



ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

NGATI WHAKAUE GIFTED RESERVES
PROTOCOL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting between Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust and Rotorua District Council to be held in Committee Room 1 on Tuesday, 27 November 2007 at 9:30am

Present:	Deputy Mayor Maxwell (Chairperson), Bishop Kingi, Malcolm Short, Murray Patchell, Piwiki Heke, Alec Wilson; Mayor Winters (from 10am)
Officers present:	Charles Roberts, Mauriora Kingi, Eric Tonkin, Peter Dine, Garry Page, Carol Peden
Apologies	Mayor Winters (for lateness); Peter Guerin; David Tapsell; Mr Harris (from 9:40am)

Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9:30am. Bishop Kingi said a karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES – 14 MARCH 2007

The previous minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved Mr Wilson, seconded Cr Maxwell

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Director, Community Services noted that changes in staffing within the Parks and Recreation Department had limited the resources available to research the Wai 94 settlement and the support Council would be able to provide to Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust. The matter was nevertheless still in the work plan and once new staff were recruited it would be addressed.

Further to discussions on putting out guidelines for Staff and events Centre and Convention Centre, at powhiris etc, the meeting was informed that these were currently going well. Council staff were kept informed about the right people to contact to arrange these. Mr Mauriora Kingi said he often took care of arrangements, and always made a point of mentioning Ngati Whakaue. Mr Wilson suggested that Bishop Kingi be informed of different events happening which commence with a powhiri. Bishop Kingi said he would be happy for Mauriora Kingi to step in when he or other members were not available. A comment was made that Ngati Whakaue needed to embrace the Te Arawa and involve them fully in welcome ceremonies.

5. PRESENTATION - GOVERNMENT GARDENS AND TOWN MANAGEMENT PARKING PLAN (PETER DINE)

It was proposed that the Events Centre would manage the car park in front of the Energy Events Centre. Overall parking in Government Gardens would be controlled by Garry Page as Parks and Recreation Manager. Restricted P180 parking would be introduced on Queens Drive, so that more parking would be available for events. There would be provision for bus parking behind Sudima Hotel. There would be a restriction of all-day parking in the general area near Government Gardens.

The meeting were informed that a process of exemption would be put in place to cover special events at the outdoor bowls facility, but usually three-hour parking would be sufficient for people attending sports facilities or the Museum.

Additional off-street parking facilities were being looked at in the long-term. All-day parkers would be encouraged to use the Parking Building in Pukuatua Street. A suggestion was made that perhaps 'early bird' specials could be offered to workers.

Mr Piwiri Heke raised the question of whether re-siting the nursery would solve the parking problem in this area. Charles Roberts replied that this would need to be looked at within ten years. An alternative would have to have access to geothermal energy.

Mr Roberts commented that public feedback on the parking proposals would be sought before finalising. It was noted that the soonest date for implementation would be April/May 2008.

Mayor Winters arrived at 10am and took the Chair.

It was clarified that normally Hinemoa Street would be the stipulated access route for buses. Queens Drive would be the commuter route.

6. PRESENTATION - LAKEFRONT REDEVELOPMENT TENDER UPDATE (GARRY PAGE)

A handout was presented regarding the Rotorua Lakefront Development. Mr Page reported that officers were currently in the process of finalising a consultancy consortium, including an economist. They would be meeting with stakeholders and partners, and neighbours, including Pukeroa Oruwhata Trust. Mr Albert Stafford would be working in this area. Council staff would advise time of meeting with Ngati Whakaue members in the next few days.

Mr Page commented that the timeline for this project was as follows:

- Research phase from Dec – March 08.
- Options for development would be presented March – June 08,
- Consultation phase June – Oct 08,
- Adoption of preferred concept Nov /Dec 08.

Charles Roberts commented that some feedback has already been sought. Commercial operators at Lakefront will be included in meeting on 6/7 December.

Mr Wilson said he felt Ngati Whakaue should have been consulted in the early stages of the tender-selection process. Council had no control over who the tenderers chose to communicate with. Charles Roberts commented that there could be a conflict of interest situation with Pukeroa Holdings, having a commercial interest in the development of the lakefront. Mr Kingi said legal advice should be sought regarding the issue of conflict of interest. Mr Roberts replied that it was for parties to obtain their own legal advice.

Mr Page confirmed that the various groups involved would be kept regularly updated on progress.

Mr Harris commented that he felt like the consultation phase was obviously some way down the track. It was explained that the pictures in the handout were not actually of the Rotorua Lakefront, they are just examples of what other areas have implemented, so the Rotorua Lakefront plans were still at very early stage. Mr Roberts said that the selection process for a consultant had started in September 2007, and officers would make a presentation after going through the vetting process. He commented that Council officers would make the final selection, however, as this was within their delegation powers.

4. YWCA LEASE

The committee noted that the following resolution had been passed at the Community Parks and Recreations Committee meeting on 14 November 2007:

RESOLUTION

THAT THE CURRENT LEASE BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PUKEROA ORUAWHATA TRUST, WHICH IS FOR A PERIOD OF 33 YEARS, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL AGREEMENT IF THERE IS A LAND USE CHANGE.

Mr Roberts clarified that the 'Dripline' was what was being rated on, but the actual lease area included the driveway and the land surrounding the building.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE REPORT TITLED 'YWCA LEASE' BE RECEIVED AND THE CONTENTS NOTED.

Moved Pihopa Kingi, seconded Malcolm Short

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

In response to a question, Mr Roberts confirmed that there was no new information regarding the WAI 94 settlement.

Bishop Kingi closed with a karakia.
Meeting closed at 10:35am.