



AGENDA

Ordinary meeting of the

Nelson City Council

**Thursday 27 March 2014
Commencing at 1.00pm
Council Chamber
Civic House
110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson**

Membership: Her Worship the Mayor Rachel Reese, Councillors Luke Acland, Ian Barker, Ruth Copeland, Eric Davy, Kate Fulton, Matt Lawrey, Brian McGurk, Paul Matheson (Deputy Mayor), Gaile Noonan, Pete Rainey, Tim Skinner, and Mike Ward

Opening Prayer

Apologies

1. Interests

- 1.1 Updates to the Interests Register
- 1.2 Identify any conflicts of interest in the agenda

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

3. Public Forum

4. Adjourned Council Business – 6 March 2014

The following items of business were adjourned at the Council meeting of 6 March 2014. In accordance with Standing Order 3.12.9, these items must be considered as the first items of business at this meeting.

Councillors are referred to the 6 March Council meeting agenda for details of these items:

- 4.1 Schedule of Documents Sealed (6 March agenda item 8, p. 42)
- 4.2 Hearings Panel – 4 December 2013 (6 March agenda item 9, p. 45)
- 4.3 Planning and Regulatory Committee – 28 January 2014 (6 March agenda item 10, p. 50)
- 4.4 District Licensing Committee – 29 January 2014 (6 March agenda item 11, p. 50)
- 4.5 Works and Infrastructure Committee – 30 January 2014 (6 March agenda item 12, p. 58)
- 4.6 Governance Committee – 30 January 2014 (6 March agenda item 13, p. 66)

- 4.7 Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – 31 January 2014
(6 March agenda item 14, p. 71)
- 4.8 Nelson City Council District Licensing Committee – 12 February
2014 (6 March agenda item 15, p. 79)
- 4.9 Planning and Regulatory Committee – 18 February 2014
(6 March agenda item 16, p. 84)

5. Mayor's Report

7-12

Document number A1157395

Recommendation

THAT the Mayor's Report (A1157395) and its attachments (A1159846 and A1157422) be received.

AND THAT the Council appoint Councillors _____ and _____ to the Nelson City Council Regional Transport Committee and adopts the delegations for this Committee in Attachment 1 (A1159846).

6. Annual Plan 2014/15 Statement of Proposal and Summary

13-31

Document number A1159360

Recommendation

THAT the report Annual Plan 2014/15 Statement of Proposal and Summary and its attachments (A1160049 and A1154918) be received;

AND THAT the Statement of Proposal incorporating the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 be approved for public consultation from 28 March to 28 April 2014 with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor delegated authority to approve any minor amendments required.

Note: Attachment 1 to this report (draft Annual Plan 2014/15) is circulated as a separate document.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7. Planning and Regulatory Committee – 20 March 2014

32-40

Document number A1159073

Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council Planning and Regulatory Committee, held on 20 March 2014, be received.

7.1 Building Unit: Fees and Charges 2014/15

Recommendation to Council

THAT the fees and charges for the Building Unit activities for 2014/15 be approved;

AND THAT the fees and charges for Building Unit activities for 2014/15 are notified as part of the Draft Annual Plan 2014/15;

AND THAT the revised fees and charges apply from 1 July 2014.

7.2 Fees and Charges: Consents and Compliance (non-RMA)

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Dog Control Fees and Charges for 2014/2015 be adopted as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report A1145336;

AND THAT the Environmental Health and other activities fees and charges for 2014/2015 be adopted as detailed in Attachment 2 to Report A1145336;

AND THAT the Provision of Property Information Fees and Charges for 2014/2015 be adopted as detailed in Attachment 3 to Report A1145336;

AND THAT the charges for Dog Control, Environmental Health and Provision of Property Information activities apply as from 1 July 2014 until such time as they are varied or amended by Council;

AND THAT the Dog Control charges be publicly advertised in accordance with Section 37(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

7.3 Ecofest 2014

Recommendation to Council

THAT officers request Expressions of Interest from interested parties for the delivery of the Ecofest at Founders Heritage Park in 2014.

7.4 Response to Marine Biosecurity Incursions

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council confirms the general approach to marine biosecurity issues is to manage marine biosecurity through a combination of vector management and node management actions;

AND THAT the Mayor writes to the Primary Industries Minister requesting financial support for these measures;

AND THAT the Mayor writes to the Mayors of Tasman District and Marlborough District Councils requesting that this general approach be adopted as a regional approach.

AND THAT Council requests that the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership develop a proposal for a joint regional pathways plan.

7.5 Adoption of Nelson Biodiversity Strategy 2013

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Nelson Biodiversity Strategy 2013 (A1126385) be adopted.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

8. Exclusion of the Public

Recommendation

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason 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:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interests protected (where applicable)
1	<p>Regional Landfill Proposal - Update</p> <p>This report contains information regarding a joint regional landfill proposal and associated negotiations.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Mayor's Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update Council on a number of matters and make subsequent decisions.

2. Recommendation

THAT the Mayor's Report (A1157395) and its attachments (A1159846 and A1157422) be received.

AND THAT the Council appoint Councillors , and to the Nelson City Council Regional Transport Committee and adopts the delegations for this Committee in Attachment 1 (A1159846).

3. Appointment of a Regional Transport Committee

- 3.1 As a unitary authority, Nelson City Council needs to appoint a Regional Transport Committee in accordance with section 105 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003. There have been discussions about forming a joint Regional Transport Committee with Tasman District Council (as the legislation allows) but this has not yet occurred. The New Zealand Transport Agency is keen for the Committee to be formed, as it needs to participate with the review of the Government's Policy Statement and National Land Transport Programme.
- 3.2 The functions of the Committee are set by legislation (section 106 of the Act) and they are to:
- Prepare a regional land transport plan, or any variation to the plan, for Council's approval;
 - Provide Council with any advice and assistance Council may request in relation to its transport responsibilities
- 3.3 It is proposed to establish a Regional Transport Committee for Nelson City which is required to have four members. Her worship the Mayor will table a recommendation for membership of this Committee at the meeting.

3.4 As it is best practice to set delegations when establishing a committee the previous delegations of the Nelson City Council Regional Transport Committee are included as Attachment 1.

3.5 It is recognised that this may become a joint committee with Tasman District, in which case three members would be required¹.

4. Local Government New Zealand 2014 Annual General Meeting Remit Process

4.1 The Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Sunday 20 July 2014, here in Nelson.

4.2 LGNZ have invited member authorities wishing to submit proposed remits for consideration at the LGNZ AGM, to do so no later than Monday 26 May 2014.

4.3 A copy of the memo received from LGNZ outlining the remit process is provided as Attachment 2.

4.4 Councillors are to approach the Office of the Mayor for assistance in preparing any remits.

5. Conclusion

5.1 That councillors note the updates in this report.

Rachel Reese
Mayor of Nelson

Attachments

Attachment 1: Nelson City Council Regional Transport Committee delegations [A1159846](#)

Attachment 2: LGNZ Remit Process Memo 2014 [A1157422](#)

No Supporting information follows.

¹As per legal advice from NZTA, four members for a single RTC; three members for a joint RTC

Proposed delegations for the Regional Transport Committee

Functions

This Committee is required by the Land Transport Management Act 2003 to prepare the Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Land Transport Programme for Nelson for subsequent approval by the Council.

Delegations

- To develop a Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS).
- To develop a Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP).
- To undertake any variations or changes to the RLTS or RLTP.
- To develop any Regional fuel tax scheme authorised by the legislation.

Date: 3 March 2014
To: Mayors, Chairs and Chief Executives
From: Malcolm Alexander, Chief Executive
Subject: 2014 Annual General Meeting Remit Process

We invite member authorities wishing to submit proposed remits for consideration at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on **Sunday 20 July 2014** in Nelson, to do so no later than **Monday 26 May 2014**. This is to allow members of zones and sectors to gain support of five supporting councils for their remit. The supporting councils do not have to come from the proposing council's zone or sector.

It is important to note that the meeting dates for zones and sectors have been scheduled to allow, and indeed encourage members to raise issues of importance through their meetings and then to the National Council meetings rather than the AGM.

Proposed remits should be sent with the attached form. The full remit policy can be downloaded from the [LGNZ website](#).

Remit policy

Proposed remits, other than those relating to the internal governance and constitution of Local Government New Zealand, should address only major strategic "issues of the moment". They should have a national focus articulating a major interest or concern at the national political level.

The criteria for considering remits were reviewed in March 1999 and National Council adopted the following Remits Screening Policy:

1. Remits must be relevant to local government as a whole rather than exclusively relevant to a single zone or sector group or an individual council;
2. Remits should be of a major policy nature (constitutional and substantive policy) rather than matters that can be dealt with by administrative action;
3. Remits must have formal support from at least one zone or sector group meeting, or five councils, prior to their being submitted, in order for the proposer to assess support and clarity of the proposal;
4. Remits defeated at the AGM in two successive years will not be permitted to go forward;
5. Remits will be assessed to determine whether the matters raised can be actioned by alternative, and equally valid, means to achieve the desired outcome;
6. Remits that deal with issues or matters currently being actioned by Local Government New Zealand may also be declined on the grounds that the matters raised are "in-hand". This does not include remits that deal with the same issue but from a different point of view; and

7. Remits must be accompanied by background information and research to show that the matter warrants consideration by delegates. Such background should demonstrate the:
- nature of the issue;
 - background to it being raised;
 - issue's relationship, if any, to the current Local Government New Zealand Business Plan and its objectives. The 2013-2016 business plan was sent to members in April 2013, a copy is available on request. A revised 2014-2017 business plan will be sent to members in April 2014;
 - level of work, if any, already undertaken on the issue by the proposer, and outcomes to date;
 - resolution, outcome and comments of any zone or sector meetings which have discussed the issue; and
 - suggested actions that could be taken by Local Government New Zealand should the remit be adopted.

Remit process

Local Government New Zealand will take the following steps to finalise remits for the 2014 AGM:

- all proposed remits and accompanying information must be forwarded to Local Government New Zealand no later than **Monday 26 May 2014**, to allow time for the remits committee to properly assess remits;
- a remit screening committee (comprising the President, Vice President and Chief Executive) will review and assess proposed remits against the criteria described in the above policy;
- prior to their assessment meeting, the remit screening committee will receive analysis from the Local Government New Zealand staff on each remit assessing each remit against the criteria outlined in the above policy;
- proposed remits that fail to meet the tests imposed by the above policy will be informed as soon as practicable of the committee's decision, alternative actions available, and the reasons behind the decision;
- proposed remits accepted will be contacted as soon as practicable to arrange the logistics of presenting the remit to the AGM; and
- all accepted remits will be posted to the Local Government New Zealand website at least one month prior to the AGM.

To ensure quality preparation for members' consideration at the AGM, the committee will not consider or take forward proposed remits that do not meet this policy, or are received after **Monday 26 May 2014**.

General

Remits discussed at the AGM will be presented in the AGM Business Papers that will be distributed to delegates not later than two weeks before the AGM, as required by the Rules.

Should you require further clarification of the requirements regarding the remit process please contact Leanne Brockelbank on 04 924 1212 or Leanne.brockelbank@lgnz.co.nz.

Author:
Date:
Ref:

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Annual General Meeting 2014

Remit application

Council Proposing Remit:	
Contact Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Fax:	
Remit passed by: (zone/sector meeting and/or list 5 councils as per policy)	
Remit:	

Background information and research:

Please attach separately and include:

- nature of the issue;
- background to its being raised;
- new or confirming existing policy;
- how the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme;
- what work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome;
- any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice;
- outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone or Sector meeting;
- evidence of support from Zone/Sector meeting or five councils; and
- suggested course of action envisaged.

Please forward to: Local Government New Zealand

Leanne Brockelbank, Chief Financial Officer

P O Box 1214, Wellington 6140

Leanne.brockelbank@lgnz.co.nz

No later than Monday 26 May 2014

Annual Plan 2014/15 Statement of Proposal and Summary

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 for public consultation.

2. Recommendation

THAT the report Annual Plan 2014/15 Statement of Proposal and Summary and its attachments (A1160049 and A1154918) be received;

AND THAT the Statement of Proposal incorporating the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 be approved for public consultation from 28 March to 28 April 2014 with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor delegated authority to approve any minor amendments required.

3. Background

- 3.1 As required by the Local Government Act 2002 Council must each year prepare, consult on and adopt an Annual Plan.
- 3.2 To inform preparation of the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 Council workshops were held on 5 December 2013 and 11 to 13 February 2014.
- 3.3 A report was presented to Council at a meeting on 27 February 2014 to provide a record of discussions during the workshops and confirm direction to officers in the preparation of the draft Annual Plan 2014/15.

4. Discussion

- 4.1 Officers have taken the resolutions from the meeting of 27 February and amended the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 with oversight from Her Worship the Mayor.
- 4.2 The revised draft Annual Plan 2014/15 is provided as Attachment 1.
- 4.3 The Summary of the draft Annual Plan is provided as Attachment 2.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 That Council approve the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 for public consultation.

Nicky McDonald
Acting Group Manager Strategy

Attachments

Attachment 1: Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 [A1160049](#)

Attachment 2: Summary of the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 [A1154918](#)

Note: Attachment 1 is circulated as a separate document.

No supporting information follows.

The Plan is out

The city's draft Annual Plan for 2014/15 is out now.

It spells out what Council is planning to do differently to what we said we would in the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2012-2022 in 2012.

To this end, the Annual Plan 2014/15 is what's known as an exceptions document. It only contains changes to Year Three (2014/15) of the Long Term Plan.

In this edition of Live Nelson you can read a Summary of the draft Annual Plan and see at a glance what's different. All of the changes and the subsequent complete financial tables are contained in the full draft Annual Plan 2014/15 document, also known as the Statement of Proposal.

It is available from Civic House, all Nelson Public Libraries or online at nelson.govt.nz

The full draft Annual Plan 2014/15 also refers back to areas and the appropriate page numbers of the LTP 2012-22, which is also available from the same outlets.

The draft Annual Plan 2014/15 also follows the same order and sequence as the Long Term Plan, to make it easier to refer between the two documents.

Inside this edition of Live Nelson is a submission form so you can have your say on the draft Annual Plan, or you can submit online. Details are on the submission form.

Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Council I present the 2014/2015 Draft Annual Plan for your consideration.

The Draft Annual Plan sets out this Council's adjustments to the third year of the Long Term Plan (LTP). It should be noted that some changes to the 2014/2015 year had already been made by the previous Council, including deferment of projects to the next LTP or in some cases cancellation of projects. You will see these changes noted under the individual activities. In reviewing this year's Annual Plan this Council has worked through our priorities for the coming year's programme of works and made preparation for the next LTP which follows in 2015.

We want to build a strong and resilient community while we continue to ensure Nelson is a great place to live. We have reviewed budgets and made savings wherever possible. This plan represents a rates rise of 3.7% which is significantly less than what was originally planned in the LTP.*

We have carefully considered the fairness of the rates rise for current ratepayers. Further reductions could have been made, but they would have come at a risk to assets and a loss of services.

There is a lot of detail across Council's ten activity areas. There will be issues you agree with and others you do not. I encourage you to read the plan, ask questions and make a submission on what is important to you. We do want to hear your views.

Rachel Reese

MAYOR OF NELSON

*The LTP 2012-22 forecast for Year 3 was a rate increase of 5%. Changes in the intervening two years saw the forecast grow to 9.6%, but savings in corporate costs, and capital programme delays have now reduced this to 3.7%.

Council activities

Nelson City Council activities are divided into ten groups, they are:

- Transport
- Water supply
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Flood protection
- Environment
- Social
- Parks and active recreation
- Economic
- Corporate

The following sections cover a *selection* of new projects and projects with changes in these activity areas, based on what was stated in Year 3 (2014/15) of the LTP 2012-22. A full list is available in the Statement of Proposal.

Key Issues and New Projects

Bridge Street Enhancement

Work is underway in 2013/14 to make improvements to the look and feel of Bridge Street, between Trafalgar Street and Collingwood Street. Good quality public spaces are important in achieving a vibrant CBD that provides public amenity and safety. Council has included an additional \$200,000 in the draft Annual Plan for 2014/15 to address issues of daytime amenity. This is part of an ongoing effort, in collaboration with the Bridge Street business community, to make a positive change in this part of the city.

Stoke/Greenmeadows Community and Sports Facility

During the development of the Long Term Plan 2012-22, Council considered the building of shared community and sports facilities at Greenmeadows, Stoke, for \$2 million. Funding was not included in the Long

Term Plan, but Council did agree in principle to make land available for the development. It is important that our suburban communities are revitalised. Work has started in 2013/14 to identify the current and future needs of residents in Stoke. This will ensure that the development is what the people of Stoke want. The Council has set aside \$200,000 in 2014/15 to fund further investigation and design for a community and sports facility with construction planned for the following year.

Air Quality

Concerns have been raised about the impact of the Nelson Air Quality Plan on woodburner use. While there have been great gains made in Nelson's air quality over the last decade, through significant investment by Council and the community, it is timely to review the current approach to woodburners. Council is working with the Ministry for the Environment and gathering information through modelling. This work will be reported back to Council as soon as possible. The Resource Management Act 1991 places considerable restrictions on how we can make changes to the rules and the modelling work is an important step in progressing change.

Maitai River

The Maitai River is a significant natural feature of the City and is highly valued by the Nelson community. Council recognises the importance of improving the river's water quality and is proposing \$400,000 be set aside in 2014/15 for projects to improve the river's health, \$200,000 of which is new capital funding and \$200,000 operating funding transferred from other budgets. This is an investment in some immediate steps to restore natural values and function in the Maitai River.

Ongoing Impact of Emergency Rainfall Events

Nelson had two extreme rainfall events in December 2011 and April 2013 resulting in significant damage to some of the city's infrastructure (both public and private) and subsequent recovery costs. In the Long Term Plan 2012-22 Council established a Disaster Recovery Fund contributing \$500,000 in Year 1 and adding \$1 million each year after that. The purpose of the fund is to be ready for future events and to assist with a rapid recovery. As a result of the 2013 event an additional \$698,000 was added in Year 2.

The December 2011 rainfall event is now projected to cost Council \$9.5 million over four years, compared to the \$5.5 million estimated in the Long Term Plan 2012-22. This shortfall in the estimated costs reflects the timing of the preparation of the Long Term Plan 2012-22, as it was early on in the recovery planning. The April 2013 rainfall event is projected to cost \$1.2 million, of which \$720,000 is funded through the Disaster Recovery Fund.

The Disaster Recovery Fund is funded through general rates so that all ratepayers contribute. As a result of these two extreme rainfall events the

Disaster Recovery Fund has borrowed money and will not start accumulating funds until Year 9. For this reason the Council is proposing to set aside an additional \$500,000 in the Annual Plan 2014/15, to help meet the projected costs of the 2011 and 2013 events sooner and eventually start to accumulate funds for future events by year 8.

Stormwater and Flood Protection

Flooding from intense rainfall events have serious and long term impacts when services are not in place or able to cope. Improving stormwater and flood protection is a focus of this year's plan. Additional expenditure is planned for Orphanage Creek and Saxton Creek in 2014/2015 with further stages planned for following years.

Delivery of Capital Programme

An allocation of \$120,000 has been provided in 2014/15, and \$240,000 annually thereafter, to provide increased resource for delivering an additional capital works programme each year. This is to help the Council get back on track with its planned capital works programme following resources being directed to recovery works after the emergency rainfall events in 2011 and 2013.

Property Assets Review

We have set aside \$100,000 for a comprehensive review of Council owned properties to better understand why they are being held and to inform decision-making on future land use. The value of property in this category is approximately \$77M (excluding road reserve). This substantial group of assets needs more oversight.

Events Venues

Trafalgar Centre

The Trafalgar Centre has been identified as an earthquake prone building and was closed in December 2013 to manage the risk to public safety. Strengthening options are still being assessed and reviewed. Council has set aside a provision of \$3m (\$2.25m of which is carried forward from 2013/14) to address issues as required over the next 12 months. Considerable effort has been put in since December 2013 by Council to address the current closure and review a number of options to relocate those events previously booked at the Trafalgar Centre to other venues including Saxton Stadium.

Nelson School of Music

The Nelson School of Music requires both earthquake strengthening and refurbishment. We are committed to providing support to this special Nelson institution and its nationally acclaimed auditorium. We will be working closely with the School to progress development plans and funding

of \$150,000 has been allocated for the next financial year. Funding of \$1,431,000 to support earthquake strengthening and refurbishment works will be deferred to 2015/16 while the School of Music works on plans for its redevelopment project. The planned transfer of the School of Music land and buildings to Council has not occurred due to delays in the project and will be further considered during development of the Long Term Plan 2015/25.

Theatre Royal

The Theatre Royal has a different suite of issues. The Theatre Royal continues to experience financial difficulties despite high community use and commercial bookings. After being advised in December 2013 that the ongoing viability of the Theatre was in jeopardy, Council undertook a detailed review of the Theatre Royal's financial position. The initial budgets produced by the Trust have proven to be unrealistic. Council is of the view that the Theatre Royal is a key community asset and makes a valuable contribution that is worthy of council funding. For this reason the Council is proposing to increase the operational grant to the Theatre in 2014/2015 by \$115,000 to a total of \$220,000.

Saxton Field

As a community we have invested heavily in Saxton Field buildings and facilities. This year we are progressing long overdue governance, management and marketing of Saxton Field. We want to return the most we can from your investment.

Rates - Discount for 'SUIPs'

The Council is concerned that the level of charges for 'Separately Used or Inhabited Parts' of a rating unit (SUIPs) is causing hardship to multi leased commercial properties when applying uniform charges. These uniform charges are levied to each separately inhabited portion of a commercial property, for example, each separately leased commercial area of a rating unit is charged a uniform annual general charge and waste water charge. Council has considered options around discounting the uniform annual general charge, but this cannot be easily done. This will be looked at further through the Long Term Plan. However, in this draft Annual Plan 2014/15 the Council is proposing that additional SUIPs charges for commercial properties, for wastewater, are reduced by 75%.

Updates on Council projects for Year 3 (2014/15)

This section describes a *selection* of any major changes or updates to activity areas since the LTP 2012-22 was adopted. For full details please refer to the full draft Annual Plan 2014/15 Statement of Proposal and the LTP 2012-22.

Transport

Cable Bay

- Recovery work from the December 2011 extreme rainfall event started in 2013/14 and will continue at a cost of \$2,164,000 in 2014/15. Additionally 900 metres of Cable Bay Road from the intersection of State Highway 6 will be reconstructed at a cost of \$330,000, to minimise ongoing maintenance costs.

Maitai shared path (Collingwood Street to Nile Street)

- This project is to widen the Maitai riverside path from Collingwood Street to Nile Street to a shared path standard. It will be a minimum of 2.5 metres wide with wider sections in busy areas. Funding has been increased from \$450,000 to \$625,000 as a result of the design process identifying a higher construction cost.

Rocks Road walk/cycle project (previously known as Rocks Road 4 metre shared path)

- The timing has been extended to reflect the expected complexity in obtaining resource consents for this project. Consents will be applied for in 2014/15 with detailed design planned for 2015/16 and construction to start in 2016/17. This has resulted in a lower budget of \$200,000 instead of \$2.5 million for 2014/15.

Tod Bush Road

- The detailed design of the footpath will go ahead in 2014/15 with a budget of \$60,000.

Maitai Walkway connection across Trafalgar Street

- The detailed design for this project, which will enhance safety at the Trafalgar Street crossing for the Maitai walkway, has resulted in savings of \$46,000 over the LTP estimate of \$172,000.

Tasman St upgrade (Nile to Bronte)

- The upgrade of Tasman Street, between Nile Street and Bronte Street, was deferred from 2013/14 to 2014/15 to better align the works with The Brook area walking and cycling improvements project. The design is currently being undertaken, with construction scheduled for 2014/15 at a cost of \$657,000.

Bishopdale to The Ridgeway shared path

- The project involves the extension of shared path facilities from the southern end of the Railway Reserve path to the Beatson Road roundabout and over to The Ridgeway. The design undertaken in 2013/14 has also resulted in an increased construction estimate of \$515,000 as significant earthworks need to be undertaken in order to make a well graded path through the undulating terrain.

The Brook area walking and cycling improvements

- The project has been the subject of extensive community consultation in 2013/14. The project concept has been approved by Council and will be constructed at a cost of \$465,000 in conjunction with the Tasman Street upgrade in 2014/15.

Water supply

New membrane assembly

- The filter membranes at the water treatment plant are performing well and are expected to exceed their design life of ten years. This has allowed the money budgeted for their renewal, which was due to start in 2014/15, to be used to commission a spare membrane assembly. This will cost \$1.2 million to provide greater flexibility to operations and further extend the life of the existing membranes.

Maitai Pipeline

- An assessment of the water supply pipeline from the water treatment plant to Westbrook Terrace in 2014/15 has been removed, as the pipeline needs replacement. This is a priority project and the design of the replacement, with a budget of \$100,000, has been brought forward to 2014/15. The timing of construction, currently scheduled for 2020/21, will be reviewed through the LTP 2015-25 with a view to bringing it forward.

Seismic review of the Maitai Dam and storage reservoirs

- Council is reviewing the design and construction of the water reservoirs and some vulnerable sections of the water supply main from the Maitai Dam to the treatment plant, at a cost of \$80,000. It involves checking the design and construction of seismic valves, pipework and reservoir construction to ensure these sections of the network will continue to work after an earthquake. Any remedial works required will be carried out over the first three years of the LTP 2015-25.

Water bylaws

- The Water Bylaw will be reviewed and the Trade Waste Bylaw is proposed to be revoked and replaced by an expanded Wastewater Bylaw, incorporating provisions for both domestic wastewater and trade waste discharges. Public submissions on the proposed new Water Bylaw and Wastewater Bylaw will be sought in 2014/15.

Residential water meter replacement

- The water meters have exceeded their expected lives and are still performing well. The replacement of the meters scheduled to begin in 2014/15 is being delayed and a pilot study on automated meters will be undertaken at a cost of \$50,000.

Wastewater

Corder Park pump station

- The scope of this project has increased to include replacement of a short section of the Atawhai rising main as one contract. Funding from the rising main renewals budget of \$746,000 has been reallocated to the Corder Park pump station project. Construction is planned over 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Stormwater

Tasman Street - Bronte Street/Nile Street/Manuka Street

- This stormwater upgrade was originally in the LTP for 2013/14, but will now be constructed over the 2014/15 year to align with the roading programme.

Saltwater Creek/Haven Road culvert

- Detailed design has resulted in an \$113,000 increase to the construction estimate for this project, bringing the total to \$850,000.

Nile Street East

- This is a new project to upgrade stormwater assets at a cost of \$50,000 to increase the network's capacity to cope with higher rainfall events.

Flood protection

Tod Valley Stream

- This is to provide adequate flood protection in the Tod Valley. The project includes upgrading of the culvert at the State Highway in collaboration with the New Zealand Transport Agency in a possible cost sharing arrangement. Preliminary design will take place in 2014/15 at a cost of \$100,000 with construction planned to start in 2018/20.

York Stream catchment evaluation

- To improve flood capacity in the York Stream. A slower staged approach to this project is now planned to allow a more comprehensive modelling strategy to be completed for the St Vincent/Vanguard catchment. This work is part of the wider CBD flooding strategy which will take a number of years to develop.

Orphanage Stream upgrade

- New funding of \$500,000 has been included in 2014/15 to finish works in the Orphanage Stream from Suffolk Road to Main Road Stoke, following the April 2013 extreme rainfall event.

Saxton Creek upgrade

- A new project, with a budget of \$2.5 million, is included to increase the flood capacity of Saxton Creek following the extreme rain event in April 2013. Construction is planned to take place over two years – 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Environment

Landfill road extension

- This is a new project to construct the access road for the next stage of the York Valley Landfill, at a cost of \$1,545,000. It includes the new weighbridge, which is being brought forward from 2015/16, as it is more cost effective to combine as one project.

Social including Arts and Heritage

WWI Centenary Memorial

- Council will provide funding of \$10,000 to support WWI Centenary commemorations and \$15,000 towards a WWI memorial at Marsden Valley Cemetery in 2014/15.

Crematorium

- One of the two cremators needs relining and increased usage of cremation services requires both cremators to be in use. The relining will take place in 2014/15 and is estimated to cost \$85,000.

Parks and Active Recreation

Modeller's Pond

- Council has considered a number of options to find a solution to the invasive weed and algae problems. Provision has been made in 2014/15 for \$500,000 to be set aside find a solution and to also include an ongoing operational budget of \$93,000 per year (including depreciation and interest).

Marina hardstand

- The creation of a hardstand at the Marina was scheduled for completion in 2013/14. Progress to complete this was delayed, so \$50,000 is included in 2014/15. This money will be used to meet resource consent conditions and to do fencing and minor works.

Saxton Stadium

- A new project as a result of the April 2013 extreme rain event. It involves changing the kerbs to deflect stormwater away from the stadium, at a cost of \$80,000.

Tahuna Back Beach

- Community concern over the ongoing erosion of the Tahuna Back Beach has prompted Council to set aside \$60,000 in 2014/15 to gather expert information to enable review of its current policy.

Economic

Free Wi-Fi for the city centre

- Council invested in free Wi-Fi for the City Centre in 2013/14, extending free Wi-Fi access to all network users. Ongoing management of the network will be provided through Uniquely Nelson at an annual cost of up to \$7,000 starting in 2014/15.

Nelson Tasman Tourism

- Council is aware of Tasman District Council's proposal to cease funding tourism at the end of 2014/15. Council remains committed to promoting Nelson as a tourism destination and will continue to fund Nelson Tasman Tourism in 2014/15 at \$457,518 as agreed through the LTP 2012-2022.

Corporate

Earthquake prone buildings

- Funding of \$360,000 is set aside in the 2014/15 year for detailed seismic assessment of Council owned assets. An additional \$539,000 is being set aside in 2014/15 for potential capital remediation work resulting from assessments.

Delivery of capital programme

- An allocation of \$120,000 has been provided in 2014/15, and \$240,000 annually thereafter, to provide increased resource for delivering an additional capital works programme each year. This is to help the Council get back on track with its planned capital works programme following resources being directed to recovery works after the emergency rainfall events in December 2011 and April 2013.

Rating review

- Council has started consideration of a rating review. It is a complex and significant project that looks at how Council collects rates. Some of the work will be used to inform the LTP. However a start on adjustments to rates has been made in this Annual Plan, with changes to the charges for 'Separately Used or Inhabited Parts' of a rating unit

(SUIPs) being proposed.

Deferred projects

These are projects that were scheduled to begin in 2014/15 but have been deferred for consideration in the Long Term Plan 2015-25. The deferral of these projects will not impact on Levels of Service.

Project deferrals and removals have been annotated to indicate whether the deferral or removal decision was made by the current Council (#) or by the previous Council ().*

Transport

- **Waimea Road/Market Road intersection upgrade ***

Changes were planned for this intersection to make it easier to turn onto Waimea Road. Investigations have shown there is not enough turning demand to warrant this given other priorities for transport and roading.

- **Waimea Road widening/Snows Hill #**

It was proposed to widen Waimea Road and the adjacent footpaths at Snow Hill (near Rutherford Street). Investigations have shown there are other transport and roading activities that are a higher priority to fund at this time.

- **Halifax Street/Shakespeare Walk #**

This project has been deferred for consideration in the LTP 2015-25 so it can be aligned and completed at the same time as stormwater protection works planned for the area.

Stormwater

- **Shelbourne Street #**

The planned stormwater upgrade of Shelbourne Street has been deferred to align with roading funding so both stormwater and roading works can be completed at the same time.

- **Halifax Street #**

A new stormwater line planned for Halifax Street from Tasman Street to Milton Street has been deferred to redirect funding to emergency work from the December 2011 and April 2013 extreme rain events.

Flood protection

- **York Stream channel upgrade #**

Urgent work to improve the flood capacity of York Stream was completed in 2013/14. Remaining work will be considered in the LTP 2015-25.

Parks and active recreation

Stoke Youth Park #

- Consideration of youth facilities will be part of the investigation and design of the community and sports facility at Greenmeadows. Any development beyond this will be considered through the LTP 2015-25.

Tahunanui Reserve Management Plan implementation *

- Continuing work on plantings and paths at the Tahunanui Reserve, at a cost of \$128,000 in 2014/15, has been deferred for reconsideration in the LTP 2015-25.

Destination Playground for Rutherford Park *

- This was deferred through the Annual Plan 2013/14, to be reconsidered in the LTP 2015-25. The funding of \$676,000 in 2014/15 will also be deferred.

Tasman Heights #

- This was to provide a walkway link between Tasman Heights through to Douglas Road. The linkage between Maire Street to Heemskerk Place was scheduled but engineering issues with the location means the work will now be reconsidered through the LTP 2015-25.

Trafalgar Centre renewals programme #

- Works programmed for 2014/15, including landscaping and parking improvements, have now been removed pending decisions about the future of the Trafalgar Centre.

Wakapuaka Sandflats environmental enhancement *

- Funding for environment enhancement activities at Wakapuaka Sandflats has been deferred so Council resources can be directed to higher priority work in 2014/15. This project will be reconsidered in the LTP 2015-25.

2014/15 projects removed

These are projects that were scheduled to begin in 2014/15 but have been removed from the LTP.

- Church Street pedestrian connection into Montgomery Square #
- Halifax Street cycle lane #

What will my new rates be?

The draft Annual Plan 2014/15 is proposing an average rates increase of 3.7%.

This figure and other charges may change following the community consultation and any amendments made to the draft Annual Plan 2014/15.

Examples of proposed rates for 2014/15

Examples of Rate Increases	Land Value	Rates		\$ Increase	% Increase
		2013/14	2014/15		
Residential (Including \$540 average water charges \$517 in 2014)	105,000	\$ 2,002	\$ 2,095	\$ 93	4.6%
	185,000	\$ 2,612	\$ 2,724	\$ 112	4.3%
	335,000	\$ 3,528	\$ 3,668	\$ 140	4.0%
Rural (No stormwater, sewerage or water charges)	790,000	\$ 3,506	\$ 3,618	\$ 113	3.2%
Small Holding (No Wastewater or water charge included)	280,000	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,216	\$ 86	4.0%
	385,000	\$ 2,706	\$ 2,810	\$ 104	3.9%
Multi Residential (Two flats - Two UAGC & Wastewater Charges as per Council policy)	220,000	\$ 4,224	\$ 4,400	\$ 176	4.2%
	800,000	\$ 8,117	\$ 8,414	\$ 297	3.7%
Commercial - Inner City (No water charges included) - 1 Unit	320,000	\$ 7,215	\$ 7,665	\$ 450	6.2%
Commercial - Inner City (No water charges included) - 2 Units	330,000	\$ 8,157	\$ 8,357	\$ 200	2.4%
Commercial - Outside Inner City (No water charges included) - 1 Unit	365,000	\$ 6,312	\$ 6,624	\$ 312	4.9%
Commercial - Outside Inner City (No water charges included) - 2 Units	335,000	\$ 6,620	\$ 6,648	\$ 28	0.4%

General rate

The general rate is 0.62926 cents in the land value dollar (including GST) for the 2014/15 rating year. This compares to the previous year's rate of 0.61023 cents in the land value dollar.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

The UAGC is \$387.10 including GST per separately occupied portion of a property for the 2014/15 rating year. This charge is \$15.00 higher than the previous year's charge.

Targeted rate for stormwater and flood protection (separate general charge)

The stormwater and flood protection rate is \$242.70 for 2014/15. It is payable by all ratepayers other than the rural rating categories and residential properties east of Gentle Annie saddle. This year's charge is \$23.30 higher than the previous year's.

Wastewater charge

The wastewater charge is \$390.00 per unit including GST compared to the previous year's rate of \$374.90. Commercial properties are also levied wastewater charges based on Council's Trade Waste Bylaw.

Water charges

The water charges for 2014/15 including GST are a minimum annual charge of \$201.69 compared with \$191.42 for the previous year.

The cost per cubic metre for 2014/15 will be 2.082 per cubic metre compared to 1.968 the previous year.

The water charges represent an average increase of 5.6% for the 2014/15 year.

NOTE: An average ratepayer uses 160m³ per annum.

The money

For the full set of financial statements, please refer to the full Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 Statement of Proposal.

Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

	Annual Plan 2013/14 (\$000)	Long-term Plan 2014/15 (\$000)	Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 (\$000)	Difference to LTP 2014/15 (\$000)
Revenue				
Rates other than targeted rates for water supply	48,874	54,601	50,563	(4,038)
Rates remissions	(266)	(210)	(280)	(70)
Transfers from other government entities	6,593	6,744	6,630	(114)
Other operating grants, donations and subsidies	214	223	821	598
Other capital grants, donations and subsidies	7,442	66	7,314	7,248
Vested assets	3,000	8,134	3,000	(5,134)
Development contributions	1,987	2,034	1,414	(620)
Revenue from exchange transactions	25,530	26,109	27,592	1,483
Other Revenue	7,970	11,082	7,112	(3,970)
Interest received	28	115	52	(63)

	Annual Plan 2013/14	Long-term Plan 2014/15	Draft Annual Plan 2014/15	Difference to LTP 2014/15
Dividend received	2,673	2,737	2,776	39
Total Revenue	104,045	111,635	106,994	(4,641)
Expenses				
Staff expenditure	18,151	18,535	16,926	(1,609)
Grants and other transfer payments	3,324	2,384	3,209	825
Finance costs	4,068	6,378	5,285	(1,093)
Depreciation and amortisation	21,028	22,607	21,435	(1,172)
Other expenses	48,873	46,218	47,190	972
Total Expenses	95,710	96,122	94,045	(2,077)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before Taxation	8,335	15,513	12,949	(2,564)

Debt estimates

	Annual Plan 2013/14 (\$000)	Long-term Plan 2014/15 (\$000)	Annual Plan 2014/15 (\$000)
Net Debt	102,437	127,408	110,022
	%	%	%
Net interest expense on external debt as a % of total revenue to be less than 15%	4.1	6.2	5.1
Net interest expense on external debt as a % of total rates income to be less than 20%	6.7	9.4	8.4
Net external debt not to exceed 150% of total revenue	103.4	125.6	107.3
Net external debt not to exceed 20% of equity	8.4	9.6	9.0

What happens now?

Draft Annual Plan Timeline

Consultation opens 28 March

Consultation closes 28 April, 4.30pm

Proposed hearings 13/14/15/16 May

Council considers submissions 27/28/29 May

Council adopts Annual Plan 19 June

Annual Plan comes into effect 1 July

Submissions

Please use the submission form on this page. Information on how you can make a submission is below. Submissions must be received by 4.30pm Monday 28 April 2014.

Your submission can be:

Online - fill out the submission form at nelson.govt.nz

By post - Post to Freepost Authority Number 76919, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040.

Drop off - Drop into Civic House at 110 Trafalgar Street.

Check out your proposed rates for 2014/15 at nelson.govt.nz

Draft Annual Plan submission form

Submissions close 4.30pm, Monday 28 April 2014

Name Organisation represented (if applicable)

Address

Phone Email

Hearings will be held for those who wish to speak in support of their submission. Hearing dates are proposed to be 13/14/15/16 May 2014.

Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes No If you do not tick either, we will assume you do not wish to be heard.

Would an evening hearing suit you better? Yes No

Public information

Submissions to Council consultations are public information. Your submission will be available to the media and public.

Share your thoughts about the proposed changes in the draft 2014/15 Annual Plan.

Please attach additional sheets if needed.

Optional demographic information – your answers to the following questions would provide helpful information to Council.

The questions are optional and your responses will be publicly distributed to those who review the draft Annual Plan submission forms.

Age:

under 21 21 – 39 40 – 64 65 and over

Gender: Male / Female

Have you made a submission before? Yes / No

To avoid confusion, please only send your feedback once, using your preferred method. You can mention more than one topic, and you don't need a separate form for each topic. We will promptly acknowledge it has been received.

Visit Council's website

nelson.govt.nz and fill out the online submission form (you can send attachments too)

Drop your submission form and/or any written comments to the Civic House Customer Service Centre, 110 Trafalgar Street

Mail your submission form and/or any written comments to:

Draft Annual Plan, Nelson City Council
Freepost Authority Number 76919,

PO Box 645, Nelson 7040

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street,
Nelson

On Thursday 20 March 2014, commencing at 2.43pm

Present: Councillor B McGurk (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese), Councillor I Barker, R Copeland, K Fulton, M Lawrey and M Ward

In Attendance: Councillor G Noonan, Chief Executive (C Hadley), Acting Group Manager Strategy (N McDonald), Kaihautū/Acting Manager Community Partnerships (G Mullen), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Manager Environmental Programmes (C Ward), Manager Administration (P Langley), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven)

Apologies: Councillor E Davy, and Her Worship the Mayor for early departure.

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillor Davy, and Her Worship the Mayor for early departure.

McGurk/Barker

Carried

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no conflicts of interest with any agenda items were declared.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Poultry in a Residential Area

Cara Miller spoke about part of Nelson City Council Bylaw 215 Miscellaneous Matters relating to keeping poultry in a residential area. She explained that the bylaw did not address where on sections poultry coops could be sited, and noted the noise issues she had faced since neighbours had erected a poultry coop on the boundary fence, less than 2 metres from her bedroom window.

She tabled a document (A1144396) outlining the equivalent bylaws in Marlborough and Tasman, both of which regulated where poultry coops could be sited. She asked the Committee to consider amending the bylaw in order to address where coops could be situated.

Attendance: Councillors Copeland and Fulton joined the meeting at 2.46pm.

In response to questions, Ms Miller explained that she had approached her neighbours regarding this issue, but that they were not prepared to move the coop to another part of the section.

She added that environmental officers who had visited the property had not indicated that there was any issue with the coop. She emphasised that her concern was not with keeping poultry in general, but was confined to where on residential sections poultry coops could be located.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 3.00pm.

The Chairperson requested that a further report come to the Planning and Regulatory Committee regarding the efficacy of Bylaw 215 Miscellaneous matters as it related to the keeping of poultry in a residential area.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 18 February 2014

Document number A1143729, agenda pages 9-11 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Nelson City Council – Planning and Regulatory Committee, held on 18 February 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

McGurk/Barker

Carried

6. Status Report – Planning and Regulatory 20 March 2014

Document number A1155974, agenda page 12 refers.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Planning and Regulatory 20 March 2014 (A1150321) be received.

Barker/Copeland

Carried

7. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's report.

REGULATORY

8. Building Unit: Fees and Charges 2014/15

Document number A1144537, agenda pages 13-44 refer.

Manager Building, Martin Brown, joined the meeting and presented the report. He said that, unlike Resource Management Act Fees and Charges, the Building Consent Authority was able to set Building Fees and Charges without public consultation. However, he added that the Building Unit Fees and Charges would be notified as part of the draft Annual Plan.

He said that, based on feedback, changes had been made to the method and model of consent processing, inspection and administration, and he explained the assumptions that informed the new fee schedule.

In response to a question, the Chief Executive explained that the proportion of costs funded by fees and charges varied at every Council, and was a direct result of the revenue policies set at each Long Term Plan. She said it was a question for each Council to decide where the balance of public versus private good fell in relation to what level of cost-recovery targets to set through fees and charges.

In response to further questions, the Chief Executive explained that the fee for exempt building works advice/meeting was proposed to increase as previously, it was not sufficiently recovering costs. She added that this fee should be managed against the potential benefit that the proposed building works may well be exempt from requiring a building consent.

In response to further questions, Mr Brown explained the way in which the proposed fees and charges applied to marquees, swimming pools and inspection costs.

Resolved

THAT the report *Building Unit Fees and Charges 2014/15 (A1144537)* and its attachments *(A1150776 and A1148306)* be received.

Copeland/Lawrey

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the fees and charges for the *Building Unit activities for 2014/15* be approved;

AND THAT the fees and charges for *Building Unit activities for 2014/15* are notified as part of the *Draft Annual Plan 2014/15*;

AND THAT the revised fees and charges apply from 1 July 2014.

Copeland/Lawrey

Carried

9. Fees and Charges: Consents and Compliance (non-RMA)

Document number A1145336, agenda pages 45-52 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report *Fees and Charges: Consents and Compliance (non-RMA) (A1145336)* and its attachments be received.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the *Dog Control Fees and Charges for 2014/2015* be adopted as detailed in *Attachment 1 to Report A1145336*;

AND THAT the *Environmental Health and other activities fees and charges for 2014/2015* be adopted as detailed in *Attachment 2 to Report A1145336*;

AND THAT the *Provision of Property Information Fees and Charges for 2014/2015* be adopted as detailed in *Attachment 3 to Report A1145336*;

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AND THAT the charges for Dog Control, Environmental Health and Provision of Property Information activities apply as from 1 July 2014 until such time as they are varied or amended by Council;

AND THAT the Dog Control charges be publicly advertised in accordance with Section 37(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

10. Regulatory Report for 1 October to 31 December 2013

Document number A1127850, agenda pages 53-64 refer.

Manager Consents and Compliance, Mandy Bishop, joined the meeting and presented the report.

Councillors discussed the performance of the Parking Unit. In response to a question, the Chief Executive explained the manner in which parking unit activities had been contracted to Environmental Inspections Limited (EIL).

In response to further questions, she clarified that the contract with EIL did not contain quotas or other incentives with regards to ticket numbers, although it did provide information regarding staffing hours and ticketing levels of the parking unit prior to the contract being let to EIL. She added that the parking unit had been under-staffed prior to the contract being let to EIL, and had returned to full staff levels around December 2013.

Resolved

THAT the Regulatory Report for 1 October to 31 December 2013 (A1127850) be received.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

11. Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw (2011), No. 207 – Amendments to Schedules

Document number A1141276, agenda pages 65-73 refer.

Road Safety Adviser, Marg Parfitt, joined the meeting and presented the report.

In response to a question, she said that when yellow lines had been removed from Motueka Street some time ago, it had been on the understanding that these would be reinstated once traffic signals were installed.

Resolved

THAT the report Parking Vehicle Control Bylaw (2011), No. 207 Amendments to Schedules and its attachments (A1143223, A1143222, A1144095, A1143219, A1528724) be received;

AND THAT the following alterations to the Schedules of Bylaw No 207, Parking and Vehicle Control (2011) be approved:

- ***Schedule 9: No Stopping;***
- ***Schedule 14: Give Way Signs.***

Barker/Ward

Carried

12. Ecofest 2014

Document number A1137528, agenda pages 74-87 refer.

Manager Environmental Programmes, Chris Ward, presented the report. He said that officers had considered the reasons for holding Ecofest, and had noted that it was unclear whether Ecofest provided the best method of delivering environmental outcomes at the present time.

In response to a question, he advised that any changes to the mode of Delivery to the Environment Awards had to be discussed with Tasman District Council (TDC) and that it was not advisable to specifically link the awards to a Founders Park Ecofest event. He said that work was continuing with TDC to consider the best format for delivery of the awards.

In response to further questions, Mr Ward explained that event organisers had expressed a preference for a decision to be made as quickly as possible, so that they could ascertain their capacity for delivering an event. He added that there had been no indication that a one-year break from running Ecofest would be likely to detract sponsors of the event.

Councillors discussed whether to hold Ecofest in any capacity this year. It was noted that there was insufficient officer capacity to run Ecofest, as well as continue with other environmental projects such as considering the health of the Maitai River. It was also noted that in view of the closure of events venues, there had been a decrease in the number of events on offer in Nelson, and several committee members expressed a desire not to cancel the event. A suggestion was made that Ecofest be combined with another event sharing similar philosophies, such as the Growables week.

Resolved

THAT the report Ecofest 2014 (A1137528) and its attachment (A1120552) be received.

Ward/Copeland

Carried

Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Copeland, moved a recommendation to Council

THAT officers request Expressions of Interest from interested parties for the delivery of the Environment Awards and Ecofest at Founders Heritage Park in 2014.

Following discussion regarding the need for further conversations with TDC regarding the Environment Awards, the mover and seconder agreed that the words "Environment Awards and" be removed from the first clause.

Recommendation to Council

THAT officers request Expressions of Interest from interested parties for the delivery of the Ecofest at Founders Heritage Park in 2014.

Ward/Copeland

Carried

Councillor Barker asked for his vote against the motion to be recorded.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 4.16pm.

13. Response to Marine Biosecurity Incursions

Document number A1127327, agenda pages 88-96 refer.

Manager Environmental Programmes, Chris Ward, explained that there was an additional officer recommendation that Council request the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership to consider a joint regional pathways plan.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 4.18pm to 4.22pm.

Resolved

THAT the report Response to Marine Biosecurity Incursions (A1127327) and its attachment (A1130174) be received.

Fulton/McGurk

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council confirms the general approach to marine biosecurity issues is to manage marine biosecurity through a combination of vector management and node management actions;

AND THAT the Mayor writes to the Primary Industries Minister requesting financial support for these measures;

AND THAT the Mayor writes to the Mayors of Tasman District and Marlborough District Councils requesting that this general approach be adopted as a regional approach.

AND THAT Council requests that the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership develop a proposal for a joint regional pathways plan.

Fulton/McGurk

Carried

POLICY AND PLANNING

14. Te Tau Ihu Treaty Settlements

Document number A1131734, agenda pages 97-101 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Te Tau Ihu Treaty Settlements (A1131734) be received.

Fulton/Ward

Carried

15. Adoption of Nelson Biodiversity Strategy 2013

Document number A1142184, agenda pages 102-125 refer.

Resolved

THAT the Report Adoption of Nelson Biodiversity Strategy 2013 (A1142184) and its attachment (A1126385) be received.

Fulton/McGurk

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Nelson Biodiversity Strategy 2013 (A1126385) be adopted.

Fulton/McGurk

Carried

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16. Resource Management Issues

Document number A1146802, agenda pages 126-133 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Resource Management Issues (A1146802) be received;

AND THAT the issues in the presentation summary, the summary of feedback from councillors and the proposed priorities, as outlined in this report, inform the Nelson Plan issues and options papers.

Fulton/McGurk

Carried

17. Heart of Nelson Stakeholder Meeting

Document number A1154613, agenda pages 134-140 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Heart of Nelson Stakeholder Meeting (A1154613) and its attachments (A753330 and A1136238) be received.

Fulton/Lawrey

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.26pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date