



Report 07.828

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Report of the Meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday, 5 December 2007 at 3.02 pm

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box

Matters for information of Council are in italic type

Present

Councillors Kirton (Chairperson), Baber, Burke, Greig, Wilde and Wilson.

Officers Present

Cox, Kennedy, Leonard, Reay, Sells, Shaw, and Waititi.

Also Present

Jeff Flavell, Department of Conservation

Public Business

Procedural Items

PFU 01 **Apologies**

There were no apologies

PFU 02 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

PFU 03 Public Participation

Kevin Bateman discussed the introduction of the North Island Robin into the East Harbour Regional Park by the Mainland Island Restoration Operation (MIRO).

Matters for Decision

PFU 04 Regional Parks Report 2006-07

Report 07.780

File: PK/02/02/03

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)

That the Committee

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Approves the publication of the 2006-07 Annual Parks Report.*

PFU 05 Recreation Strategy

Report 07.783

File: PK/03/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Glensor)

That the Committee

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Approves the preparation of the Terms of Reference and Recreation Strategy.*

PFU 06 Pakuratahi Recreation Forest Proposal to dispose of land for road and in part to accept land in exchange

Report 07.803

File: PK/09/01/.03

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Burke)

That the Committee

- (1) Receives the report.*

(2) *Notes the content of the report.*

<p>(3) Recommends that Council:</p> <p>(a) Endorses the disposal of 5.4630 hectares to the Crown for the purpose of road (Rimutaka Hill Road corner improvements) at an assessed value of \$8,400</p> <p>(b) Approves part of the compensation being acquisition of 1.3400 hectares of Crown owned closed road by way of exchange at an assessed value of \$1,100</p> <p>(c) Affixes the Greater Wellington Regional Council Common Seal and/or authorised signatory to all documents and plans to give effect to this transaction</p>
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PFU 07 Release of robins in East Harbour Regional Park

Report 07.118

File: PK/12/01/03

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the need for ongoing funding within the Parks' budget of approximately \$25,000 a year for rat control.*
- (3) *Approves the release of robins by MIRO into the Mainland Island site in East Harbour Regional Park.*

PFU 08 Divisional report for period ended 9 November 2007

Report 07.791

File: E/06/28/03

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Baber)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Approves the indigenous forest submission about carbon trading (Attachment 1).*

Other Matters

PFU 09 Questions

There were no questions.

PFU 10 General

There were no matters of general business.

PFU 11 Exclusion of the Public

Report 07.817

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Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) Stoney Creek wind farm development: report on the request for tender*
- (2) Forestry Annual Report and Proposals*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>(1) Stoney Creek wind farm development: report on the request for tender</i>	<i>The information contained in the report is subject to mutually understood obligation of confidentiality. Release would be likely to prohibit future tenderers from tendering if they were aware that their names would be made public in advance of a tender decision being made. It is in the public interest that Greater Wellington receives tenders to ensure that Greater Wellington is able to attract the best possible tenderers.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(b)(ii), 7(2)(c), and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect information that would be likely unreasonably to</i>

Release of the information contained in the report would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, to the tenderer as it would reveal their tender strategy and details of their operational methodology. In the circumstances, this is considered unreasonable given the competitive environment they operate in. Their competitors could use this information to undercut them.

Release of the information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the Council in carrying on contract negotiations.

Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of the particular information above in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the identified prejudice.

*(2) Forestry
Annual Report
and Proposals*

The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington's relationship with contractors. The report outlines financial terms of these contracts. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council's commercial activities as it would reveal commercial financing arrangements. Greater Wellington has been unable to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The open part of the meeting closed at 3.25 pm.

CR RS KIRTON

Chairman

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 25 February 2008

To be moved:

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Parks, Forest and Utilities Committee held on 5 December 2007, items PFU 01 to PFU 11,