

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Report of an ordinary meeting held in the Hutt City Council Chambers,
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Monday 10 November 2008 commencing at 2.30pm

PRESENT: Cr P Lamason (Chair)
Cr I Buchanan, GWRC
Cr S Greig, GWRC
Cr P Glensor, GWRC
Mayor DK Ogden, HCC
Mr L Roberts, Waiwhetu Stream Working Group
Mr T Puketapu (from 3.01pm)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cr VR Jamieson, HCC, Cr R Styles, HCC.

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IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Sherlock, General Manager City Infrastructure, HCC (part meeting)
Mr G Campbell, Manager Flood Protection, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr T Porteous, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, GWRC
Mr G Dick, Divisional Manager, Catchment Management, GWRC
Mr J Coakley, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms S Jenkin, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr J Van Der Vliet, A C Consulting Group
Ms S Turner, Committee Advisor, HCC

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Matters requiring specific consideration by Council are shown as "**RECOMMENDED**" while those matters which are within the Subcommittee's power to determine are shown as "**RESOLVED.**"

1. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 080301

"That the apologies received from Cr VR Jamieson, HCC, Cr R Styles, HCC and the apology for lateness from Mr T Puketapu, be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 080502

"That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2008 – circulated pages WSAS R/1 – WSAS R/5, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

4. **WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY DETAILED DESIGN AND CONSENTING OF STREAM CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE CLEAN UP OF CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)**

Report No. WSAS2008/5/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 1-44.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report advising that the flood channel improvements and contaminated sediment cleanup designs had been completed and that the resource consent applications had been lodged with each council. He advised that submissions were now being received and he was hopeful that there would be no need for a hearing. The Project Manager invited Mr Van Der Vliet from A C Consulting Group, Mr Coakley and Ms Jenkin from URS to present summary reports.

Mr Van Der Vliet advised that the widening, deepening and regrading of the Waiwhetu Stream channel between Bell Road and the mouth would provide an opportunity to improve services and infrastructure. In particular rationalisation of the seventy-nine stormwater outfalls, duplication of the main trunk sewer and environmental enhancements. He further advised that protection of the aquifer had been taken into account in the design. It is proposed to remove the Hutt Park footbridge whilst work around other bridges would result in flow improvements. There has been full consultation with iwi regarding works in the vicinity of the urupa.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Van Der Vliet advised that the work in the U channel would result in a fifty percent increase in channel capacity, which will significantly reduce flooding risk.

Mr Coakley advised that in the clean up of contaminated sediments two sedimentation cells would be used allowing sediments to settle and that the cell size would be increased to ~100m reducing coffer dams costs. He further advised that the leaky cell gates used in the trial would be eliminated. Mr Coakley elaborated on the clean up methodology that is proposed near the saltmarsh and urupa. He advised that extensive drilling had been completed with sediment samples taken and that with sediment characterisation complete disposal in the Silverstream landfill would be viable, however, there may be the need for pre-treatment to dry the sediment.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager, City Infrastructure, HCC, advised that the Hutt City Council was looking at environmentally sound options for the disposal of the waste from the stream at the Silverstream landfill.

Mr Puketapu joined the meeting at 3.01pm.

Ms Jenkin advised that resource consent applications were lodged on 17 October and advertised in the Dominion Post on 25 October and the Hutt News on 28 October 2008. She noted that two weeks had passed since lodgement and no submissions had been received so far. The closing date for submissions is 25 November.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager City Infrastructure, HCC, advised that a trade waste officer could enforce the law regarding the illegal discharge of contaminants. A comprehensive education programme to businesses on their impact on the stream had been implemented. These factors in addition to an upgrade of stormwater drains meant reasonable progress towards minimising future pollution.

In response to a question from a member regarding movement of contamination from above Bell Road Bridge, and potential liability for its removal, Mr Coakley advised that contamination in the area was below levels of concern and any dispersion into the stream would not be significant. He further added that the most contaminated sediment would be removed.

In response to a question from a member regarding the possibility of commencing work earlier should there be no submissions, Ms Jenkin

advised that obtaining consent without a hearing would give a buffer. However, if there was a hearing it would more likely occur after Christmas.

The members discussed the potential scheduling of a hearing.

MOVED: (Cr Glensor/Cr Greig)

"That parts (i) - (iv) of the recommendations be endorsed and part (v) be amended to read as follows:

(v) notes that, if a hearing is required, it will be scheduled before the end of January 2009."

The motion was declared CARRIED on the voices.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 080503

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the report;*
- (ii) notes the final detailed design of the stream channel improvements for the lower reaches of the Waiwhetu;*
- (iii) notes the final detailed design of the clean up of contaminated sediments for the lower reaches of the Waiwhetu;*
- (iv) notes that notified resource consent applications have been lodged with Greater Wellington and Hutt City for stream channel improvements and the clean up of contaminated sediments; and*
- (v) notes that, if a hearing is required, it will be scheduled before the end of January 2009."*

5. **WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY
REVISED PROGRAMME AND DESIGN ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE
CLEAN UP AND CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS** (AD35-18-1 /
N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAS2008/5/2 by the Project Manager - circulated pages 45-57.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report and presented a proposed programme which would see the clean up and channel improvements completed by June 2010. He stated that the programme represented optimal project phasing and would ensure that the full contribution from

the MfE would be spent. Factors affecting the critical path included uncertainties in the resource consenting process and the evaluation of tenders which may not be straight forward.

In response to a question from a member regarding work on the U channel commencing in March and running through to September 2009 and the potential for contaminated sediment to flow into the sea from this work, the Project Manager advised that working on the area in winter should not be a problem and that no significant contamination was present in the area.

The Project Manager elaborated on flood work and clean up costs. He confirmed a total cost of \$14M including a contingency of \$1.1M. He advised that there was a funding shortfall of \$2.9M for Greater Wellington Regional Council ('GWRC') for the estimated costs of the flood improvements, but that GWRC's fixed \$500,000 contribution to the clean up was included in GWRC's current LTCCP. He advised that there was a funding shortfall of \$501,000 for Hutt City Council's ("HCC") share of the clean up cost, but that the cost of HCC network improvements of \$521,000 was included in HCC's draft LTCCP.

The Project Manager noted the need for GWRC to find an additional \$2.9m for the Waiwhetu Project, in addition to an extra \$4.7m for Hutt River flood works in the Boulcott area. He advised that these financial constraints would result in delays to other Hutt Floodplain Management Plan projects, in particular the City Centre reach. Mayor Ogden confirmed that the Waiwhetu and Boulcott works were priorities for Hutt City, but noted the importance of the City Centre stop bank, and requested that any deferment period be no more than one year.

Mr Dick advised that because of the additional cost of the Waiwhetu Stream Upgrade and the Boulcott stop bank, deferment of the City Centre works would likely be up to three years. He noted that this was in line with original planning for this stretch of the river as contained in the Hutt FMP.

MOVED: (Cr Buchanan/Cr Glensor)

"That in addition to the recommendations contained in the report, a new recommendation be added to note that in order to keep within the current financial spending constraints facing Greater Wellington Regional Council caused by both the increased requirement for Waiwhetu and the Boulcott stop banks, other projects, including the Hutt Floodplain Management plan projects (such as the City Centre stop bank) will need to be delayed."

The members discussed the motion. Mayor Ogden stated that the amendment would be superfluous and that he would vote against the motion. He also stated that it was a matter to be discussed by Council.

The motion was withdrawn with permission of the seconder.

Mayor Ogden requested a monthly report on upstream protection progress to inform residents and ratepayers as it was considered a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 080504

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the report;*
- (ii) notes the proposed programme to complete the clean up and channel improvements by June 2010;*
- (iii) notes the design cost estimates to complete the clean up and channel improvements; and*
- (iv) requests that officers begin the tendering process, noting that approval to proceed to formal tender and appoint a contractor will be subject to the approval of Greater Wellington Regional Council and Hutt City Council."*

RECOMMENDED:

Minute No. WSAS 080505

"That the Subcommittee recommends that Greater Wellington Regional Council and Hutt City Council provide funding to allow for construction to commence in March 2009 and be completed by June 2010, supplementing funding committed by the Ministry for the Environment's Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund as follows;

Funding splits for each of the partners are:

	<i>Flood works</i>	<i>Clean Up</i>	<i>HCC work</i>	<i>Total</i>
GWRC	\$7,062,000	\$500,000	0	\$7,562,000
HCC	0	\$3,001,000	\$521,000	\$3,522,000
MfE	0	\$2,929,500	0	\$2,929,500
			Total	\$14,014,000."

6. **WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY
PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT** (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAS2008/5/3 by the Project Manager - circulated pages 58-62.

The Chair congratulated Mr Eyles and Mr Coakley on winning the Supreme Award from Waste Minz for 'Best Written Paper' documenting the Waiwhetu Cleanup Trial.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report. He advised that lodging the resource consents had been a big job and he thanked Ms Jenkin, Mr Van Der Vliet, Mr Coakley and Ms Muldowney. He noted that detailed designs and cost estimations had also been completed.

Cr Glensor suggested that the Minister for the Environment be invited to open the main works next year.

The Committee asked the Project Manager to fix the meeting dates in the schedule and an extraordinary meeting be called if necessary.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 080506

"That the Subcommittee receives the report and notes its contents."

7. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.41pm.

Cr Prue Lamason
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 12th day of November 2008**