

Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes 2 August 2023

ID 19922677

Minutes

**Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting held Wednesday 2 August 2023 at 9.30am
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cr Barker (Chair)
Cr Wang (Deputy Chair), Mayor Tapsell, Cr Brown, Cr Kai Fong,
Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell, Cr O'Brien, Cr Paterson, Cr Wang,
Cr Waru
- STAFF PRESENT:** G Williams, Chief Executive;
T Collé, Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Enablement;
J.P Gaston, Deputy Chief Executive, District Development;
O Hopkins, Deputy Chief Executive, District Leadership & Democracy;
S Michael, Deputy Chief Executive. Infrastructure & Environmental
Solutions;
A Pewhairangi, Deputy Chief Executive, Community Wellbeing;
G Rangi, Deputy Chief Executive, Te Arawa Partnership;
A McGregor, Programme Director, Community Wellbeing;
S Brown, Manager, Events, Culture, Heritage and Mahi Toi;
J Doherty, Business Development Manager;
R Pitkethley, Manager Active and Engaged Communities;
I Tiriana, Manager, Council Communications;
D Cossar, Governance & Democracy Manager;
G Kieck, Corporate Planning and Strategy Manager;
N Michael, Executive of Communications, Mayor's Office;
I Brell Governance Support Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.30am.

The Chair, Cr Barker welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public.

**1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI
OPENING KARAKIA**

Cr Paterson opened the meeting with a Karakia.

**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA
APOLOGIES**

None

**3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE
URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

5.1 MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 5 JULY 2023

ID 19875019

Resolved

- 1. That the minutes of the infrastructure and Environment Committee held 5 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr Waru

CARRIED

**6 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI
STAFF REPORTS**

6.1 TE WHARE TAONGA O TE ARAWA – DECISION MAKING (DECISION REQUIRED)

ID 19917037

Resolved

That the Committee suspend Standing Orders (SO) 21 and 22.

Moved: Cr Barker

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

CARRIED

Resolved

- 1. That the report 'Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa – Decision-Making' be received.**

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Wang

CARRIED

Gina Rangi, Thomas Collé, Aimee McGregor and Stewart Brown overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled 'Museum Decision Making – 2 August 2023' (Attachment 1).

The meeting adjourned at 10.45am and resumed at 11am.

The Chair advised that Mayor Tapsell had signalled the tabling of a new motion.

Mayor Tapsell tabled a motion as below:

- 2. That the Committee will confirm its intention to proceed with the strengthening of Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa and to re-open it as a Museum subject to the Committee being satisfied that the following conditions have been met:**
 - a. The Committee acknowledges that it would not be prudent for Council to apply additional funding beyond the \$15,5m already committed for the project.**
 - b. The Committee direct staff to negotiate a construction contract and project management approach that sufficiently de-risks the project and that there is a progressive approach to construction.**
 - c. Existing and additional funding being confirmed which allows a future Committee approval to enter into a construction contract for the awarding of each stage of the construction to the extent of funding available.**
 - d. Staff to report back on other risk and cost mitigations and a process to manage the contract.**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

Cr Brown moved an amendment as below:

- 2. That the Committee will proceed with the strengthening of Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa and to re-open it as a Museum subject to the Committee being satisfied that the following conditions have been met.**

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Waru

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned 11.50am-11.56am

The Chair advised the substantive motion was now before the Committee for discussion.

Further resolved

- 2. That the Committee will proceed with the strengthening of Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa and to re-open it as a Museum subject to the Committee being satisfied that the following conditions have been met:**
 - a. The Committee acknowledges that it would not be prudent for Council to apply additional funding beyond the \$15.5m already committed for the project.**
 - b. The Committee direct staff to negotiate a construction contract and project management approach that sufficiently de-risks the project and that there is a progressive approach to construction.**

- c. **Existing and additional funding being confirmed which allows a future Committee approval to enter into a construction contract for the awarding of each stage of the construction to the extent of funding available.**
- d. **Staff to report back on other risk and cost mitigations and a process to manage the contract.**

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Cr Kai Fong

CARRIED

The division was declared **carried** by 9 votes to 2 votes being as follows:

For: Mayor Tapsell, Cr Barker, Cr Brown, Cr Kai Fong, Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell, Cr Paterson, Cr Waru

Against: Cr O'Brien, Cr Wang

The Chair noted that Cr Wang was against the motion however supported the development of the Museum as proposed in the staff recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 12.32pm and resumed at 1.03pm

6.2 WATER SUPPLIES FLUORIDATION PROGRAMME- DECISION MAKING (DECISION REQUIRED)

ID 19392815

Resolved

1. **That the report "Water Supplies Fluoridation Programme" be received.**

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

Stavros Michael overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled 'Water Supplies Fluoridation' Directive (Attachment 2).

2. **That the Committee note the Director of General Health Directive of 27 July 2022.**
3. **That the Committee note legal advice on liabilities and the Ministry of Health further advice on potential health risk effects.**
4. **That the Committee note the capital and operational costs of implementing the directive for the Central and Eastern water supply zones.**
5. **The Committee agrees and instructs officers to commence the implementation of the Directive to fluoridate the water supplies of Central and Eastern zones in compliance with directions given by the Ministry of Health.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr Wang

The following amendment was moved by Cr Barker

6. **That the Committee directs staff to seek further information from the Ministry of Health to address the concerns raised by Councillors as to the safety and/or the legality of the directive.**

Moved: Cr Barker

Seconded: Mayor Tapsell

CARRIED

Request for vote recorded against: Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell and Cr Wang

The following amendment was moved by Cr Lee

6. **That the Committee directs staff to seek further information from the Ministry of Health to address the concerns raised by Councillors as to the safety and/or the legality of the directive and request that the Director General of Health suspend the directive pending the outcome of the judicial review.**

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Kereopa

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The Chair advised the original amendment would be reverted to.

Further resolved

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3. **That the Committee note legal advice on liabilities and the Ministry of Health further advice on potential health risk effects.**
4. **That the Committee note the capital and operational costs of implementing the directive for the Central and Eastern water supply zones.**
5. **The Committee agrees and instructs officers to commence the implementation of the Directive to fluoridate the water supplies of Central and Eastern zones in compliance with directions given by the Ministry of Health.**
6. **That the Committee directs staff to seek further information from the Ministry of Health to address the concerns raised by Councillors as to the safety and/or the legality of the directive.**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Mayor Tapsell

CARRIED

Request for vote against recorded: Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, and Cr Paterson

Cr Wang requested his vote against 6 only, be recorded.

Action points:

Request to the Director General of Health to clarify the Directive given there is a mistake in the document (0.7ppm)

Confirm if a referendum on adding fluoride to the water supplies has been undertaken in Rotorua.

6.3 COMMUNITY WELLBEING (ACTIVE AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES) – PROGRESS REPORT

ID 19880243

Resolved

- 1. That the report 'Community Wellbeing (Active and Engaged Communities) Progress report' be received.**

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Waru

CARRIED

Anaru Pewhairangi and Rob Pitkethley overviewed the report.

6.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS – PROGRESS REPORT

ID 19869447

Resolved

- 1. That the report 'Infrastructure and Environmental Solutions Progress report' be received.**

Moved: Cr O'Brien

Seconded: Cr Paterson

CARRIED

Stavros Michael overviewed the report.

**7 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA
CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr Paterson closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 3.02pm

Confirmed at the Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on 6 September 2023

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Chair

Note 1: Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council

Note 2: Attachments to these minutes are available on request or on Council's website: [click here](#)