



**Confirmed Minutes of the Extraordinary Wellington Regional Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on Tuesday, 15 March 2011 at 1.06 pm**

**Present**

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain, and Wilson.

The Chair commented on the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 11 March 2011, acknowledged the huge loss of life, and asked all present in the Chamber to observe one minutes silence.

067 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

068 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

Councillor Swain declared a conflict of interest in Item 10: Ngāti Toa Rangatira Treaty of Waitangi negotiations, and left the Chamber during consideration of the report.

069 **Public participation**

Fred MacDonald and Maria van der Meel spoke on Item 4: Annual public fare review 2011.

070 **Annual public transport fare review 2011**

**Report 11.49**

File: TD/07/07/07

*Moved*

*(Cr Glensor/Cr Brash)*

*That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the Council Ten Year Plan 2009-19 assumes a fare revenue increase of 3% per annum from 2010/11 onwards.*
4. *Notes that the draft Council Annual Plan for 2011/12 assumes a fare revenue increase of 3%.*
5. *Notes that farebox recovery levels are predicted to fall below the Council target level of 45-50% within the next two years.*
6. *Agrees that fares be increased from 1 September 2011 to generate a revenue increase of 3%, subject to satisfactory agreement of contractual terms with operators which see the financial benefits of the fare increase flowing to the Council.*
7. *Agrees that the preferred fare increase scenario set out in this report, i.e. approximately 5% increases for multi-trip tickets, be the basis of discussion with operators, but acknowledge that all options remain open at this time.*
8. *Notes that reports on progress with operator discussions will be reported back to the Economic Wellbeing Committee.*
9. *Notes that consultation on the proposed fare revenue increase will occur with the public as part of the preparation of the Council Annual Plan, and that the increase cannot be confirmed until the completion of the Annual Plan.*
10. *Notes that a farebox recovery policy based on a recovery rate of 50% - 55% is included on the agenda of the Economic Wellbeing Committee for its meeting of 17 March 2011.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

A show of hands on voting on recommendations 6 and 7 was asked for.

Councillors Bruce, Ponter, and Wilson asked that their votes against recommendations 6 and 7 be recorded.

071 **Proposed 2011/12 Annual Plan**

**Report 11.52**

File: CFO/07/06/19

David Benham, Chief Executive, introduced the report.

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)*

*That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the proposed rates have been prepared on the assumption of including the Regional Rail Package outlined in section 4.*
4. *Having considered legal advice, agrees that a decision by Council to accept or decline the proposed Wellington Rail Package including the proposed transfer of rolling stock and other assets to Council as part of the proposed Regional Rail Package does not trigger the requirements of section 97(1)(a) or (b) of the Local Government Act 2002.*
5. *Having regard to the proposed Regional Rail Package as incorporated in the draft Annual Plan and Summary, the significance of the matters for decision in the Officer's report and the matters in section 79(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, and having taken legal advice:*
  - a. *Notes the importance of Council's decision in regard to the proposed Regional Rail Package, and that consultation with the community is necessary before any final decision is made to accept the Package.*

- b. *Notes the importance of Council's decision in regard to the proposed Regional Rail Package, and that consultation with the community is necessary before any final decision is made to accept the Package*
  - c. *Agrees that the degree to which benefits and costs have been quantified is appropriate at this stage.*
  - d. *Agrees that the degree to which different options have been identified and assessed is appropriate at this stage.*
  - e. *Agrees that the degree to which benefits and costs have been quantified is appropriate at this stage.*
  - f. *Agrees that the extent and detail of the information about the proposed Regional Rail Package as outlined in the draft Annual Plan and before Council is appropriate at this stage.*
  - g. *Notes that community views including the views of those likely to be affected by the proposed Wellington Rail Package including any other reasonably practical options (if any) will be identified by officers in the course of the Annual Plan consultation process, and will be considered at the conclusion of the Annual Plan consultation*
- 6. *Notes that the proposed rates have been prepared on the assumption that there will be a 3% fare revenue increase for Public Transport services.*
  - 7. *Resolves to operate a non balanced budget having given consideration to matters raised in section 100 of the Act.*
  - 8. *Approves for inclusion in the Council's Proposed 2011/12 Annual Plan, the rates and levies included in Section 8.*
  - 9. *Approves the Council's Proposed 2011/12 Annual Plan and summary document being released for public consultation.*
  - 10. *Notes the summary document will also include information on the proposal to participate in the establishment of the Local Government Funding Agency, the proposed Dangerous Dams Policy and the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (2011).*

11. *Approves the Proposed Communications & Community Engagement Plan in Attachment 4.*
12. *Notes that a hearing will be held to consider submissions on the proposed Annual Plan, proposal to participate in the establishment of the Local Government Funding Agency, the proposed Dangerous Dam Policy and the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) on 19-20 May 2011.*
13. *Thanks Officers for their hard work over a long period to achieve this result.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 072 **Implementing the park service at Whitireia Park**

### **Report 11.101**

File: PK/16/01/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Donaldson/Cr Brash)*

*That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes the new joint governance structure for Whitireia Park is in the process of being finalised.*
4. *Approves Greater Wellington undertaking the management of Whitireia Park under the direction of the Whitireia Park Board.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 073 **Triennial Agreement**

### **Report 11.105**

File: E/01/08/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamason/Cr Glensor)*

*That Council:*

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

3. *Endorses the proposed Triennial Agreement for the 2010-2013 triennium.*
4. *Authorises the Council Chair, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to make any final changes to the Triennial Agreement resulting from consultation with the region's territorial authorities, provided that the changes do not alter the key elements of the agreement.*
5. *Authorises the Council Chair to sign the Triennial Agreement on behalf of the Council.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

074 **Appointment of members to the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee**

**Report 11.107**

File: E/11/09/05

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamason/Cr Glensor)*

*That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Appoints the nominees listed in the table below to the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee.*

<i>Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ray Wallace</i>
	<i>Cr David Bassett</i>
	<i>Cr Roger Styles</i>
<i>Upper Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Wayne Guppy</i>
	<i>Cr Nellie Gillies</i>
	<i>Cr Dean Rabbitt</i>
<i>Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust</i>	<i>Mrs Liz Mellish</i>

4. *Changes the quorum requirement in the Subcommittee Terms of Reference to at least three representatives of Greater Wellington, two of Hutt City Council, and one of Upper Hutt City Council.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

075 **Exclusion of the public**

**Report 11.106**

File: E/11/01/03

*Moved*

*(Cr Donaldson/Cr Glensor)*

*That the Council*

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

1. *Ngāti Toa Rangatira Treaty of Waitangi negotiations*
2. *Appointment of independent person to Greater Wellington's Parks Network Plan Subcommittee*

*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 matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
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| <i>1. Ngāti Toa Rangatira Treaty of Waitangi negotiations</i> | <i>The information contained in this report relates to negotiations on a redress proposal from the Office of Treaty Settlements in relation to Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal the Council's stance. 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 out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i> |
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<p>2. <i>Appointment of independent person to Greater Wellington's Parks Network Plan Subcommittee</i></p>	<p><i>The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of an independent person to Greater Wellington's Parks Network Plan Subcommittee. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they have expressed interest in, and are being considered for appointment to the Subcommittee. 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 their privacy.</i></p>	<p><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)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e, to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i></p>
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*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 motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 2.47 pm.

Cr F H Wilde  
(Chair)

Date: