

ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCILNGATI WHAKAUE GIFTED RESERVES
PROTOCOL MEETING

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Tuesday, 28 November 2006, 9.30 am

Chairperson:	His Worship the Mayor		
Councillors and Trustees:	Cr Maxwell Mr S Harris Mr D Tapsell	Cr Sturt Mr P Kingi Mr D Rangitauira	Mr A Wilson Mr M Short
Quorum:	6		

1. Apologies
2. Previous Minutes – 15 March 2006
3. Polynesian Spa lease and caveat
4. Lakefront Redevelopment update
5. Victoria Street Expressway update
6. Management Plan update
7. Pukeroa Street realignment
8. Energy Events Centre update
9. Mid Island Gymnastic School extension of lease area
10. Kuirau Park Development update

P Guerin
Chief Executive

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This Forum met on Tuesday, 15 March 2006 at 9.30am

PRESENT: Mayor Winters (Chairperson)
Cr T Maxwell, Cr C Sturt, P Kingi, M Short, A Wilson, S Harris

APOLOGIES: M Patchell, D Rangitauira, D Tapsell

OFFICERS PRESENT: P Guerin, C Roberts, G Page A Ellery, P Dine

INVITEE: I Regman

Mr P Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr Regman was invited to speak in regard to inaccuracies from section 2 of the previous meetings minutes (PUKEROA STREET REALIGNMENT AT HOSPITAL ENTRANCE). He has requested that the following changes are to be made.

In the first line of the first paragraph of section 2 it was Mr Regman father-in-law that filed a claim with the Waitangi Tribunal, not Mr Regman as stated in the minutes.

In the first line of the third paragraph it read that Mr Regman's wife believes she has inherent jurisdiction over the said land. This should instead read that she has an inherent interest over the said land.

Mayor Winters apologised for misunderstanding on this matter as he was only trying to progress the matter of the Pukeroa Street realignment at the hospital entrance. P Kingi stated that he believed that the Maori Land Court has given the Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust approval/mandate to deal with any area of reserve within the boundaries of the Pukeroa Oruawhata block. Mr Regman advised that while his wife's family feel that this is not the case they have no objection to the proposed works being undertaken and they have written a letter to Council (C/- P Dine) giving their consent to the works.

Minutes were approved with the above mentioned changes to the minutes.

Moved A Wilson, seconded P Kingi

3. **KAUAE CEMETERY**

P Kingi advised that he has had a meeting with Ngati Whakaue Tribal Lands in regard to the proposal of extending Kauae Cemetery. He advised that Ngati Whakaue Tribal Land is now open to this idea but there would still be a number of issues to work through. One question they asked is would there be no change for Ngati Whakaue burials. P Kingi is to talk to them again before the next Kauae Cemetery Trust Board meeting on 20 March 2006 and will report to that Board of the result of those discussions. Mayor Winters asked that it be recorded to show Councils appreciation to Kauae Cemetery Trustees for again opening a dialogue with Ngati Whakaue Tribal lands over this matter.

There was general discussion in regard to this matter where it was mentioned that this would be Council's preferred site for the required extra cemetery land. Charles Roberts confirmed that Council was looking at other sites (including the Rotohokahoka Block proposed by A Wilson) as it is estimated that there could be as little as seven (7) years use left within the public section of Kauae cemetery. Council cannot therefore wait another six years to find suitable land for cemetery use.

4. **DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN & STATUTORY HEARINGS REPRESENTATION**

A Ellery advised that so far only two submission have been received with regard to the draft management plan, one from Transit New Zealand and the other from Kahukura Rugby Club. Submissions for the management plan need to be into Council by this Friday, 17 March 2006. Garry Page mentioned that there will be a submission also from the Mataatua Marae regarding issues affecting them and Kuirau Park. A hearing date to hear the submission has yet to be arranged but it is expected to be in May (not the 15th of May). Under current delegations this would be a statutory hearing, and is to include a representative from Pukeroa Oruwhata Trust. This was to S Harris with A Wilson to stand in if Mr Harris was not able to do so.

