

**I give notice that
an Ordinary Meeting of Taupo Reserves and Roding Committee will be
held on:**

Date:	Tuesday, 9 June 2020
Time:	1.00pm
Location:	Council Chamber 107 Heuheu Street Taupō

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Cr John Williamson

Deputy Chairperson Cr John Boddy

Members

- Cr Kathy Guy
- Cr Anna Park
- Cr Christine Rankin
- Cr Kevin Taylor
- Mayor David Trewavas
- Cr Yvonne Westerman
- Cr Kylie Leonard
- Miss Janice Wall

Quorum 5

Gareth Green
Chief Executive Officer

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3.1 ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES & ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING - 10 MARCH 2020

Author: Shainey James, Democratic Services Officer

Authorised by: Tina Jakes, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee Meeting Minutes - 10 March 2020

4.1 REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES AT 650 LAKE TERRACE

Author: Bryson Huxley, Senior Engineering Officer

Authorised by: Kevin Strongman, Head of Operations

PURPOSE

This is to determine the removal of the 11 trees on the road reserve on the boundary with 650 Lake Terrace.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is to determine the removal of the 11 trees on the road reserve on the boundary with 650 Lake Terrace. This property is set to be developed and these trees pose a risk with regard to visibility from the proposed entrance to the complex. Therefore, the developer is requesting the removal of all of the trees and scrub.

There are three options;

1. Leave the trees, do nothing (apart from the trees that need to be removed to form the entrance way)
2. Remove all the trees and scrub
3. Remove trees that over-hang the boundary and could cause excessive litter.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee approves the removal of all trees in road reserve at 650 Lake Terrace at the cost of the developer.

BACKGROUND

The proposal has not been presented previously. Hard As Development has acquired the land at 650 Lake Terrace. The plan is to develop the site into a recreational use complex with café, restaurant, mini putt and ten pin bowling.

Hard As Developments has an approved resource consent to remove trees within the site at 650 Lake Terrace. They are now requesting Taupō District Council approves the removal of the all trees on the road reserve along the boundary of 650 Lake Terrace. There are approximately 11 trees plus scrub on the road reserve to be removed.

DISCUSSION

Hard as Developments is seeking approval to remove these trees as they will impact the operation of the future development due to leaf and branch litter. Below is an extract from the resource consent application;

“This is sought as the trees are too big for the nature of the complex, will drop litter / branches onto the site and will become dangerous with root structures with root structure within the proposed mini golf area. It is understood separate consent will be sought for the removal of these trees.”

A portion of the trees would be required to be removed to provided safe access and visibility from the proposed entrance to the development at 650 Lake Terrace. The remainder of the trees are proposed to be removed due to the above issues around leaf/branch litter and root damage.

Based on this information it is considered there are 3 options

1. Leave the trees, do Nothing (apart from the trees that need to be removed to form the entrance way)
2. Remove all the trees and scrub
3. Remove trees that over-hang the boundary and could cause excessive litter. Also remove

OPTIONS

Analysis of Options

Option 1. Do nothing

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenity value of trees remain by providing screening. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees would drop litter including leaves and branches issues for 650 Lake Terrace • Root damage could occur to the property of 650 Lake Terrace • As the trees grow these will cause sight distance issues for the proposed entrance / exit.

Option 2. Remove all of the trees and scrub

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will eliminate any litter drop issues for 650 Lake Terrace and tidy up the outside area. • Root damage will not impact the new infrastructure on the property of 650 Lake Terrace. • New specimen trees can be planted along the boundary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenity of existing trees is removed.

Option 3. Remove some of the trees

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will eliminate any litter drop issues for 650 Lake Terrace. • Some of the amenity of the trees is retained while improving sight distance from exit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible root damage could still occur to the new infrastructure at property of 650 Lake Terrace.

Analysis Conclusion:

Option 2 – Remove all of the trees and scrub as shown on the attached. This will ensure future safety of the entranceway and prevent any damage to the new infrastructure at 650 Lake Terrace.

CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment with Council’s Vision

Council’s vision is ‘to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island by 2022’. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this particular proposal: World Class; Authentic; Charming; Vibrant; Quality; Resilient and Value.

Financial Considerations

No financial consideration

Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council’s lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It is considered that environmental and / or cultural well-beings are of relevance to this particular matter.

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

Policy Implications

There are no known policy implications.

