



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

**I give notice that
a Tūrangī Co-Governance Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date:	Wednesday, 2 October 2024
Time:	10.30am
Location:	Te Mataapuna Tūrangitukua Park Hirangi Road Tūrangī

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Co-Chair Poumatua | Co-Chair Christian Asher

Co-Chair Mayor David Trewavas

Members

- Member Te Takinga New
- Member Lauren Fletcher
- Cr Sandra Greenslade
- Member Amanda Martin
- Cr Kevin Taylor
- Member Amy Walker

Quorum 4

Two (2) members of each Partner to the Mana Whakahono a Rohe Agreement between Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Taupō District Council (with one of Council's members being an elected member of Council).

Julie Gardyne
Chief Executive

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4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 AUGUST 2024

Author: Nicole Turnbull, Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 August 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting Minutes - 7 August 2024

5.1 DECLARATION BY NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA CO-CHAIR

Author: Libby O'Brien, General Manager People and Community Partnerships

Authorised by: Christian Asher, Co-Chair | Poumatua

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To enable the new Poumatua (Co-Chair) Te Wakautā Asher to make an oral declaration as part of his duty and responsibilities to Ngāti Tūrangitukua and the community of Tūrangi.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

The Poumatua has a role to advocate and support the co-governance membership to navigate their roles in a way that is professional, open minded and democratic to execute and perform the following duties in the best interest of the Tūrangi community:

- Set the agenda for our community
- Identify opportunities for community voices to be heard and understood
- Liaise between the committee and the council
- Prepare a report to be included in the agenda.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

The Poumatua will be invited to make his oral declaration.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Oral Declaration

5.2 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

Author: Christian Asher, Co-Chair | Poumatua

Authorised by: Christian Asher, Co-Chair | Poumatua

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To elect a Co-Chair | Poumatua for the meeting.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Mana Whakahono Agreement, the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee has two Co-Chairs, one from each Partner to the Agreement. Mr Christian (Waka) Asher is Ngāti Tūrangitukua's Co-Chair elect; and Mayor David Trewavas is Taupō District Council's Co-Chair.

There is a need to formally elect a Co-Chair for each meeting. This item enables that to occur. In the event that neither Co-Chair is in attendance at the meeting, a Chairperson must be elected by those members present.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Committee elects Co-Chair Mr Christian Asher to Chair this hui.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair Mr Christian Asher to Chair this hui.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.3 PUBLIC FORUM

Author: Christian Asher, Co-Chair | Poumatua

Authorised by: Christian Asher, Co-Chair | Poumatua

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this agenda or, if time permits, on other Committee matters.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Standing Orders provide for a period of up to 30 minutes to be made available at the start of meetings for members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the Committee. Any issue, idea or matter raised in public forum must fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee during public forum should register at least one clear day before the meeting by emailing publicforum@taupo.govt.nz.

No debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. Items not on the agenda may only be discussed if the matter is minor in nature and the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.13 are followed. A meeting may deal with (i.e. make a resolution in respect of) an item of business not on the agenda only if the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.12 are followed.

The relevant extracts from Standing Orders are **attached**.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Extract from Standing Orders 2022-25

5.4 TŪRANGI - REQUESTS FOR TREE REMOVAL

Author: Billie Vi, Parks Advisor - Planning and Operations

Authorised by: Greg Hadley, Parks and Reserves Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To consider the removal of four Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) located at three addresses in Tūrangi.

WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council officers have been contacted requesting the removal of four Red Oak trees. These trees are located across 3 sites in Tūrangi.

Tree 1: 51 Te Rangitautahanga Road, Tūrangi.

Tree 2: 4 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi.

Trees 3 & 4: 5 Mihipeka Grove, Tūrangi.

In 2020 the kerb and channel network project replaced approximately 30km of ageing kerb and channel in Tūrangi that was in a state of disrepair. It also included improvements to some footpaths to address accessibility issues. This project included the removal of trees. These trees were not included in the project, as they were not significantly impacting infrastructure and were considered to be good specimens. Council's specialist arborist believes there is no arboricultural justification for their removal. The report found each tree significant to the area and in healthy condition.

There are two identified options:

1. Decline the request to remove the Red Oak trees (*Quercus rubra*).
2. Direct officers to remove all or some of the Red Oak trees (*Quercus rubra*).

On balance, option 1 is the preferred option.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee decline the request to remove the four Red Oak trees (*Quercus rubra*) located at:

51 Te Rangitautahanga Road, Tūrangi.

4 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi.

5 Mihipeka Grove, Tūrangi.

TE WHAKAMAHIKI | BACKGROUND

The proposal has not been presented previously.

Residents across three addresses in Tūrangi contacted Council officers about a similar tree species: *Quercus rubra*, Red Oak. Each tree was raised as a concern for the following reasons.

Tree 1: 51 Te Rangitautahanga Road, Tūrangi.

Causing road, footpath damage and issues of shading. There are low hanging branches that trucks passing by would hit. Arborists have since crown lifted this tree to reduce the branch issue.

Tree 2: 4 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi.

There are two forks of the tree, and one leans over the customer's lawn. The customer also has concerns that if the branch failed in strong winds it would impact his house. He noted the roots of the tree are lifting the concrete and visible roots under his house could impact the foundations and services. Any evidence of problems is not evident now that the tree is mature, there is a low probability there will be issues in the future.

Tree 3 & 4: 5 Mihipeka Grove, Tūrangi.

Wind in the area scatters the trees' leaves onto the property. Last year it took 43 bags to remove the leaves over three days.

