



**Report 03.389**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 26 June 2003 at 4.35pm**

**Present**

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)  
Councillors Evans, Werry and Barr (Greater Wellington Regional Council)  
Councillors Baird and Cousins, Mayor Terris (Hutt City Council)  
Councillor Phillips (Upper Hutt City Council)  
Mr T Puketapu, (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui)

**Officers Present**

Daya Atapattu, Alistair Cross, Debbie Cunningham, Geoff Dick, Jeff Evans, Rob Forlong, Margaret McLaughlin, Amy Norrish, Sam Richards and Trecia Smith (Greater Wellington Regional Council)  
Robyn Fisher, Paul Nickalls and Pat Seahill (Hutt City Council)  
Sean Hansen (Upper Hutt City Council)

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

HRA 33 Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Mr Macaskill/Cr Phillips)*

*That the apologies from Councillor Laidlaw (Greater Wellington Regional Council), Councillors Harris and Timms (Upper Hutt City Council) and Liz Mellish (Wellington Tenth Trust), as well as Councillor Baird (Hutt City Council) for lateness, be confirmed.*

**HRA 34 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

**HRA 35 Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Macaskill/Mayor Terris)*

*That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2003, Report 03.338 and Report PE 03.339, be confirmed.*

**Matters for Consideration****HRA 36 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Strand Park Realignment Construction Delay and Amended Capital Works Programme**

Council officers provided a brief chronology, which explained why the Strand Park realignment works have been delayed. In order to progress the works, the Council must now follow the Crown's land transfer process, including the Maori Protection Mechanism. This process will take about six months and will involve inviting applications from Maori on whether the land should be landbanked.

Teri Puketapu advised that it is not yet clear who may need to be consulted over this matter. A new body of Maori is being formed to progress the Port Nicholson block claim in accordance with the Office of Treaty Settlements requirements. Setting up this body will involve hui all over New Zealand.

Mayor Terris suggested that the Committee seek the assistance of the responsible Minister to expedite the progress of the works, as he felt the Alicetown stopbank was urgent for the safety of the public.

Geoff Dick advised the Committee that there would also be some practicalities to consider, even if the transfer of Strand Park land was expedited. He said it would leave little time to source the required rock and get the contractor up to speed. Work would need to start by 1 October 2003 to allow enough time to proceed with construction of the diversion over the summer and he was concerned that it may not be possible to "gear up" in time. He said, however, that the Flood Protection Department would investigate further to see what could be done.

It was decided that a special meeting should be called if there are any results from the endeavours of the Committee to speed up the progress of the works.

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*Resolved**(Mr Macaskill/Cr Werry)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That it be noted that the revised (June 2003) Hutt River Capital Works Programme contained in Report 03.279 has now been incorporated into Greater Wellington's 2003-2010 ten-year plan.*

*Resolved**(Mr Macaskill/Cr Evans)*

- (3) (i) That, in light of the serious and urgent public safety implications of the delay of Strand Park realignment works, the Hutt River Advisory Committee agree to send a delegation to meet with the Minister of Education, the Honourable Trevor Mallard. The delegation will seek Mr Mallard's assistance in expediting the transfer of Strand Park land to Greater Wellington Regional Council for the flood works in the Ava to Ewen Reach. In addition, the delegation will ask Mr Mallard to take whatever steps are necessary to enable the work to proceed as soon as possible.*
- (ii) That the Chair of the Hutt River Advisory Committee, together with the Mayor of Hutt City and Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council, make up the delegation.*
- (4) That the above delegation be authorised to undertake discussions and negotiate with the responsible iwi organisation to help progress the project.*
- (5) That in the event that the work can be safely undertaken at an earlier date, the Hutt River Advisory Committee request that the Greater Wellington Regional Council Ten-Year and Annual Plan be amended to accommodate the work.*

Teri Puketapu advised that he could not speak on behalf of a Maori constituency that has not yet been formed and, therefore, he abstained from voting.

**HRA 37 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Progress Report on Implementing Non-structural Measures**

Alistair Cross (Greater Wellington Regional Council) advised the Committee that the draft district plan provisions for implementing non-structural measures are almost complete. Sean Hanson (Upper Hutt City

Council) and Robyn Fisher (Hutt City Council) outlined the draft district plan measures proposed for their respective councils.

Debbie Cunningham (Greater Wellington Regional Council) presented the flood emergency management projects completed over the past year for the Hutt River, including projects such as real time information on the web. She also provided copies of the media management plan, which will be used in the event of a flooding emergency.

Alastair Cross outlined the work being done to develop flood hazard fact sheets.

Stuart Macaskill pointed out that it was Alistair Cross' last meeting as he taking up a new position in the Environment Division. He thanked Alistair for his work and said the quality of his work, along with his energy and dedication, had been fantastic.

**Report 03.334**

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*Resolved*

*(Mr Macaskill/Cr Baird)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**HRA 38 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Implementation: Project Manager's Report**

Daya Atapattu presented this report and detailed the status of the current projects, in particular Belmont and the proposed Port Road improvements.

Mayor Terris advised that the key message in the press release and newsletter, noted under item of the report, would need to be altered to say that councils are striving to expedite the Strand Park realignment work.

**Report 03.326**

File: N/03/13/25

*Resolved*

*(Mr Macaskill/Cr Werry)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**HRA 39 Hutt River Maintenance – Annual Update**

Council officer, Jeff Evans, provided Committee members with an update of the operational work completed on the Hutt River over the last year. He also noted that the River Ranger, who started in October 2002, is working out very well, particularly with regards to compliance issues and education.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Macaskill/Cr Baird)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**HRA 40 Questions**

There were no questions.

**HRA 41 General**

- (i) Members noted the next meeting of Advisory Committee – 30 October 2003. Councillors Cousins and Baird advised they would not be able to make the meeting on this date.
- (ii) There were no other matters for discussion.

The meeting closed at 6:52 pm.

MR S A MACASKILL  
Chairperson

Date