Māori Engagement

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Although good faith does not necessarily require consultation, it is a mechanism for Council to demonstrate its existence and commitment to working together as district partners. Appropriately, the report author acknowledges that they have considered the above obligations including the need to seek advice, guidance, feedback and/or involvement of Māori on the proposed recommendation/s, objective/s, project/s or service/s outlined within this report.

Risks

There are no known risks.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement policy identifies the following matters that are to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions:

- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;
- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

No communication/media required.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that option 2 be approved and remove all trees and scrub and this is to be done at the developers expense.

This will ensure future safety of the access way and prevent any damage to new infrastructure at 650 Lake Terrace.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application for Tree Removal at 650 Lake Terrace

4.2 PROPOSAL TO LEASE RANGITIRA POINT BLOCK

Author: John Ridd, Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation
Authorised by: Gareth Green, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider a proposal that Taupō District Council enters into a lease with the owners of Rangitira Point Block Inc to enable continued public access to the Rangitira Point track.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the past 30 years, the local community and visitors to the Taupō District have enjoyed the lake edge walking track at Rangitira Point because of the partnership between Rangitira Point Block Inc and the Department of Conservation [DOC].

DOC have approached Taupō District Council [TDC] to “take over” the lease to ensure on going public access to the track. This is due to the Departments funding restrictions and thus the inability to fund the lease payments of \$63,000 per annum.

Although officers see huge value in this current arrangement for the wider community, in the current financial climate, it is difficult to support the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
 That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee does not enter into a lease with Rangitira Point Block Inc for the Rangitira Point and that the matter is passed back to the Department of Conservation.

BACKGROUND

The proposal has not been presented previously.

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DISCUSSION

According to correspondence between DOC and the Rangitira Point Block Inc, the Department of Conservation cannot continue to lease the land due to financial constraints.

According to DOC, whilst Rangitira Point track is well used and valued by the local community, the Department of Conservation considers the long term future of the walking track is a discussion between the owners of Rangitira Point and potential new partners ie: Taupō District Council.

Based on this information it is considered that there are two options.

OPTIONS

Analysis of Options

Option 1: Taupō District Council takes on the lease

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access is retained to the whole of the point The community is not confused around 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an annual cost based on a valuation for this lease which has not been budgeted for in the Annual Plan

ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be on going maintenance costs which are unknown in terms of quantum and again haven't been budgeted for
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Option 2 Taupō District Council does not enter into a lease with Rangitira Point Block Inc

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no financial liabilities on ratepayers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access will be denied to an established area

Analysis Conclusion:

The preferred option, if the financial climate was different, would be to enter into a lease with Rangitira Point Block Inc to enable continued public access. The cost of this though has not been built into the current Annual Plan and with little room for manoeuvre within budgets it is difficult to support this proposal. It is for this reason that officers feel that to decline the proposal to enter into a lease with Rangitira Point Block Inc, to allow continued public access, is the correct approach at this time.

CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment with Council's Vision

Council's vision is 'to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island by 2022'. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this particular proposal: World Class; Authentic; Charming; Vibrant; Quality; Resilient and Value.

Financial Considerations

The financial impact of the proposal if the lease was entered into is estimated to be \$63,000 per annum plus unknown maintenance costs.

Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently unbudgeted.

Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

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Authorisations are not required from external parties.

Policy Implications

There are no known policy implications.

Māori Engagement

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Risks

The primary risk is the loss of thirty plus years of public access across private land that the community has been used to. It will require considerable communication from both existing parties to the general public should there be a decision for Council to not enter into a formal arrangement for the land.

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- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance from a Council perspective.

ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

No communication/media required.

CONCLUSION

The public access arrangement across what is privately owned land has been long standing and as such the community will view the land as public and thus accessible. Although officers see huge value in this current arrangement for the wider community, in the current financial climate, it is difficult to support the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Rangitira Point Lease Agreement
2. Letter to Rangitira Point Block Owners and Trustees
3. Rangitira Point Memorandum of Lease

4.3 TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE UPDATES

Author: Bryson Huxley, Senior Engineering Officer

Authorised by: Kevin Strongman, Head of Operations

PURPOSE

To update the Taupō District Council traffic controls or prohibitions on roads or public spaces, in accordance with the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2014.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Taupō District Council Traffic controls may be updated from time to time with new controls or prohibitions.

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1. Install P120 minute parking on all 13 parks on Northcroft Street	To provide time-controlled parking so that parking is available and accessible to neighbouring activities such as Mini Putt course within the Northcroft reserve.	The in berm Car parks on Northcroft Street outside the Mini Putt Course
2. 165m No Stopping At All Times (NSAAT) lines to be installed	This road is too narrow to have vehicles parking on both sides. When this occurs it is blocking the safe passage of school buses and other vehicles	Rickit Street – from the corner of Opepe and Rickit Street to Mamaha Street (the cemetery entrance)
3. NSAAT lines to be installed in place of 3 parks	To allow all time access to the emergency gate for Taupō Primary School.	On Titiraupenga Street next to the Kea crossing

BACKGROUND

Council must make a resolution whenever a sign or marking on the road is recommended or recommended to be changed, and as a consequence controls or prohibits the use of a road or public space.

The Taupō District Council Traffic Control Device Register (the Register) sets out all the signs and markings which control and prohibit the use of a road or public space in the Taupō District.

OPTIONS

The two options before Council are:

- 1) Accept the recommendation to amend and update the controls or;
- 2) Not accept the recommendation to amend and update the controls.

It is recommended that Council accepts the recommendation to update and amend the controls.

CONSIDERATIONS

The controls require updating to incorporate the following new signs and markings:

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1. Install P120 minute parking on all 13 parks on Northcroft Street	To provide time-controlled parking so that parking is available and accessible to	The in berm Car parks on Northcroft Street outside the Mini Putt Course

	neighbouring activities such as Mini Putt course within the Northcroft reserve.	
2. No Stopping At All Times (NSAAT) lines to be installed	This road is too narrow to have vehicles parking on both sides. When this occurs it is blocking the safe passage of school buses and other vehicles	Rickit Street – from the corner of Opepe Street to Mamaha Street (Cemetery Entrance)
3. NSAAT lines to be installed in place of 3 parks	To allow all time access to the emergency gate for Taupō Primary School.	On Titiraupenga Street next to the Kea crossing

1. We have received a customer request from a local business to install parking time restriction on Northcroft Street outside the Mini Putt course on the Northcroft Reserve. They told us that people parked there all day which meant that there is not enough carparking for their customers. They are also concerned that when parking is reduced in the all day carpark on Tuwharetoa Street, more people will parking all day on Northcroft street for work. In this area, there are no time restricted carparks already (See attachment 1). The Suncourt Hotel would need to be consulted to ensure minimal impact.
2. We have received a customer request from Taupō Funeral services for No Stopping At All Times (broken yellow lines) on Rickit Street. Approximately once a fortnight they have services which exceed their available on site parking which causes parking on both sides of this narrow section of Rickit Street. This makes it very difficult for other road users, especially school buses, to move past the parked vehicles. Therefore, it is proposed that on the northern side of the street, no stopping at all times lines be installed.
3. We have received a customer request form Taupō Primary School to make available a clear area in front of their emergency access on Titiraupenga Street. It is currently in front of five carparks between the Kea crossing and Tamamutu street. It is proposed that we remove three car parks and install no stopping at all times markings to provide a constant emergency access. It should be noted that;
 - a. because of the Heuheu street carpark extension being delay by at least 12 months, this could put pressure on parking in the area,
 - b. and this arrangement has existed for many years (at least since 2010).

Alignment with Council’s Vision

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Financial Considerations

The financial impact of maintenance to the Register does not change and is met within current budgets.

Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council’s lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The proposal has been evaluated with regard to the Traffic Bylaw 2014, the Land Transport Act 1998 and the associated Rules. Prescribed signs need to be installed in order to be enforceable by our compliance officers.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications associated with this report.

Māori Engagement

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Risks

There are no known risks.

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Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

ENGAGEMENT

At the time of the writing of this agenda item, the some of the above proposals have yet to be consulted on with the adjacent property owners or our compliance team so will be subject to the results of the consultation. If the results of the consultation are not in favour of this proposal we will look at some other options/alternatives and then provide the committee an update.

COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

No communication/media required.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council imposes the traffic controls and prohibitions detailed in the report. Staff will then update the Traffic Control Device Register in accordance with the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed NSAAT Lines on Rickit Street

2. Proposed NSAAT Lines - Emergency Access Taupo Primary School
3. Proposed P120 Parking on Northcroft Street