Prior to these requests, all trees were assessed by Council's consultant arborist for the kerb and channel project. A few trees remained while the majority were to be removed to complete this work. The remaining trees, including the four in this item, were deemed of good form and healthy specimens. They were retained to preserve some of the amenity in Tūrangi. Since the conclusion of the project and the request for removal by the customers, the Red Oak trees in this item were reassessed against the issues stated above.

Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy 2014 states that generally in residential situations, one tree will be permitted per property frontage. The policy 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.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Council's consultant arborist has assessed the trees as healthy and significant to the area because they are all original planting which add to the streetscape in the area.

Tree 1: 51 Te Rangitautahanga Road, Tūrangi

There was no ability to identify the road damage, but any footpath damage can be rectified without removing the tree. It is recommended that continued pruning is continued as required.

Tree 2: 4 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi.

The surface roots are visible in the customer's front yard, but no apparent surfacing or structure damage is visible. Regarding concerns over high winds causing the tree to fall, there is no indication the tree is vulnerable and has survived the recent storms with no apparent ill effects. There were no signs of instability, recent movement or structural deterioration nor any lack of overall vigour. Therefore, there is no reason to justify its removal.

Trees 3 & 4: 5 Mihipeka Grove, Tūrangi.

The footpath damage is primarily aesthetic and functional with no significant trip hazard. Debris drop is not considered a reason to have healthy trees removed.

NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS

Analysis of Options

Option 1. Retain the Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), as recommended from Council's consultant arborist.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost associated with tree removals. • Maintains the significance the trees have for Tūrangi's residential area. • Maintains carbon sequestration capabilities of trees. • Maintains ecology and habitat within urban environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer unsatisfied with the outcome. • Ongoing issues with footpath.

Option 2. Remove all or some of the Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*).

Advantages	Disadvantages

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer satisfied with the outcome. • No requirement to replace concrete footpath with a more suitable solution should it continue to be lifted by tree roots. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost associated with tree removals. • Loss of significant neighbourhood amenity until new tree matures. • Loss of ecology and habitat within urban environment. • Loss of carbon sequestration capabilities of trees.
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Analysis Conclusion:

On analysis, the recommended option is Option 1, retain the four Red Oaks (*Quercus rubra*).

NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS

Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be potentially \$3.5k per tree or \$12k-\$14k for all 4 trees. This has not been budgeted for in the tree programme however in line with the Tree and Vegetation Policy Section 3.3 there is an option for elected members to allow for a tree's removal at the customers' expense.

Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined has not been budgeted for under Parks Operations.

Ngā Aronga Ture | 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 social and environmental well-beings are of relevance to this particular matter.

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications

The proposal has been evaluated against the following plans:

- Long Term Plan 2021-2031
 Annual Plan
 Waikato Regional Plan
 Taupō District Plan
 Bylaws
 Relevant Management Plan(s)

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

The removal of these trees contravenes Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy Section 3.2 Removal of Healthy Trees. The policy allows for elected members to decide to remove trees, see narrative Section 3.2 "Where necessary tree removal requests may be referred to Council's elected members for a decision (refer to policies in section 3)".

Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | 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 iwi, and hapū of our district.

No engagement with Māori is required for this particular matter.

Ngā Tūraru | Risks

Council's Contract Arborist has assessed the trees and believes them to be in good overall health with no signs of any instability. There is, however, always an element of the unknown when assessing trees. It is recommended that if the trees remain, they are placed on the monitoring schedule.

TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of a low degree of significance.

TE KŌRERO TAHI | 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.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

On analysis the recommended option is Option 1, retain the Red Oak trees.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Arborist Report - 51 Te Rangitauatahanga Road, Tūrangi
2. Arborist report - 4 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi
3. Arborist report - 5 Mihipeka Grove, Tūrangi

5.5 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI

Author: Marama Isherwood, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner

Authorised by: Jessica Sparks, Environmental Services Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This item is for the Committee to receive updates on operations and community engagement within Tūrangi.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**Commercial Signage**

The Environmental Services Manager will update the committee on commercial signs around Tūrangi.

Taupahi Road Reserve

The General Manager Strategy and Environment will provide an update to the committee.

Community Engagement

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner will update the committee on engagement in Tūrangi.

Tūrangi Community Response Group

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner will update the committee on behalf of the Senior Emergency Management Advisor.

Long-term Plan 2024-34

The General Manager Strategy and Environment will update the committee following the hearings and deliberations that took place in the week commencing 29 July 2024.

The Long-term Plan 2024-34 will be adopted 30 September 2024.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Committee receives the updates on current projects and community engagement in Tūrangi.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the updates on operations and community engagement in Tūrangi.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.6 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

Author: Cornelia Dempsey, Co-Governance Management Partner

Authorised by: David Rameka, Iwi and Co-Governance Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this recurring item is to provide the co-governance committee with a high-level overview on how key actions within the Mana Whakahono are tracking.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

The overarching purpose of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee is to:

- a. Be the vehicle through which governance of all joint matters subject to the Mana Whakahono are facilitated between the Partners: and
- b. The powers and functions of the Committee as set out in the Mana Whakahono are exercised; and
- c. To govern the implementation of the Mana Whakahono and fulfil the purpose, principles and functions as prescribed within the Mana Whakahono.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the co-governance committee receives the information on the Mana Whakahono workplan.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the Mana Whakahono workplan update.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Mana Whakahono Dashboard report October 2024

5.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This item permits members to provide feedback on any items of interest arising from meetings/events they have attended.

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

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

Members' reports will be presented at the meeting for receipt.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the reports from members.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil