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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Ward Councillor Report
September 2020

This is the Ward Councillor report covering the period from 25 August 2020 to 15 September 2020. It has been prepared for the August meeting of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board business meeting on 22 September 2020.

The purpose of my report is to detail my main activities and to share information with the local boards in my ward regarding governing body decisions, my attendance at events and meetings, constituent issues, media updates and key issues.

Positions
- Deputy Chair, Planning Committee
- Deputy Chair, Regulatory Committee
- Liaison Councillor, Disability Advisory Panel
- Member, Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority

General update
- Governing Body received the Council-controlled Organisations review report and considered the report’s recommendations for implementation.
- Governing Body agreed to merge Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development and Regional Facilities Auckland.
- Planning Committee approved the Affordable Housing forward work programme. Councillor Bartley to be a member of the political working group established to provide advice to progress this work programme.
- Second round of projects confirmed for funding by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency’s Innovating Streets Programme, including Maungakiekie Tāmaki Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.
- The Demographic Advisory Panels began their new term.

Committee meetings – Key Decisions

The minutes for all meetings are available on the Auckland Council website. The following is intended as a summary only.

27/08/2020 The Governing Body:
- Received the Council-controlled Organisations (CCO) Review report. The Governing Body agreed in principle to recommendations in Table 1 and 2 of the agenda report and agreed that recommendations in Table 3 of the agenda report required further analysis. Governing Body also requested CCOs work with Local Boards to implement recommendations 6, 34 and 53 and noted that Local Boards will be able to provide input on other relevant recommendations as they are further developed. A joint CCO/council project implementation team is established and will report back to the CCO oversight committee on the programme and approach within three months. Progress reports on implementing the programme will be provided to the CCO Oversight committee at 6 month intervals.
- Agreed to merge Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development and Regional Facilities Auckland.
- Agreed to participate in the initial stages of the Government’s three waters service delivery reform programme, noting that agreeing to participate does not commit Auckland Council to any reform options, and the council can opt

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out of the reform process at the end of the initial stage in June 2021. Noted that Auckland Council, Watercare and government officials are investigating an option for Watercare’s balance sheet to be separated from councils.

- Agreed to enter into He Pāiheretanga o Ngā Wai o Waikato, a relationship agreement with Watercare and Waikato water entities regarding water takes from the Waikato river.

01/09/2020 The Regulatory Committee:
- Endorsed the Property Maintenance and Nuisance Bylaw 2020 review findings and recommend the Governing Body adopt a proposal to amend the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2014.
- Recommend the Governing Body adopt a proposal to amend the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2014. Main amendment is the inclusion of new temporary alcohol bans for major events at specific council venues, including Mt Smart Stadium.

03/09/2020 The Planning Committee:
- Approved the Affordable Housing forward work programme and formed a political working group to provide advice to progress affordable housing in Auckland.

10/09/2020 The Environment and Climate Change Committee:
- Established partnerships and governance for Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan, subject to input from mana whenua. The Committee established a Climate Political Reference Group to advise and direct staff on the implementation of the plan and invited mana whenua to propose a format for selecting and appointing representation to the Climate Political Reference Group.

10/09/2020 The Parks, Arts, Community and Events Committee:
- Approved the 2020/21 financial year Community Facilities Regional Work Programme and approved in principle the subsequent two financial years as detailed in the report.

Other Key Meetings and Events

31/09/2020 Inaugural Demographic Advisory Panels meeting

01/09/2020 Met with Pacific Women’s Watch to discuss Auckland Council’s role as a CEDAW city.

05/09/2020 Radio Samoa interview on the Koko Samoa Youth Show to discuss issues affecting Pasifika.

07/09/2020 Mayor and Councillor welcomed new Auckland Council Chief Executive Officer Jim Stabback.

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11/09/2020  LGNZ Auckland Zone meeting.

14/09/2020  Disability Advisory Panel agenda setting meeting

Constituent Issues

This month I assisted constituents with the following issues:

- Multiple requests for noise control assistance in residential areas.
- Multiple requests for housing assistance.
- Concerns about bus stop changes on Rawhiti Road.
- Concerns about potential application for removal of trees at Panmure Basin and impacts on wildlife.
- Concern about lack of clarity about dog walking rules at Taumanu Reserve and Onehunga Bay Reserve.
- Complaint about lack of information about rail line closures.
- Removal of graffiti at Onehunga Bay Reserve.

Media Reports

Attachment A: ‘Funding confirmed for projects to bring Auckland streets to life’ (OurAuckland story)

Attachment B: ‘Ports of Auckland worker who died was father of seven’ (RNZ article)

Attachment C: Onehunga Community News Column

Recommendation

That this report be received.

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Attachment A


Funding confirmed for projects to bring Auckland streets to life

Published: 28 August 2020

This approach to co-designing and trialling interventions with the community allows for local insight and feedback in real time so that adjustments can be made along the way.

Councillor Josephine Bartley says that the programme gives communities a chance to be involved in co-creating street design changes that deliver benefits for them.

“The programme has given our local community and local boards an opportunity to put forward for funding important projects that will help to mobilise our community. Projects like walking and cycling lanes or reallocating more street space for people, allows our community to keep connected and improve overall wellbeing,” she says.

Ideas will be developed over the coming months and the temporary changes are expected to be in place before mid-2021, with the view to becoming permanent in the long term if successful.

This is the second round of funding confirmed by Waka Kotahi. With six Auckland projects in the first round and 13 in this round, Auckland now has funding for 19 projects in total.

Auckland Innovating Streets round 2 projects (Funding confirmed 28 August 2020)

Project WAVE - A protected bike route at the bottom of Nelson Street and into the city centre. With the aim of increasing the number of people on bikes using the bottom end of Nelson Street.

Safe School Streets Mangere - This is part of the Safe and Healthy Streets South Auckland project that aims to achieve a fun, safe, healthy and well-connected Mangere and Manukau. Five Mangere schools will be involved.

Ponsonby Road - Te Rimu Tahi - returning Ponsonby Road to the people - Creating a more people friendly environment on Ponsonby Road, with a focus on three areas: 1. Three Lamps, 2. Between Vermont Street and Williamson Ave, 3. Outside Western Park.

Maungakiekie Tamaki Low Traffic Neighbourhoods - Creating two Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, one in Onehunga and one in Easiview. This project aims to re-define the street network in these areas, keeping local streets for local people and creating streets where people can bike and walk without fear, load traffic and traffic lanes.

Papatoetoe West Low Traffic Neighbourhood - Creating a low traffic neighbourhood in Papatoetoe West. With the aim of preventing rat running through residential roads and allocating more road space to walking and cycling.

Manukau - Wet - Safe and Healthy Streets South Auckland - The proposal builds on the multi-agency collective impact approach developed through the Safe and Healthy Streets South Auckland Programme and involves a series of co-designed temporary tactical interventions to test, trial and pilot people-centred changes to streets in Manukau.

Creating Safer Streets – Britomart Tyler Street – Creating a more people friendly environment on Tyler Street.

Creating Safer Streets – Emily Place – Transforming Emily Place into a peaceful, tranquil oasis for people to enjoy by making significant changes to the way vehicles move around the site.

Make it Safe, Make it Playful and Celebrate Tamaki – Encourage a shift to walking, cycling and public transport. Creating streets as places including play along the way and a celebration of Tamaki’s natural landscape and unique identity.

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Pukekohe – Eat Streets and Laneway Enhancements - With a view to creating more people-centred streets and inform the future streetscape upgrades of King St, Rouilton St and the laneways, Panuku proposes a series of tactical interventions and temporary activities to enhance the vibrancy of Pukekohe’s town centre. At the heart of this activity will be a relocation of the Pukekohe Markets to the town square and Rouilton Street.

Maximising Mangere – Time to Thrive - New pop-up bike lanes that fix gaps in the existing network, including co-design to help choose locations for pop-up cycle lanes and some activations to promote the new temporary bike lanes. Widening and painting of footpaths in strategic locations.

Glen Eden Town Centre Pop-up Cycleway Captain Scott Road - Creating safer streets, with slower traffic on Captain Scott Road. The aim is to provide a separated bike connection to Glen Eden Intermediate and Glen Eden Primary Schools, and for residents to the town centre and train station.

Community Play Streets Pilot for Tāmaki Makaurau – Testing out play streets at several residential areas in West and South Auckland. Play streets enable neighbours to temporarily restrict traffic access to their street so the space can be opened up for play, recreation and to create a sense of community.

Auckland Innovating Streets round 1 projects (Funding confirmed 23 June 2020)

Safe School Streets Pilot - Trialling safety improvements to make the school gate a safer place. This could include parking changes, new drop off and pick up zones, new pedestrian crossings, and speed calming measures.

School Speed Reduction – Reducing the speed around several schools using temporary changes like street art and planter boxes.

School Streets Active Mode Shift - Aims to get more children walking and cycling through community bike programmes, walking school buses, and temporary school street closures.

Ratanui link, Henderson - A pop-up walking and cycling link and improved access to Henderson Train Station. This will be tested by reallocating street space in Henderson’s town centre. The project aims make it more enjoyable for people living close to the town centre.

Huron and Northcroft Streetscape Improvements, Takapuna - A series of temporary changes to support better walking connections through Takapuna, due for completion in October 2020. Could include activating street frontages, widening footpaths and providing safer crossings.

Queen Street – Making downtown Auckland a more welcoming and attractive place for the thousands of people who live, work and shop there every day. It will also help people travel more quickly through the city by bus, on foot and by bike.

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NEW ZEALAND / COVID-19

Ports of Auckland worker who died was father of seven

7:10 pm on 9 September 2020

The Ports of Auckland employee who died on 30 August in a workplace accident was a father of seven.

At the time, Ports of Auckland said the man, who was a stevedore, was fatally injured while working on a ship at Fergusson Container Terminal.

In a statement today from Auckland Council’s Pasifika councillors Fa’anana Efeso Collins, Josephine Bartley, and Alf Filipaina said they were deeply saddened by the death of Pala’amo Kalati.

"Our deepest condolences are with the family and friends of Mr Kalati as they cope with the tragic loss of their loved one," they said.

"Pasifika workers make up large numbers of the manual labour workforce and we feel compelled to advocate for their safety while at work. We support all appropriate investigations that will give clarity to this heartbreaking incident.

"Most importantly, we want the family of Mr Kalati to know we hold them in our hearts and our prayers."

Maritime New Zealand will lead a health and safety investigation because the accident happened on a ship.

Earlier, police had said WorkSafe had also been advised.
Greetings everyone, I hope you are all keeping safe during this level 3 period as I write this article.

As you know, our playgrounds and Council public facilities are closed during this time. Council essential services continue such as waste collection, noise control, animal management, building consents and inspections, alcohol licensing, food and health businesses and environmental health and regulatory compliance. Our council committee meetings also continue.

As a result of Covid-19, Council’s finances suffered a major blow. There was a $475m income shortfall, plus the $226m needed to bring forward water infrastructure projects to deal with the worst drought Auckland has ever experienced.

We have also cut a lot at Council because of the financial hit. Its biggest operational spend is wages, so around 1000 jobs will be cut and Councillors and senior management have taken pay cuts.

The budget we passed maintains investment in critical transport, housing and environmental infrastructure, resulting in expenditure of $2.57b. This will stimulate employment and economic growth, and will address the backlog of projects that needed to be done decades ago – which is why we have a lot of rundown infrastructure now.

Locally, I can provide an update regarding the Onehunga Wharf. Panuku is working on changes regarding the Unitary Plan zoning. There will be consultation with mana whenua, leaseholders on the wharf and community stakeholders. In mid-2021, Auckland Council will formally consult on the final Plan Change for this area.

In terms of the Onehunga town centre upgrade, this is proceeding with work to upgrade the Laneways and various developments of the town centre area – such as Waipu Lane near Countdown. It seems like a long time ago now, but it was nice looking back to level 1, when we celebrated the first play back at Onehunga’s Dolphin Theatre with President Claire Nelson, following the first lockdown. Let’s hope we can celebrate coming together as a community soon, once we clear this outbreak of Covid-19.

Please continue to contact me with any concerns regarding Council.

Thank you for reading. Take care all.

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