



HDC NEWS



District Plan Progress

Here's the latest update on the District Plan review – Council recently received a presentation at a special workshop to inform all councillors of the changes that are being proposed in the new District Plan.

The District Plan Committee will work through some more detail on the 17th of this month so that the Council can make a decision to go out to consultation with individuals and groups at the Council Meeting at the end of August.

This being so, it is then planned to spend the next few months consulting with landowners and interest groups before finalising the document as a formal Proposed District Plan for formal public consultation, which will probably be advertised in January 2010.

As you may have noticed, original time frames have been stretched somewhat but it is important to get the proposal as accurate as humanly possible before putting it out for the submission process.

Speed Hump in Waihi

An issue from the Waihi Ward caused some discussion at the recent Council meeting. While Council was going through the minutes of the Ward Committee, one councillor commented that he thought that the construction of a speed hump in the service lane between School Lane and Moresby Ave in Waihi was unnecessary and not wanted by the majority of Waihi business people. As only two councillors voted for it, he felt that it should be looked at again.

It was pointed out that there was a quorum at a Waihi Ward meeting, meaning that there was a majority and the matter had been passed. All the businesses that bordered that service lane had signed a letter requesting speed humps and they were to be the only people actually affected.

Staff had investigated the issue and had agreed that speed-calming measures should be taken in the form of a speed hump in the middle of the lane. Apparently some motorists take a shortcut through the lane and drive through quite quickly to the danger of the business staff who may be trying to back out of their parking places in the lane.

The resolution was, therefore, adopted by Council along with the rest of the Ward minutes.

Fathers' Day Promotion

The Waihi Community Resource Centre has come up with an initiative to raise the profile of Dads and celebrate the contribution that they make to their children's lives.

The printing of a calendar and the launch of Men Shed (a fortnightly Dads' group) has been funded by SKIP (Strategies with Kids, Information for Parents). The calendar will feature local Dads and their children. Mike Hill has kindly volunteered to do the photography. He is also going to feature in the calendar so hopefully his lovely wife can photograph him!

We are encouraging local families to come along to support the launch, which is happening on Saturday 5th September 12 noon – 2pm at the Waihi Rugby Clubrooms. There is no charge and a free lunch will be provided for all in attendance.

Those Cats Again

A request for funding from the Waihi SPCA to assist them in having cats spayed in Waihi recently met with sympathy from the Waihi Ward Committee but a decision on the matter was delayed so that staff could investigate if there were any other ways of dealing with the problem of stray and feral cats.

As nothing of practical value was forthcoming, the Ward Committee decided, at its recent meeting, to donate \$500 to the SPCA to assist it in this matter. It was considered that the SPCA were the experts in this field and that Council's best option was to assist them in this way with the project.

Skateboard Facility Proposals

All three wards have proposals to revamp their skateboard facilities.

The Waihi one is the simplest as it is only to resurface the existing bowl at Morgan Park and to add some "street elements" around the area. \$20,000 has been in the budget for some time for this but the project was delayed because of difficulties with vandalism in the area. A quote for the work has come in within budget and has been accepted. Waihi also has an old bowl at Victoria Park, which is not used much as a skateboard bowl but, was the first facility in the country.

In Paeroa, a budget of \$80,000 was set and a design commissioned to meet that budget. Unfortunately the design cost increased to approximately \$130,000.

The options now being discussed are whether to -

- do half the work and leave the other half,
- do half the work and fundraise for the rest,
- do half the work and leave the rest for a future year,
- cancel the whole project, or
- find other ways of building it at a cheaper cost.

Another issue is the siting of the facility, which has not yet been finally decided. The Paeroa Ward Committee will be discussing these issues over the next few months. There does not seem to be a political will to increase the budget, particularly in view of the fact that there were a couple of submissions to the Hauraki Community Plan against building a new facility.

In Ngatea, councillors have taken fright at the costs of the Paeroa design and are wondering just what they are going to be able to afford for the money that they have budgeted. They are also considering how else they can get the work done at a cheaper rate and what design will give them the best value for money.



Pest Control

A contractor will be undertaking pest control work in the Hutchinson Reserve and also the Tarariki Reserve to remove possums, goats, pigs etc. This work will be carried out from 20th August 2009 and will be over a six week period.

Kauri Planting

Council is currently awaiting plans from Kauri Trust 2000 with a vision to having a grove of Kauri trees planted within the Hutchinson Reserve.

The Paeroa ward has agreed in principle to this proposal.



Parking at Whiritoa Surf Club

The Waihi ward committee has agreed to gobi blocks being installed over an area in front of the Whiritoa Surf Club.

This has been brought about due to the area in question developing hollows and an uneven surface which ponds badly during wet weather. The ongoing result of this ponding has made the area particularly hazardous for pedestrians.

Elected Members Diary



Meetings for the week of the 19th to 25th August 2009:

- Monday 24th August – Hearing (if required)

Public Notice



Council and Committee Meetings

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during the month of September 2009.

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, William Street, Paeroa unless otherwise advised.

CONSULTATIVE WATER AND WASTE COMMITTEE
Tuesday 1 September 2009, 10.00 am

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
Monday 7 September 2009, 9.00am (if required)
Monday 21 September 2009, 9.00am (if required)

WARD COMMITTEES
Tuesday 15 September 2009,
Plains 9.00 am
Paeroa 12.30 pm
Waihi 2.30 pm

COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 16 September 2009, 9.00 am
Wednesday 30 September 2009, 9.00 am

WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
*Ngatea Service Centre, Orchard Road, Ngatea
Tuesday 29 September 2009, 10.30 am

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DOG REGISTRATION 2009/10

Have you got your Red Tag?

Please be aware July 31 was the last day to pay your dog registration before penalty is applied.

Council will be intending to issue infringement fines to any dog owner that currently has a dog that is not registered (that is does not have a 2009/10 Red Tag).

If you previously had a dog registered with Hauraki District Council and you no longer do, please contact Council to update your records.



Please remember your dog needs to display the current RED tag so that it is visible.