor
WK08/09/09

**THAT the Development/Customer Service Report – April to June 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

9 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Edgar/Inglis
WK08/09/10

THAT the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Property Acquisition – Fittal Street, Richmond

Regional Land Transport Committee (LATE PAPER)

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the 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:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for passing resolution
8.1	Property Acquisition – Fittal Street, Richmond	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
8.2	Regional Land Transport Committee	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item	Reason to withhold information under Section 7	
8.1	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)
8.2	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute book resolutions numbered WK08/09/11 and WK08/09/12).

10 RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

**Moved Crs Dowler/Higgins
WK08/09/13**

**THAT open meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted.
CARRIED**

Cr Norriss thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.40 pm.

Chair:

Date: