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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.745

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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, 30 October 2003 at 4.30pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)
Councillors Evans, Laidlaw and Werry (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Councillor Wallace (Hutt City Council Deputising for Mayor Terris)
Councillor Timms (Upper Hutt City Council)
Ms Mellish (Wellington Tenth's Trust)

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Atapattu, Dick, Evans and Forlong and Tracey Berghan and Debbie Cunningham, (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Messrs Albuquerque and Garlick (Hutt City Council)
Mr Hanson, (Upper Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 49 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill)/(Cr Laidlaw)

That the apologies from Mayor Terris and Councillors Baird and Cousins (Hutt City Council), Councillors Harris and Philips (Upper Hutt City Council) and Mr Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui) be confirmed.

HRA 50 Public Participation

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

HRA 51

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill)/(Cr Laidlaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2003, Report 03.628, be confirmed.

Strand Park Land Purchase

Mr Macaskill said he had just received copies of papers from Quotable Value and the New Zealand Gazette formally notifying that the Strand Park land purchase had been completed on 23 October 2003. Mr Macaskill thanked officers and said it was pleasing to record the conclusion of the purchase. The delays with the construction of the Strand Park river alignment were over and the work will now proceed to completion.

Members especially thanked Ms Mellish for the assistance of the Tenth's Trust in expediting the process.

Matters for Consideration**HRA 52 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Implementation Project Manager's Report**

Report 03.608

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Mr Atapattu, Project Engineer, gave an update on progress made with implementing the management plan.

Mr Garlick, Hutt City Council, gave a presentation on the redevelopment plans for the Hutt River banks and Port Road area. This included the proposed goals and achievements, the draft vision and the process to bring the plan to completion. Mr Dick said the proposals were consistent with the direction of the management plan.

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Ms Mellish)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRA 53 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Progress Report on Implementing Non-structural Measures**

Report 03.611

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Mr Albuquerque, Hutt City Council, and Mr Hanson, Upper Hutt City Council said their Councils were proceeding with plan changes to incorporate the Floodplain Management Plan “non structural” provisions into their District Plans over the next few months.

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRA 54 **Hutt River Maintenance Programme 2003/04**

Report 03.626

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Mr Evans, Area Engineer, gave a presentation on the key elements of the Hutt River maintenance programme for the year. Copies of a promotional leaflet on the river and trail and a fact sheet for four wheel drives were circulated.

Resolved

(Cr Timms/Cr Wallace)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRA 55 **Questions**

Councillor Evans asked to what extent it would be feasible to replace willow trees on the river banks with native planting?

Mr Dick said this was a complex matter which officers were trialling with the Botanical Society. Once willows are established it is possible to enhance the area with the planting of natives. This has already taken place in some parts of the river and will increase with a proposal to supply a greater number of plants to local rotary and community groups.

HRA 56 **General**

Members noted the Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2004 as follows:

- 26 February
- 24 June
- 16 September

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.

MR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date