



HDC NEWS



Waihi Water

The Waikato Regional Council's policy that limits stream draw off to 10% of the 5 year low flow of any stream, gives Waihi a problem as the current water draw off of the Walmsley Stream is far greater than that. In fact, if the town was limited to 10% of the Walmsley in dry periods this would give the town only 12% of its existing water use. To solve this problem several options are being considered. After discarding the ground water option because when investigated it was found to be impractical, Council is left with the possibility of using the Waitawheta river, the Waitekauri river or continuing with the present source but creating a large off stream storage facility.

Opus Consultants have been using the water quality and river flow data that has been collected over the last summer to evaluate these proposed sources of supply. Preliminary reports indicate that there may be sufficient flow for the Waitekauri and Waitawheta sources, which suggests that there will be no need for off-stream storage. This, however, has still to be put before Environment Waikato for its approval.

When all the data has been put together comparative costings and risk assessments for the three options will have to be evaluated before a decision on which option to proceed with can be made. Whichever option is chosen, it is planned to include Waikino in with the Waihi supply. This will give higher quality water to the Waikino people, something which will be essential when the mandatory water quality standards come into force.

Packaging Accord

Local Government New Zealand is a partner in a voluntary Accord that will reduce the amount of waste from packaging that turns up at landfills. President of Local Government New Zealand and Mayor of the Hauraki District, Basil Morrison, signed the Accord on behalf of the local government sector. Local Government will monitor the types and amount of packaging that turn up at landfills to help measure the effectiveness of the New Zealand Packaging Accord. A decrease in the amount of packaging per capita over time will be one of the important indicators of the success of the Accord.

According to Basil Morrison, a critical feature of the new accord is that the producers of the packaging (the brand owners, retailers and importers) are involved for the first time. "Councils already have a major role in recycling, but the Accord will enable us to work more closely with manufacturers and recyclers to help develop markets for recovered packaging material. The plan also calls for all councils to have adequate recycling provisions in their waste management plans and to work to meet agreed recycling targets."

Each sector which is a party to the Accord has prepared a Sector Action Plan. These plans provide detail on the measures each sector will undertake and contain joint and sector targets to be achieved over the five-year period of the Accord. These targets are measurable and will be publicly available via the Packaging Council's website (www.packaging.org.nz).

Sewerage Treatment and Subdivision

The quality of effluent discharged into the Punanga Canal from the Ngatea sewerage treatment plant continues to be of a high standard compared with the discharge before the upgrade of the sewerage treatment plant in July last year.

As Council continues to subdivide land in Ngatea to allow the town to grow, there is always a concern that current infrastructure will not keep pace with the growth in population. Councillors were reassured at the last Water and Waste Consultative Committee meeting that the new plant has sufficient capacity to allow for the current rate of subdivision growth to continue for fifteen to twenty years.

Similarly, in Whiritoa, where there is a private subdivision along with considerable infill subdivision, concerns have been expressed about the capacity of the present sewerage system to cope. A report from consultants Bruce Wallace Partners on the existing and future capacity of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and forest irrigation has concluded that a number of minor works to improve the irrigation system and treatment plant operation would ensure treatment plant capacity to cater for additional development. The plant could handle 30% of the existing lots being subdivided plus a further 90 lots from outside the existing zoned area. This is reassuring considering the Real Estate pressure in coastal areas being experienced at present.

Ward Issues - Waihi

- The shed that Council gave to the Waihi Cricket Club, which has been placed on Morgan Park, has been handed over to the Women's soccer team. The Cricket Club is now struggling for players and Women's Soccer has taken the shed over to use as a training base. They have agreed to continue with the improvements to the appearance of the building started by the Cricket Club.
- The town centre gardens have received winter maintenance recently to encourage strong spring growth and a good display of flowers. Many of the original hebes that were in a poor state of health have been replaced with a more resilient variety.
- The ward received two letters regarding the Waihi swimming pool facilities. The first from the College regarding necessary work that needs doing on the existing shared facility and the second from the community group who want a feasibility study into the possibility of a heated indoor swimming pool in the town. Council is to recommend consultants to the College to work out what needs to be done to keep the existing pool in working order and will investigate the idea of a heated pool as part of the production of the District Physical Activity Plan, which is at present underway. When this report comes back, Council will decide whether to take the matter further by doing a detailed study. Meanwhile, councillors are to have a look at some existing facilities in Te Awamutu and Hamilton at the beginning of next month.

- DoC has notified Council of some works that would be desirable on the roads in the Waihi area to accommodate increases in tourists because of the upgrading of facilities in the Forest Park. The Franklin Rd car park it is thought will come under pressure when the new upgraded Waitawheta hut is completed and the road at Dickeys flat is already under pressure because of the increased use of the camping ground and walkways in that area. Council's roading manager told the Ward Committee that the Dickeys Flat Road was thought to be the more important of the two and that some minor safety works there to give better vision at the blind corners were planned. The Franklin Rd car park could be improved by simply adding markings to ensure cars were parked in a tidy fashion and that the present facility was used to its capacity.

Waitakaruru Sewerage Scheme

After many years working towards a new sewerage system in Waitakaruru, the scheme has come nearer to being built with the design and build project going out for tender. Unfortunately the tenders that came back were all for well over the million dollar mark whereas the estimate for the job was in the half million dollar vicinity. Consequently Council has decided that none of the tenders be accepted and after discussions with suppliers of the components of the system, is looking at doing the work itself. The utilities manager reported to the Consultative Committee on Water and Waste that the work was well within the capabilities of Council's own resources and it was felt that the end result would be considerably cheaper.

A report on the matter at last week's Works Committee will go to the full Council at the end of the month. It is hoped to have the scheme operational by the end of May next year.

Elected Members' Diary

For the week of the 16th to the 22nd August 2004:

Thursday 19th August - Hearing



Nominations For Council

If you want to stand for Council or the Mayoralty or if you want to nominate someone else for either of these positions you are reminded that this is the last week you can do so. Nominations close at noon on the 20th of August, which is this Friday.

Each nomination must have two nominators and a deposit of \$200. A profile and recent photo of the nominated person is also recommended (but not compulsory). This profile and photo goes out with

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2004 Local+DHB Elections

the ballot paper so that people who do not know the candidate can have an idea of what they are like.

Nomination papers are available from any Council office.

SITUATIONS VACANT



Hauraki District Council is a progressive local government organisation serving the Waihi, Paeroa and Plains areas with a mission to be a successful and innovative provider of services and facilities for all who live in or visit the district.

The Council is currently seeking to appoint the following position based in our Paeroa Office for a period of 12 months.

Executive Officer - Planning & Environmental Services

12 month Fixed Term

If you have top organisational skills, enjoy working with people and have a flare for administrative duties you could be the person we are looking for. You will need to have competence in Microsoft Word and Excel and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

The purpose of this position is to manage the administrative duties of the Planning and Environmental Services Department and provide administrative support to the Manager. This will include assisting in the development and implementation of processes and systems and processing applications for planning consents.

If you would like to join our team please request the job description and application form from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi, or phone Sue Greenville (07) 862 8609, e-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz to acquire your copy.

Applications close at 4pm Friday 20 August 2004.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



**DRAFT DOG CONTROL POLICY HEARING
OF SUBMISSIONS**

Pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, public notice is given that an Extraordinary meeting is to be held for the purpose of the consideration of submissions on the Draft Dog Control Policy. The Extraordinary meeting is to be held in the Hauraki District Council Chambers, William St, Paeroa beginning at 1:00pm on Thursday 26th August 2004.

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