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A Tāmaki Drive for Today

Creating an inclusive waterfront in the face of Covid-19
Item 8.2

Generation Zero's Vision

Resilient, connected, liveable
Tāmaki Makaurau
Vision for Tāmaki Drive

- Pearl of Auckland waterfront
- Beautiful environment
- Supports local businesses
Attachment A

Item 8.2

New York
Manhattan Waterfront Greenway
Shanghai
Huangpu River
Amsterdam Canals
## SIMILAR VISIONS FOR TĀMAKI DF

### Long-Term

- Balanced and safe transport network for all modes
- Preserving Tāmaki Drive’s unique character

### Short-Term

- Physical distancing
- Balancing traffic
- Strong AT/LB relationship
1. MEANINGFUL COLLABORATION

Ōrākei + Auckland Transport = happy city!

- AT’s temporary measures = good foundation
- Working with AT to iterate and improve design
2. MANAGING CONGESTION IN ‘NEW

- Balancing the demand for driving
- Enabling physical distancing
- Giving people freedom and flexibility through transport alternatives
Auckland Water ski Club

APPLICATION FOR A NEW LEASE AT 120A LUCERNE ROAD, REMUERA
Background and Application

- Nearly 70 years of existing tenure
- Developed much of the infrastructure now in place at the Basin
- Only record capable site in the Auckland Region
- Open 5 days a week and provides amenities to the public

Request for a new lease

- Current lease expires in 2022
- Application is for a further 10 +10 year lease commencing in 2020 to allow for re-investment in the club
**Attachment A**

**Item 9.1**

**Investment**

**Recent investment**
- A new internationally certified jump ramp
- Dock maintenance

**New investment**
- Junior ski programme – a 3-5 year programme to develop skiing in the junior ranks and working with local schools
- Ongoing maintenance of the docks and jetties
- Building maintenance
- Boat House Maintenance (ramp and structure)
Thank you
EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ORAKEI LOCAL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING 21 MAY 2020

MAUNGAREI SPRINGS WETLAND, STONEFIELDS

Approval is sought from the Orakei Local Board to introduce an item of extraordinary business regarding Maungarei Springs Wetland at Stonefields. The reasons for this are: there appears to be recent contractual arrangements between Healthy Waters and a private contractor to draw non-potable water from the Maungarei Springs Wetland "in the next couple of days" for an indefinite period, there is public concern about this, and there is the possibility that correct procedures may not have been followed in the process.

In summary, on 18 May Board members were emailed from Infrastructure & Environmental Services stating "In support of the Watercare water restrictions, Healthy Waters would like to advise the board that we are setting up a site at the Stonefields pond over the next couple of days to start taking non-potable water to support the construction industry.

The pond is a Healthy Waters asset, and usually water overflows from the pond go into the stormwater network. Instead, the water will be pumped into water tanks and can then be used by the construction industry, enabling them to continue working during the water restrictions.

Fulton Hogan (contractors to Auckland Transport) will be managing the site under a contract with Healthy Waters."

As the Board’s representative to the Stonefields Residents Association, and working with Board Member Margaret Voyce the Board’s Environment Lead, I wrote to Infrastructure & Environmental Services seeking further information, given that a meeting of the Association was to take place on 20 May and that I might be asked questions about this. My questions sought clarification about the location of the “pond” and whether it was in fact the Maungarei Springs Wetland, and if so, what would be the potential impact of drawing water on the wetland and bird life, how long the venture is expected to last, and the financial benefit/revenue to the Council for drawing additional water from a public reserve for a private commercial operation.

I received the following response:

- Stonefields are stormwater ponds (not wetlands). Healthy Waters manage this asset.
- The ponds are already pumped down continuously to prevent the surrounding development from flooding. They fill up with ground water and stormwater runoff from the surrounding catchment area.
- There will be no revenue to council for taking the water. Trucking non-potable water to construction sites is much more expensive than using mains water, so the construction companies will have to bear the additional costs and pass on those costs to the contract they are working on.
- Non potable water sources will need to be made available as long as the water restrictions are in force. If they are not available all construction activities that require water will need to stop to preserve the municipal supply.
- The ponds will not be pumped dry as the amount of water taken will be monitored and we expect there will be no impact on bird life.
- The water will be drawn from the pump station well, not directly from the ponds.
- Fulton Hogan are doing a test today to see what equipment and access will be required to undertake the operation safely.

We appreciate that this is not as much notice and information as we would normally provide – due to the convergence of the drought and Covid-19, we have had a limited amount of time to work with Watercare on providing as much assistance as possible to construction around the region, and we are trying to bring on as many different non-potable water sources as we can.

The first issue must be the status of the Wetland, which Infrastructure & Environmental Services/Healthy Waters state is not a wetland but is a stormwater pond. Maungarei Springs Wetland is located in the Tāmaki Ecological District. Another part of the Council family commissioned a report dated October 2019 entitled Maungarei Springs Wetland: Five Year Restoration Plan. The long-term aim of this Plan for the Maungarei Springs Wetland is to restore the site to a functional native ecosystem including the
wetlands/ponds to create a representative indigenous ecosystem appropriate to the area. This document states:

"Maungarei Springs Wetland is classified as Open Space – Informal Recreation Zone in the Auckland Unitary Plan, Operative in Part (updated 27.09.19). It is a man-made wetland reserve developed in the Mount Wellington Quarry after it was closed in 2001. The Maungarei Springs Wetland Reserve was officially opened in 2011, featuring one large and two small ponds and native planting as well as open grass space and some exotic trees. Maungarei Springs Wetland has been identified by Ōrākei Local Board as a priority site for undertaking ecological restoration work. Restoration will include invasive plant and animal species control and appropriate planting. Although not classified as a significant ecological area or fitting into a specific wetland ecosystem type due to its man-made nature, all wetland ecosystem types within the Auckland Region are classified as endangered or critically endangered. Restoring this area of wetland and native bush will create additional habitat and connectivity for both flora and fauna in the area."

The point here is that the report defines the wetland as a reserve, and it has a planning classification as "Open Space – Informal Recreation Zone". Because the wetland appears to have "reserve" status it comes under the governance of the Ōrākei Local Board and accordingly, the Board should have been asked for land owner consent.

Secondly, given the planning classification, was there a planning application for resource consent and was it granted with conditions? Understandably, Stonefields residents are concerned about traffic movement and therefore is there a traffic management plan?

Water from the wetland feeds into and through the Remuera Golf Club into the Waiautara Wetland Reserve. It is noted that Fulton Hogan is undertaking testing to determine what equipment and access will be required to undertake the operation safely. It is assumed that while the water is non-potable, testing will be done on the quality of the water itself.

The executive committee of the Stonefields Residents Association at its meeting on 20 May did not support this project. It sets a precedent. Heavy vehicle use was mentioned. Residents should have been consulted.

While there may be merit in the intent of the venture, I fail to see why good business practice has not been followed at a time when local boards and indeed the whole of the Council and its CCIs are carefully reviewing their operations and budgets not only to find savings but also to increase revenue.

Further, the pump station building appears to be adjacent to the Council land which the Board has approved to be classified as a local purpose (community buildings) reserve, and has approved the granting of a lease of that land to the Stonefields Community Centre Incorporated. More information is required to determine the impact of the venture on that site.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that the Ōrākei Local Board, which has a statutory governance role for this area, requests officers to report urgently to the Board in greater detail about the project, the impact of the project on the ecology of the Maungarei Springs Wetland and on the land which the Board has re-classified as a local purpose reserve for a community building, whether a resource consent is required and has been granted, and whether land owner consent is required from the Board; and until the Board has received and considered this report, Infrastructure & Environmental Services/Healthy Waters be requested to stop work immediately.

Colin Davis
Member
Ōrākei Local Board

20 May 2020