

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 26 November 2024</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Council Chamber</b> <b>107 te Heuheu Street</b> <b>Taupō</b>

# SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

## MEMBERSHIP

**Chairperson** Mayor David Trewavas

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- Cr Duncan Campbell
- Cr Karam Fletcher
- Cr Sandra Greenslade
- Cr Kylie Leonard
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- Cr Christine Rankin
- Cr Rachel Shepherd
- Cr Kirsty Trueman
- Cr Yvonne Westerman
- Cr John Williamson

**Quorum** 7

**Julie Gardyne**  
**Chief Executive**

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**5.7 PARADE OF NATIONS TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

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**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to request a decision is made under the Local Government Act 1974 (LGA) section 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from the roads in attached Schedule 1, for the purpose of holding the 'Parade of Nations' as part of the upcoming VinFast IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship event in December.

**WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Originally planned for the Taupō amphitheatre now moving to Tapuaeharuru, due to the size and scale of the event, the 'Parade of Nations' is now requiring a road closure, now outside of the public notification period of 42 days. There is now insufficient time before the scheduled event date of Thursday 12 December to use the provisions of the Transport Regulations to temporarily close the roads necessary to hold the event.

Section 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) to the Local Government Act 1974 provides an alternative regime to temporarily prohibit motor vehicle traffic from the roads identified in the attached schedule 1.

The preferred option is to undertake the closure in accordance with section 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) of the LGA. This will enable the Parade of Nations to proceed as part of the VinFast IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship Event Schedule.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Council temporarily closes the roads identified in schedule 1 attached, for the purpose of holding the 'Parade of Nations' as part of the VinFast IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship on Thursday 12 December 2024.

**TE WHAKAMAHIKI | BACKGROUND**

The proposal has not been presented previously.

This component of the VinFast IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships was originally, for many months, planned at be held within the Taupō amphitheatre, allowing the athletes to walk around the basin of the amphitheatre displaying their country flags. The Global IRONMAN team feel that while they indeed see this space as having so many advantages, it misses out on the 'parade' concept for the athletes to our community, nor does it showcase both Taupō and the concept to its maximum.

The Parade of Nations is a celebration of the athletes competing in the VinFast IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship and serves as the official start to the event proceedings. Celebrated by athletes from across 119 countries, who are here in Taupō New Zealand to participate in this one-off event.

The planning has moved to the athletes (approximately 4000) marching with their countries' flags from the #LOVETAUPŌ sign, through Tapuaeharuru, across Tongariro Street/Ferry Road intersection, heading north on Tongariro Street. They will parade up Tongariro Street (this section of road already has a notified road closure) through the finish gantry and onto Tongariro Domain. The parade will be led by Snow Rameka, cultural advisor to the event, and his cultural group of supporting Taupō youth.

Advertised on both IRONMAN'S channels and Taupō District Council's, it is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators. Taupō will truly be showcased to the world.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

Road closures for events are normally authorised pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965. This method of temporary prohibition of traffic requires notification at least 42 days in advance of the proposed closure date to allow for any objections to be received and considered.

There is now insufficient time to complete this before the event date on Thursday 12 December to comply with the notification requirements set by the Transport Regulations.

The Local Government Act 1974 does however provide an alternative mechanism for the temporary prohibition of traffic by way of section 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) of the Act. Schedule 10 provides a process whereby Council is required to give public notice of its intention to close a road and give public notice of any decision to close a road. Schedule 10 does not specify any timeframes for that notification process. This process has been previously used for the 2023 Oceania Triathlon.

Proposed roads to be closed on Thursday 12 December from 2pm – 5.30pm are:

Road	Direction / Area
Tongariro Street	North bound lane, from Ferry Road to Story Place
Tongariro Street	South bound lane, from Tūwharetoa Street to Roberts Street
Roberts Street	From Tongariro Street to Ruapehu Street
Ruapehu Street	North bound from Lake Terrace to Roberts Street
Ruapehu Street	South bound from Roberts Street to Lake Terrace
Lake Terrace	From Titīraupenga Street to Ruapehu Street
Lake Terrace	From Ruapehu Street to Titīraupenga Street

The event organisers along with Taupō District Council’s Event team will communicate these closures via both written correspondence and by visiting the affected residents and businesses. The necessary amendments will be made to the Traffic Management Plan (TMP), and road signage will be undertaken by event organisers.

Based on this information, it is considered that there are two options: do not undertake a road closure for the event or undertake a road closure in accordance with 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974.

**NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS**

Analysis of Options

Option 1. Do not undertake a temporary road closure for the ‘Parade of Nations’.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public is not prevented from using the affected roads for the duration of the event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would prevent the event from occurring due to its size and scale.</li> </ul>

Option 2. Undertake a temporary road closure in accordance with 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974 for the ‘Parade of Nations’.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enables the event to occur.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public is unable to use the affected roads for the duration of the event.</li> </ul>

Analysis Conclusion:

The preferred option is to undertake the closures in accordance with section 342 & Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.

## **NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations**

There is no financial impact to Council from this proposal.

### **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 economic well-beings are of relevance to this particular matter.

The proposal has been evaluated with regards to a range of legislation. The key legislation applicable to the proposal has been reviewed and the relevant matters for consideration are as follows:

The Local Government Act 1974, 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) of the Act are relevant to this proposal. This proposal is in accordance with that Act.

### **Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications**

There are no known policy implications.

### **Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement**

Council is bound by various Acts to consult and/or engage with Māori, including a duty to act reasonably and in good faith as a Te Tiriti ō Waitangi partner. Equally, Council has a responsibility to develop and proactively foster positive relationships with Māori as key stakeholders in our district, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti ō Waitangi including (but not limited to) the protection of Māori rights and their rangatiratanga over tāonga. While we recognise Māori in general, we also need to work side by side with the three ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district.

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 and have determined that advice, guidance or feedback is not required.

### **Ngā Tūraru | Risks**

There are no known risks.

## **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**

The Local Government Act requires the Council to consult with the Police and Waka Kotahi (the New Zealand Transport Agency) regarding the proposed road closures, and to give public notice of its intention to consider closing any road and of any decision to close any road. Officers will undertake the necessary consultation and public notification of the closure. Taking into consideration those LGA requirements and the above assessment regarding significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

## **TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

The event organisers IRONMAN, along with Taupō District Council's Event Team, will communicate via both written correspondence and visiting the affected residents and business'. The necessary amendments will be made to the TMP, and road signage will be undertaken by event organisers.

The road closure information will also be advertised on Council's website and social media channels.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

The preferred option is to undertake the closure in accordance with, 324 schedule 10, clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974. This will enable the event to proceed on the scheduled date of 12 December 2024.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Schedule 1 - Proposed Road Closure Map [↓](#)
2. Schedule 2 - Proposed Event Map [↓](#)

**Schedule 1 – Proposed Road Closure Map**



**Schedule 2 – Proposed Event Map**