There was also discussion in regard to the changing Arawa Park to Te Arawa Park and also of including the Amohau Street Reserve (incorrectly named as Amohia Street in the fourth paragraph of section 6 (DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN) of the last meetings minutes) in the management Plan. It was noted that there had been no submissions received to this effect.

It was also thought, however, that those hearing submission it should be people who are aware of the issues regarding the reserves in the management plan. It was therefore moved that:

The meeting make a recommendation to Council that Submissions on the Rotorua Township Reserves Draft Management Plan are to be heard by a sub-committee of the Council's Community Parks and Recreation Committee that also includes a representative from the Pukeroa Oruwhata Trust.

Moved S Harris, seconded C Sturt

5. **MATAATUA MARAE MEETING**

G Page covered issues raised at the recent Te Arawa Standing Committee meeting at Mataatua Marae.

6. **LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND TIMEFRAME**

G Page advised that Council has commissioned Frank Boffa of Boffa Miskell Ltd to help scope the project as well as advise and assist Council through the process for the redevelopment of the lakefront. Having scoped the project Council will need to talk to all the stakeholders, which includes the Pukeroa Oruwhata Trust. Frank Boffa is coming back to Rotorua on the 5th and 6th of April, Council will need to schedule meeting with the stakeholders and Frank Boffa on these dates.

There is a need to explore all options and Frank Boffa will also bring ideas from an international perspective. Council acknowledges that the stakeholders need to be involved somewhere in the process as we need a development that will fit Rotorua for the next 50 years. Charles Roberts mentioned that although there is no time frame as such, it is anticipated a result will be reached prior to Christmas this year.

M Short reminded the meeting that Whakaue Investments Limited had an interest in this development. S Harris also reminded the meeting that there is a Treaty of Waitangi Claim over this area that still needs to be heard that may change the ownership of some of the land at the lakefront. The meeting was advised however, that this is only the very early stages to any proposed redevelopment of the lakefront and all matters related to it will need to be taken into consideration.

7. PUKEROA STREET REALIGNMENT

P Dine advised that the contract has been let for the Pukeroa Street realignment and subject to a few issues with the hospital being resolved work should begin on the project in about two months time.

The hospital raised the issue of improving an alternative access to the hospital from Ranolf Street. P Dine commented that Pukeroa Street may be closed and the main entrance into the hospital transferred to Ranolf Street but this is something that will need to be considered for the long term future. P Guerin stated that reason for the realignment now is the safety of the children from Rotorua Primary School as Pukeroa Street will continue to be the main entrance to the hospital for some time yet.

A Ellery advised that she has also had discussions with the Department of Conservation about the realignment. She advised that the new roading work will require a change of status of the underlying reserve land. This however, can be done after the work as been completed.

8. LAKE ROAD FOUR LANING AND VICTORIA STREET EXPRESSWAY

P Dine advised that Council is presently going through the designation process. This will involve reserve land from Lake Road right through to Te Ngae Road. He advise that there was a need to consider the project as one whole so that he could come back to another meeting of this protocol committee with a package of land swaps and rationalisation to be considered for all the land along the route from Lake Road through to the proposed Victoria Street expressway. The project is still in its early stages and there is still a lot of work to be undertaken. The Trustees agreed in principle, but cannot agree to anything until the package is presented to them.

The Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust is presently dealing with Ontrack to acquire ex-railway land in the Koutu area. P Dine commented that both the Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust and Council want to see the railway over-bridge next to this land on Lake Road removed for different reason.

9. OTHER MATTERS

A Ellery advised the Trustees that a letter has been received from the Dennetts, the solicitor for Polynesian Spa Ltd. It enclosed a consent form that needs to be signed by the caveators (i.e. the Trustees of the Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust) before the new lease to Polynesian Spa Ltd can be registered with Land Information New Zealand. The consent is to be sent to M Patchell to arrange for the trustees to sign the same.

Meeting closed at 11 am

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date for the Ngati Whakaue Gifted Reserves Protocol meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 28 November 2006 at 9.30. Meeting dates for 2007 will need to be discussed at this meeting.

The venue for the meeting on 28 November 2006 is yet to be advised.