

MINUTES

TITLE: Tasman District Council
DATE: Friday 6 June 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs T B King, T E Norriss, B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Edgar, R G Currie, M J Higgins, S G Bryant, S J Borlase, N Riley, J L Inglis, E J Wilkins
IN ATTENDANCE: Corporate Services Manager (M W Staite), Strategic Planning Manager (S Edwards), Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from B F Dowler for absence.

1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT 2008/2009 ANNUAL PLAN

No 36 Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce

The submission encouraged continued economic and tourism support. Strong support was given to an investigation to establish a jointly-owned council commercial holding company. The submission provided a high priority to encouraging council to set aside funding for regional governance. The submission sought that Tasman District Council combine with Nelson City Council for regional land transport planning purposes. The submission encouraged both councils to prepare a combined comprehensive strategy for all the regional/district parks. The submission supported the Bishop Suter Art Gallery becoming a council-controlled organisation with additional funding from Tasman District Council.

No 35 J McCartin

Mr McCartin saw no justification for the proposed stormwater works in Kingsley Place, Richmond and the Poutama link drain. He said some of the proposed stormwater and drainage projects seem unnecessary. He noted that \$2.5 million of capital works was proposed for Richmond and he encouraged council to consider non-engineering solutions for stormwater work.

No 37 A Munro and C Hughes

The submission noted that the draft annual plan did not appear to take into account increasing fuel and oil costs. The submitter expressed concern about the high price of oil which may trigger world economic recession. The submission sought that council

establish a working party to plan for rising fuel and energy costs and that council should join the Communities for Climate Protection programme.

No 38 Department of Conservation

The submission listed the resource management policy projects which the department supported and sought further action on. These included the issues of aquaculture provisions, strategic development plans, coastal environment landscapes, Waimea Inlet Management Plan and to complete the review of the Tasman Resource Management Plan. The submission listed those areas of the draft annual plan which were issues of concern to the department. The department sought further action and input into the matters of dog control for the protection of wildlife habitat and the use of vehicles on foreshore areas.

No 39 National Council of Women – Tasman Local Issues Group

The submission questioned whether the proposed extensions to the Richmond Library will include additional small meeting rooms. Further matters in addition to the written submission included support for a cash incentive for solar water heating for residences in Tasman District. This group encouraged the establishment of a management plan for Waimea estuary and careful planning for a rowing facility in the traverse behind Rabbit Island. The group sought protection for flat agriculture land for the use of growing food. The group expressed concern about the proposed funding of the Headingly Centre and sought that Council support a regional performing arts centre.

No 25 Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc – Nelson Tasman Branch

The submission encouraged council to complete the outstanding areas of the proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan. The submission sought that adequate funding be provided for preparation of a management plan for Waimea Inlet, estuary restoration, riparian planting and esplanade reserves. The submission sought softer engineering solutions, including the provision of improved fish passage in waterways and discouraging encroachment of roading into estuary areas. The submission promoted sustainable transport solutions and sought provision for funding reserves through better management.

No 42 Tasman Aquatic Multi-Sport Development Trust

The submission from this Trust proposed a multi-aquatic sport course to be constructed on the western corner of Rabbit Island and the submitter sought seeding funds of \$25,000 for engineering fees for the 2008/2009 year.

No 43 Richmond Unlimited

Representatives P Taylor and P Williams sought a percentage increase to the Richmond Business Rate and continuing council support for funding of the main events including the Santa Parade and Last of the Summer Fare. The submission sought continuation of the Richmond town centre project including the Queen Street

upgrade. The submission supported the regional facilities rate-funded projects and the further development of Saxton Field. Support was provided for the ratepayer funding of the Headingly Centre subject to a robust agreement being provided for its future management and usage to allow its use by the community at large.

No 1060 Mapua Districts Community Association Inc

The Association's submission addressed the issues of engineering infrastructure for Mapua and the surrounding district, the requirement for a comprehensive planning effort for the Mapua area and sought further progress towards long term planning and restoration of the Waimea estuary. Further development of walkways, particularly coastal access and cycleways was sought. The association asked that the Seaton Valley Road safety work, especially the walkway, be brought forward from 2012. The association supported continuing progress towards completion of the waterfront park, together with Aranui Road beautification.

No 45 Energy Smart

The submission sought \$20,000 for the Healthier Homes Nelson Tasman project. The funding would be used to provide subsidised home insulation measures to households in Tasman district. The funding requested is 4% of the overall project costs and will contribute to a further 80 houses being insulated.

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 12 noon.

No 23 Bishop Suter Art Gallery Trust Board

The submission stated that the Suter Art Gallery will become a council-controlled organisation during the period that this annual plan covers. The submission sought an additional funding request of \$30,000. The required additional operating funds would contribute specifically to exhibitions that feature Tasman region artists and potentially take one of these exhibitions to a venue in Golden Bay.

No 59 Motueka Squash Club

The Motueka Squash Club is seeking to relocate its club facilities from adjacent to the Huia Rugby Club Rooms off High Street, Motueka to a new purpose-built facility within Motueka Recreation Centre. The Motueka Squash Club was seeking council financial support for this proposal.

No S1 Heritage Advisory Group

The submitters proposed the establishment of an Heritage Advisory Group to advise and assist the council in carrying out its heritage responsibilities. The submission suggested the use of council meeting rooms and support systems.

Cr King left the meeting at 12.45 pm.

No 5 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust

The Trust sought \$40,000 towards an affordable housing strategy and urged council to consider excluding or reducing community/social housing ventures such as the trust, from development impact levy contributions. In addition it was submitted that reserve financial contributions could be reallocated towards affordable housing, through a land bank, or social housing fund.

No 11 A Reid

Mr Reid asked that the targeted rate for the Mapua stop bank rate be capped at \$50 this year and \$100 next year.

No S4 Tasman District Council

A written submission from the Chief Executive, Tasman District Council, requested capital funding for the District Library new development requiring an additional \$500,000 with no impact on rates for 2008/2009 over that which is shown in the annual plan and the Richmond main office redevelopment requiring \$315,000, to be funded by loan.

Mayor Kempthorne thanked members for their attendance and closed the hearing of submissions at 1.10 pm.

Chair:

Date: