

KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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On 7 June 2018, council's Appointments, Performance Review and Value for Money Committee received the "Parks and Open Spaces Value for Money (s17A) Review 2018" report, which recommends assessing ALL Auckland parks and open space for disposal. Instead of rejecting it or debating it, the committee referred the recommendations within it (not the whole report) to a closed workshop. This is very disturbing considering that most parks and open space falls under Local Board jurisdiction and Local Boards have not been consulted on this policy direction.

The NZ Herald has revealed that a second report regarding the potential disposal of parkland currently used as golf courses will also be discussed at a closed workshop.

It is absolutely appalling that council is considering such a large-scale sale of parks, especially at a time when we are seeing a massive increase in population and development, and need to ensure that all current parks (reserves and non-reserves) are kept in public ownership for public use.

Meanwhile, public land at several marinas is proposed for sale, as are several holiday parks and public carparks. Of course, this follows many other instances of land and building sales in recent years.

I'm particularly concerned by the proposal to sell all or part of A F Thomas Park, Northcote, which has been highlighted as "non-strategic" even though it is the site of one of Auckland's only publicly-accessible golf courses. A F Thomas Park was used as an example of a site that could be carved up in a report called "Non-Strategic Asset Sales" in the agenda of the Finance and Performance committee's meeting on 11 December 2017.

Let me be clear - A F Thomas Park is a local reserve that was acquired for the purpose of providing a public golf course and it comes under Local Board jurisdiction. It is not an opportunity for sale or partial sale to fill the Governing Body's budget holes or lack of investment in other parts of Auckland.

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

- (a) declare as a matter of policy, that it does not support the disposal of park land (or part thereof) within the Kaipātiki Local Board area, whether it is gazetted reserve land, or land currently used as (or access to) park land.**
- (b) append this policy to the Kaipātiki Open Space Network Plan and Kaipātiki Open Space Management Plan documents once completed.**

Rosie Bolt Reserve

On 18 April 2018, the Kaipātiki Local Board resolved [KT/2018/57] to not endorse the recommendation from Panuku to dispose of Rosie Bolt Reserve (R25 Alfred Street), and instead requested that the land be redesignated from “non-service” land to “service” land, and that the Unitary Plan designation be corrected from “Residential - Single House Zone” to “Open Space - Informal Recreation Zone”,

Neither of these requests have been fulfilled, despite the land being used by the community recreationally and aesthetically, and it being part of the north-western wildlife link. The land is now due to be considered for disposal by the Panuku board of directors, followed by the Finance and Performance committee (approx September). I have requested permission to speak at both on behalf of the Local Board.

On 28 September 2017, the Governing Body allocated decision-making responsibility for declaring reserves and classifying reserves to Local Boards [GB/2017/117].

So I am putting forward the following motion to show that it is the Local Board’s intention to declare R25 Alfred Street a reserve, and for it to be classified as a *Local Purpose Reserve*, as per sections 14 and 16 of the Reserves Act 1977. There appears to be an opportunity for R25 Alfred Street to be consulted on and gazetted via the Local Board’s Open Space Management Plan process, at little extra cost to the Local Board, however I have included a clause requesting advice on this.

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

- (c) support in principle the declaration of R25 Alfred St (Rosie Bolt Reserve), Northcote, as a Local Purpose Reserve classification under the Reserves Act 1977.**
- (d) request, in advance of decision-making by the governing body in relation to R25 Alfred Street (Rosie Bolt Reserve), Northcote, advice from relevant council staff regarding the classification of the land as Local Purpose Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, particularly:**
 - i) advice as to the costs and the availability of local board budgets to pursue classification under the Reserves Act 1977, noting that local boards now have allocated decision-making to undertake the classification of reserves as provided for by resolution number GB/2017/117; and**
 - ii) advice as to the process, timelines and implications of classifying R25 Alfred Street (Rosie Bolt Reserve), Northcote, as Local Purpose Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.**
- (e) request that this resolution is forwarded to all Governing Body members, Auckland Council CEO, Independent Māori Statutory Board members, and Panuku Development Auckland’s Board of Directors.**

June 2018 Meetings & Events

- Chaired June Kaipātiki Local Board business meeting
- Chaired Kaipātiki Local Board Extraordinary meeting
- Chaired Kaipātiki Local Board Community Forum meeting
- Chaired two Kaipātiki Local Board workshops
- June Local Board Chairs' Forum and Chairs-Only Session
- June Northern Citizenship Ceremony
- Open Space Network Plan Working Party
- Glenfield Leisure Centre, ActivZone, Kauri Kids - Local Board site visit
- Meeting with Northern Local Board Chairs, Deputy Chairs and council senior staff to discuss capital project delays
- Meeting with Matthew Cotterall, Country Manager, and Grant Muir, Community Engagement manager, of Ventia
- Meeting with Peter Taylor, Chair, and Kae Condon, Manager, of Birkenhead Town Centre Association
- Meeting with Sarah McGregor, Chair, and Angela Spooner, Manager of Highbury House
- Meeting with Nigel Green, Manager of Glenfield Community Centre
- Meeting with Acting Chair of the Little Shoal Bay Protection Society, Tony Holman, to discuss water inundation issues
- Meeting with Jill Nerheny, Manager of Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust
- Meeting with Nigel Green, Secretary of Glenfield Rotary, including site visit to Downing Street Domain
- Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust monthly meeting
- Sunnynook Town Centre Plan Consultation at Rewi Alley Reserve
- Ridgewood Reserve & Castleton-Reid Reserve – site visit with Anne-Elise Smithson to view tracks recommended for closure
- Photo at Glenfield College for Netball North Harbour project article in OurAuckland, with Deputy Chair Danielle Grant
- Tartan Day Tattoo 2018 - Welcome
- Rotary Birkenhead Santa Parade meeting
- Resource consent feedback meetings with Deputy Chair Danielle Grant
- Several meetings with constituents on various matters
- Regular meetings with council staff on various matters