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**Report 08.815**

23 October 2008

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee held in the Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 23 October 2008 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Kirton (Chairman), Baber, Burke, Greig, Wilde & Wilson; and Mr Puketapu.

**Also present**

Councillor Aitken.

**Officers Present**

Benham, Crisp, Cox, Kennedy, Laidlow, Leonard, Reay, Shaw, Waddy, and Waititi.

**Public Business**

PFU 71 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)*

*That the Committee:*

*Accepts the apology for absence from Mr McKenzie, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Wilson.*

**PFU 72 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**PFU 73 Public Participation**

Harry Memelink spoke on the Rimutaka Summit café.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Burke/Cr Baber)*

*That, in accordance with Standing Order 18.1, Standing Orders be temporarily suspended to enable a member of the public to speak to a matter that is not on the meeting agenda.*

Diane Strugnell spoke on issues relating to the Puketiro wind farm and the Akatarawa water catchment.

Peter Matcham spoke on the Belmont Regional Park Management Plan.

**PFU 74 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Burke/Cr Cr Greig)*

*That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 11 September 2008, Report 08.657.*

**PFU 75 Final adoption of Parks and Forests Concessions Policy 2008**

**Report 08.724**

File: PK/01/09/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee*

- 1. Receives and notes the contents of the report.*
- 2. Adopts attachment 1 to the report..*

*That the Committee recommends to Council that it:*

- 1. Revokes the Policy for Recreation and Tourism adopted in July 2001.*
- 2. Adopts the Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks and Forests Concessions Guidelines 2008, subject to any minor technical or editorial amendments.*
- 3. Notes that it is intended to conduct a comprehensive review of the parks network, and that the outcome from the review may require policy changes.*

**Noted**

A hearing on parks and forests concessions has been held, and some changes have been made.

**PFU 76 Review of Wellington Regional Council Bylaws for the forests, parks and recreation areas**

**Report 08.748**

File: PK/01/09/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report and the attachments.*

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

3. *Agrees that the proposed Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks, Forests and Reserves Draft Bylaw (2008):*
  - (a) *Is the most appropriate way for the Council to regulate and control behaviour and activities within the parks, forests and reserves.*
  - (b) *Is the most appropriate form of bylaw.*
  - (c) *Does not contravene the New Zealand Bill of Right Act 1990.*
4. *Approves the provisions of the new Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks, Forests and Reserves Draft Bylaw (2008).*
5. *Agrees to the Statement of Proposal and Summary of Information included as Attachments 2 and 3 of this report.*
6. *Agrees to a process of consultation with iwi, special interest groups and the public, as per the special consultative procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**Noted**

The committee recommended that public consultation should begin immediately after the Council meeting of 3 November 2008, and end in the middle of February 2009.

**PFU 77 Greater Wellington Regional Council's role in providing Regional Parks**

**Report 08.767**

File: PK/03/01/04

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

1. *Approves the development of a Regional Parks Network Strategy.*
2. *Agrees to the process as outlined above.*

**PFU 78 Wholesale Water Infrastructure Assets – Review of Insurance Policy**

**Report 08.740**

File: B/06/08/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Burke/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the insurance of the Water pipeline, lake and tunnel assets for earthquake damage to the maximum probable loss, with an excess of \$10M.*
4. *Notes that the total annual contribution to mitigating the risk of seismic damage to pipeline, lake and tunnel assets remain at \$750,000 adjusted annually at the forecast rate of inflation used in compiling the LTCCP.*
5. *Agrees that the balance between the annual insurance premium and the total amount budgeted for damage mitigation is added to the Earthquake Damage Repair Fund.*
6. *Notes that these provisions be reviewed every five years or if the insurance premium increases significantly more than the rate of inflation.*
7. *Notes that recommendations 3, 4, 5 and 6 are subject to the approval of the Finance, Evaluation and Risk committee meeting on 21 October.*

**PFU 79 Regional Parks Report 2007-08**

**Report 08.778**

File: PK/02/02/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report and notes the contents..*
2. *Approves the publication of the 2007-08 Regional Parks Report.*

The meeting was adjourned between 10.59am and 11.12am.

**PFU 80 Divisional report for period ended 30 September 2008**

**Report 08.721**

File: E/06/28/03

*Resolved*

*(Mr Puketapu/Cr Wilson)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves in principle the undertaking of hydro-power generation to reduce costs and Greater Wellington Regional Council's carbon footprint.*

**PFU 81 Wainuiomata mini hydro power generation**

**Report 08.728**

File: B/40/08/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Wilson/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report and notes its content.*
2. *Notes the level of carbon emissions savings that can be achieved from renewable hydro power generation at Wainuiomata.*
3. *Agrees with the commencement of stakeholder consultation on the discharge of water into George Creek that is not required for water treatment following electricity generation.*
4. *Approves the inclusion of the Wainuiomata mini hydro power generation project within the wholesale water capital works programme for 2009/2010 and the draft 2009/2019 LTCCP.*

PFU 82 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 08.784**

File: E/06/01/04

*Resolved**(Cr Greig/Cr Wilde)**That the Committee**Exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

1. *Rimutaka Summit toilet block and tearooms*
2. *East Harbour Regional Park – Proposal to exchange land*

*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:*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
1. <i>Rimutaka Summit toilet block and tearooms</i>	<i>The information contained in this report contains information relating to the licensee's financial position. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>
2. <i>East Harbour Regional Park – Proposal to exchange land</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington entering into a land exchange. The contract has not yet been entered into. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).</i>

*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 11.25 pm.

CR RS KIRTON  
Chairman

Date: