

**I give notice that
a Tūrangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting will be held on:**

Date:	Wednesday, 1 June 2022
Time:	2.00pm
Location:	Boardroom Tūrangi Service Centre 1 Ngawaka Place Tūrangi

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Mr Clint Green
Deputy Chairperson Mr Robert Severne

Members

- Cr Tangonui Kingi
- Cr John Mack
- Ms Paula McRae
- Mr Te Takinga New
- Mr George O'Connor Patena
- Mrs Donna Searancke

Quorum 4

Gareth Green
Chief Executive Officer

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3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 4 MAY 2022

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting Minutes - 4 May 2022

4.1 REQUEST FOR TREE REMOVAL, 13 TE HEI PLACE, TŪRANGI

Author: Andrew Moor, Parks Operations Manager - Taupō

Authorised by: Greg Hadley, District Parks Manager

PURPOSE

To propose the removal of a Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) from the berm in front of 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request from the owners of 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi requesting to remove a Red Oak from the berm in front of their property due to it:

- Shading their home,
- Lifting their driveway causing damage to the neighbour's vehicle, and
- Breaking up the footpath and kerb.

An arborist's assessment of the tree is that it is in good health and there is no arboricultural justification for its removal. The tree has been pruned and the arborist has stated further pruning would not be beneficial for the tree's health. Root pruning, limited to an area beyond the trees structural roots would only address a small section of damaged driveway.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board declines the request to remove the Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) from the berm outside 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi.

BACKGROUND

The proposal has not been presented previously.

The owners of 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi have approached Council requesting that the Red Oak on the berm in front of their property be removed. The tree is blocking sunlight from the property and the owner is concerned by how difficult it is to heat their home. The roots of the tree have also lifted sections of the driveway into the property. This has resulted in the owner scraping and damaging the bottom of her car.



Above: Aerial map 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi

An arborist has assessed the tree and believes it is in good overall health.

Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy 2014 only allows for the removal of healthy trees in the following circumstances:

Policy 3.2 – Removal of Healthy Trees

Healthy trees on council land will be retained, and their removal will be the exception. Instances where council may consider removal of a healthy tree include:

- street redevelopment is to be implemented and options to retain the tree have been investigated and discounted,
- severe hardship is being experienced (trees which inhibit views or drop debris are not considered to be causing severe hardship),
- other community assets are impacted by trees or vegetation,
- the trees or vegetation are grown weeds and not intentionally planted, or
- the removal is part of a planned replacement programme.

DISCUSSION

An arborist's assessment of the tree noted that it is in a 'very good to excellent' condition. He considers the tree to be significant in the environment because it is a mature specimen that forms part of a continuous canopy throughout the street. When in leaf this is very attractive, but during leaf fall surrounding residents see this density to be more of a nuisance.

The tree has no health or structural issues that would justify its removal.

The tree has been pruned and thinned in an attempt to allow more light into the property, but the property owner has stated this hasn't really helped the issue. The arborist does not believe further pruning would be in the interests of the tree's health. The tree sits on the eastern side of the property beside other mature specimens. Shading is likely to be an issue in the morning but not an issue by midday, through the afternoon.



Above: View from the street - 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi

Due to the close proximity of the tree to the driveway, root pruning is not an option for addressing the lifting of the all the concrete sections. Undertaking this would result in cutting through structural roots and the destabilisation of the tree. Root pruning and guarding could be undertaken within the property to ensure the issue is addressed for a section of the driveway, but this would not include the vehicle crossing and lower end of the driveway.



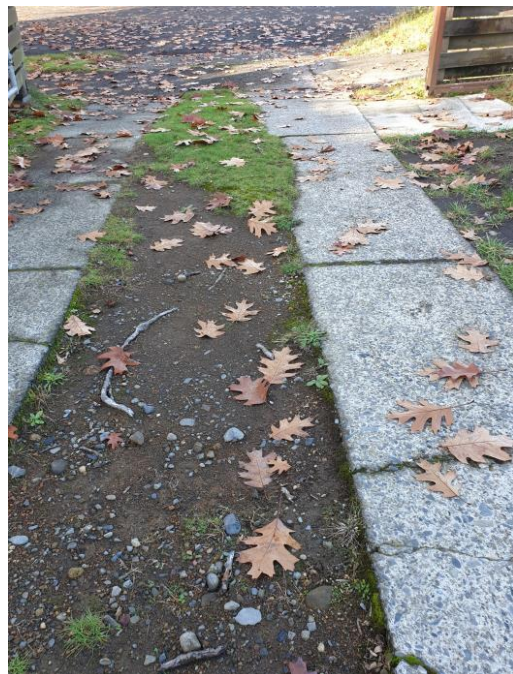
Above: Footpath, driveway, and kerb 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi

As well as the driveway, the kerb has been broken by tree roots and the footpath adjoining the tree has been replaced previously. The new pavement has since lifted again. This is also occurring elsewhere in the street. The tree sits directly above a water main but there have been no recorded incidents of the tree damaging this.

The neighbouring property owner has also reported that in the past when she has entered the driveway too quickly the nose of her car drops and scrapes on the lifted concrete. This has caused scouring on the car bumper and under surfaces. She has spoken to her insurance company who will cover the repairs, but she would prefer the cause of the problem is addressed before undertaking this.



Above: Footpath break adjoining vehicle crossing
Note vehicle scrape point where driveway meets path



Above, Driveway break



Above. Scouring of bumper from scraping on lifted concrete.

Based on this information it is considered that there are 2 options.

OPTIONS

Analysis of Options

Option 1. Remove the Red Oak from the berm outside 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi and replace with a smaller Maple Tree.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses neighbouring property owners concerns around shading and light to her home. Puts an end to ongoing damage to driveway, kerb and footpath - allowing the customer to make repairs without concern of the issue repeating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of near continuous avenue of trees. Cost of tree removal. Replacement tree will take a number of years to mature and provide visual amenity of significance.

Option 2. Retain the Red Oak on the berm outside 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains near continuous avenue of trees and significant visual amenity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer not satisfied with outcome. Ongoing damage to infrastructure Customer would repair driveway & vehicle but can't be assured that issue won't repeat in time

Analysis Conclusion:

On analysis of the background and options, it is recommended to retain the Red Oak from the berm outside 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi. The tree is causing damage to infrastructure on both private and public property. However, it is a significant specimen in this landscape. Replacement with a tree that would not cause shading or property damage would result in the loss of the treed avenue affect within the street.

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: Quality.

Financial Considerations

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$2700 if tree was to be removed.

Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently budgeted for under Parks Operations

Legal ConsiderationsLocal 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 social and environmental are of relevance to this particular matter.

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

Policy Implications

The proposal has been evaluated against the following plans:

- Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Annual Plan Waikato Regional Plan
 Taupo District Plan Bylaws Relevant Management Plan(s)

The key aspects for consideration with regards to this proposal are as follows:

The removal of this tree would be permitted under council's Tree and Vegetation Policy section 3.2 Removal of Healthy Trees (in report). The Policy allows for elected members to decide to remove trees, see narrative Section 3.3 "Where necessary tree removal requests may be referred to Council's elected members for a decision".

Māori Engagement

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory Tiriti O Waitangi obligations and acknowledges partnership as the basis of Te Tiriti. Council has a responsibility to act reasonably and in good faith to reflect the partnership relationship, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti. These principles include, but are not limited to the protection of Māori rights, enabling Māori participation in Council processes and having rangatiratanga over tāonga.

Our statutory obligations outline our duties to engage with Māori, and enable participation in Council processes. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work side by side with the ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district. Engagement may not always be required by law, however meaningful engagement with Māori allows Council to demonstrate good faith and our commitment to working together as partners across our district.

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

Direct communication has been/will be carried out with affected parties/key stakeholders but no wider communication is considered necessary.

CONCLUSION

Based on this assessment it is recommended that the Tūrangi/Tongariro Community Board declines the request to remove the Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) from the berm outside 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Arborist's assessment, 13 Te Hei Place

4.2 MONTHLY UPDATE - TŪRANGI REVITALISATION (KERB AND CHANNEL) PROJECT

Author: Peter van Niekerk, Project Manager

Authorised by: Kevin Strongman, General Manager Operations and Delivery

PURPOSE

The Project Manager will provide an update on the Tūrangi Revitalisation (Kerb and Channel) Project. An update on Packages 2 and 3 is attached.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Turangi Revitalisation Project as presented on 1 June 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tūrangi/Tongariro Community Board Update - Tūrangi Revitalisation Project

4.3 MONTHLY UPDATE - TŪRANGI CUSTOMER RELATIONS

Author: Jason Cathro, Team Leader Customer Support - Turangi / Mangakino

Authorised by: Tania Russell, District Customer Relations Manager

PURPOSE

The Team Leader Customer Support – Tūrangi / Mangakino will provide an update on themes and customer feedback of the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on themes and customer feedback presented on 1 June 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Customer Relations Report May 2022

4.4 MONTHLY UPDATE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Author: Marama Isherwood, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner

Authorised by: Libby O'Brien, Community Engagement and Development Manager

PURPOSE

This item is for the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner to provide an update to the Board on topical items within the community engagement space specific to the Tūrangi/Tongariro Ward.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the report from the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager

PURPOSE

This item permits members to provide feedback on any items of interest arising from meetings/conferences/seminars they have attended over the past month, and for the Board to approve either prior or retrospectively member attendance at conferences and professional development opportunities.

Members' may also provide any updates on the Tūrangi/Tongariro Community Board Community Plan or feedback from their respective community appointments.

No debate and/or resolution is permitted on any of the reports.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the members' reports.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil