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# Waitematā Local Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Waitematā Local Board held in the Council Chamber, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland Central on Tuesday, 18 March 2025 at 1.00pm.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Genevieve Sage	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Greg Moyle, (JP, ED)	
<b>Members</b>	Alexandra Bonham	
	Allan Matson	
	Richard Northey, (ONZM)	
	Anahera Rawiri	In person until 5.44pm, item 20.
	Sarah Trotman, (ONZM)	In person until 5.20pm, Item 18.



## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chair Sage welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a karakia.

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Note: Member Matson declared an interest in relation to Item 15 and on the basis of his subject matter expert status, declare that to be a congruity of interest.

## 4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WTM/2025/25

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Rawiri:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting, held on Tuesday, 18 February 2025, as true and correct.

**CARRIED**

## 5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

## 6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

## 7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

## 8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

**8.1 Deputation - Neil Pollett - Green Bottle - A planned kerbside collection pilot in Waitematā for refillable glass bottles and jars**

Neill Pollett was in attendance via online to talk to the board about a planned kerbside collection pilot in Waitematā for refillable glass bottles and jars.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment. Resolution number WTM/2025/26

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member R Northey:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) receive the presentation from Neil Pollett on a planned kerbside collection pilot in Waitematā for refillable glass bottles and jars, and thank him for his attendance.
- b) refer the presentation to Parks and Community Facilities staff, Resilience & Infrastructure staff and the Waste team for their awareness, and report back to the local board.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Deputations 8.1 - Neil Pollett - Green Bottle - A planned kerbside collection pilot in Waitematā for refillable glass bottles and jars presentation

**8.2 Deputation - Troy Churton - The Auckland Marine Rescue Centre Trust Trustee - The Auckland Marine Rescue Centre Trust's work and future plan**

Troy Churton and Dawie Olivier were in attendance to speak to the board about the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre Trust's work and future plan.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment. Resolution number WTM/2025/27

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Moyle:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) receive the presentation from the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre Trust (AMRCT) trustees Troy Churton and Dawie Olivier on the AMRCT's work and future plan, and thank Troy Churton and Dawie Olivier for their attendance.
- b) refer the presentation to staff and request advice on the trust's land tenure, with options for consolidation of land parcel leases.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Deputations 8.2 - Deputation - Troy Churton - The Auckland Marine Rescue Centre Trust Trustee - The Auckland Marine Rescue Centre Trust's work and future plan presentation

**8.3 Deputation - Lucy Powell - Memorial Committee Dutch Veterans - Proposal to relocate the Dutch War Memorial seat in Dove Myer Robinson Park, Parnell**

Lucy Powell is in attendance to speak to the board about a proposal to relocate the

Dutch War Memorial seat in Dove Myer Robinson Park, Parnell.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment. Resolution number WTM/2025/28

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Matson:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **receive the presentation from Lucy Powell on behalf of the Memorial Committee Dutch Veterans, on their proposal to relocate the Dutch War Memorial seat in Dove Myer Robinson Park, Parnell.**
- b) **note the work is underway and refer the presentation to Parks and Community Facilities staff for their advice on the next steps.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Attachments**

- A 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Deputations 8.3 - Deputation - Lucy Powell - Memorial Committee Dutch Veterans - Proposal to relocate the Dutch War Memorial seat in Dove Myer Robinson Park, Parnell presentation

*The meeting was adjourned at 2.17pm.  
The meeting was reconvened at 2.22pm.*

#### **8.4 Deputation - Tricia Reade - Friends of Symonds Street Cemetery - Issues faced in the maintenance of Symonds Street Cemetery**

Tricia Reade, Joanna Ryan and Garry Lambert were in attendance to speak to the board about issues faced in the maintenance of Symonds Street Cemetery. A document was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment. Resolution number WTM/2025/29

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Bonham:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **receive the presentation from the Friends of Symonds Street Cemetery on the current states of Symonds Street Cemetery and the issues faced in its maintenance, and thank Tricia Reade, Joanna Ryan and Garry Lambert for their attendance.**
- b) **refer the presentation to Parks and Community Facilities staff for their awareness.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Attachments**

- A 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Deputation 8.4 - Tricia Reade - Friends of Symonds Street Cemetery - Issues faced in the maintenance of Symonds Street Cemetery presentation

#### **8.5 Deputation - Connor Sharp - Greater Auckland - Speed limit reversals in the Waitematā area**

Connor Sharp was in attendance to speak to the board about the speed limit reversals in the Waitematā area.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTM/2025/30

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Rawiri:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) receive the presentation from Greater Auckland on the speed limit reversals in the Waitematā area, and thank Connor Sharp for his attendance.
- b) refer the presentation to Auckland Transport staff for their awareness.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Deputation 8.5 - Deputation - Connor Sharp - Greater Auckland - Speed limit reversals in the Waitematā area presentation

## 9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

### 9.1 Public Forum – David Batten – Grey Lynn Residents Association – Arch Hill speed reversal plans

David Batten was in attendance to speak to the board about Arch Hill speed reversal plans.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTM/2025/31

MOVED by Member S Trotman, seconded by Member A Bonham:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) receive the presentation from David Batten on the speed reversal plans at Arch Hill, and thank David Batten for his attendance.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Public Forum 9.1 - David Batten - Grey Lynn Residents Association - Arch Hill speed reversal plans presentation

## 10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

*The meeting was adjourned at 3.32pm.*

*The meeting was reconvened at 3.40pm.*

## 11 Ngā Pānui mō ngā Mōtini | Notices of Motion

Under Standing Order 2.5.1 (LBS 3.11.1) or Standing Order 1.9.1 (LBS 3.10.17) (revoke or alter a previous resolution) a Notice of Motion has been received from Member R Northey for consideration under item 12.

## 12 Notice of Motion - Member Richard Northey - Speed Limit Reversals

MOVED by Member R Northey, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) request Auckland Transport urgently to reassess the list of streets proposed to have their reduced speed limits reversed, to ensure both compliance with the speed rule and consideration of local board and community input, noting the Board's support for Katoa Ka Ora speed management programme (resolution WTM/2023/81), and the public support for safe speeds in Waitematā.
- b) agree to write to the Minister of Transport requesting a review of the Speed limits Rule, taking into consideration the recently reported drop in the number of deaths and serious injuries, the benefits to productivity of fewer crashes, and the government's announced intention to give local boards more decision-making over roads in their communities.
- c) request that this resolution is circulated to all local boards, the Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee, Auckland Transport and the Chief Executive of Auckland Transport.

Resolution number WTM/2025/32

MOVED by Member S Trotman, seconded by Member R Northey:

By the way of replacement, moved by Member S Trotman, seconded by Deputy Chair G Moyle, the following amendment was proposed:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **request Auckland Transport assess the list of streets proposed to have their reduced speed limits reversed, to ensure compliance with the speed rule and note the board's support for Katoa Ka Ora speed management programme (resolution WTM/2023/81).**
- b) **request that this resolution is circulated to all local boards, the Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee, Auckland Transport and the Chief Executive of Auckland Transport.**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Member A Matson	Member A Bonham	
Deputy Chairperson G Moyle	Member R Northey	
Chairperson G Sage	Member A Rawiri	
Member S Trotman		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 3.

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Item 12 Notice of Motion - Member Richard Northey - Speed Limit Reversals, A letter from Newton Central Classroom
- B 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Item 12 Notice of Motion - Member Richard Northey - Speed Limit Reversals, A letter from Newton Central School Board Chair
- C 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Item 12 Notice of Motion - Member Richard Northey - Speed Limit Reversals, Meeting between Waiheke Local Board chair and the Transport Minister

- D 18 March 2025, Waitematā Local Board: Item 12 Notice of Motion - Member Richard Northey - Speed Limit Reversals, Meeting between Waiheke Local Board chair and the Transport Minister

### 13 Local Board Transport Capital Fund Projects 2025-2026

Alex Elton-Farr, Elected Member Relationship Partner, and Raman Singh, Senior Transportation Engineer, were in attendance to speak to the item.

Resolution number WTM/2025/33

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member S Trotman:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **allocate \$706,503 to complete the Domain Shared Paths project, including Site 1 – Titoki Street Carpark to Football Road, and Site 2 – Football Road to The Crescent.**
- b) **allocate \$79,000 towards the delivery of illumination of the wayfinding plinths in Parnell.**
- c) **note that any further cost savings from current Local Board Transport Capital Fund projects for the 2023-2026 electoral term will be redistributed amongst these projects should further funding be required or identified during delivery.**
- d) **note that if all current Local Board Transport Capital Fund projects are delivered, any outstanding or remaining Transport Capital Funding will be allocated to the following projects in priority order:**
  - i) **Rose Road Side islands - \$150,000.00**
- e) **request staff to update the local board on the feasibility of the Rose Road Plaza concept.**

**CARRIED**

### 14 Auckland Transport Kōkiri / Local Board Transport Agreement Interim Update - March 2025

Alex Elton-Farr, Elected Member Relationship Partner, was in attendance to speak to the item.

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) receive the March 2025 interim update on the Kōkiri / Local Board Transport Agreement 2024-2025.
- b) agree to the advice in Attachment A, to install cycle racks at Seddon Fields.
- c) request Auckland Transport to investigate additional signage to improve wayfinding for multimodal parking around Seddon Field and the Western Springs precinct.



MOVED by Member S Trotman, seconded by Member A Matson, an amendment to the original motion:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- b) agree to install cycle racks at Seddon Fields and ask Auckland Transport to work with Waitemata Local Board to agree the best location for these.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Member A Matson	Member A Bonham	
Deputy Chairperson G Moyle	Member R Northey	
Member S Trotman	Member A Rawiri	
	Chairperson G Sage	

The motion was declared LOST by 3 votes to 4.

The substantive motion was put:

Resolution number WTM/2025/34

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Bonham:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **receive the March 2025 interim update on the Kōkiri / Local Board Transport Agreement 2024-2025.**
- b) **agree to the advice in Attachment A, to install cycle racks at Seddon Fields.**
- c) **request Auckland Transport to investigate additional signage to improve wayfinding for multimodal parking around Seddon Field and the Western Springs precinct.**

**CARRIED**

Note: Under Standing Orders 1.9.7 Member A Matson requested that his dissenting votes be recorded.

*Member S Trotman left the meeting at 4.40pm.*

*Member S Trotman retruend to the meeting via online at 4.40pm.*

## 15 Waitematā Local Board Digital Heritage Initiative 2024/2025

Nick Palmisano, Senior Local Board Advisor, Noel Reardon, Manager Heritage and Annette Keogh, Team Leader Research Engagement were in attendance to speak to the item.

Resolution number WTM/2025/35

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member R Northey:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **reallocate the \$40,000 operational funding from the 2025/2026 work programme line 4454 to the community grants budget.**
- b) **request that staff as part of 2025/2026 work programme development, present the local board with options to promote and celebrate heritage places in Waitemata, including making digital content and place-based stories more accessible, as outlined in the 2023 Local Board Plan.**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Member A Bonham	Member A Matson	Deputy Chairperson G
Member R Northey		Moyle
Member A Rawiri		Member S Trotman
Chairperson G Sage		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 1.

**CARRIED**

## 16 Feedback on options to address local board operating cost pressures for Annual Budget 2025/2026

*This item has been withdrawn.*

## 17 Local board views on draft plan change to add trees and groups of trees to the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in Part and to the Notable Trees overlay

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) support the draft plan change to add approximately 169 trees and 27 groups of trees across the region to Schedule 10, and to the Notable Trees Overlay in the AUP maps.

Resolution number WTM/2025/36

MOVED by Member A Matson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Moyle: by the way of addition to the original motion:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **propose investigation of inclusion of the group of plane trees in Francis Street, Grey Lynn, to any future plan change of adding trees to council schedule of notable trees.**

**CARRIED**

Resolution number WTM/2025/37

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Bonham:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **support the draft plan change to add approximately 169 trees and 27 groups of trees across the region to Schedule 10, and to the Notable Trees Overlay in the AUP maps.**
- b) **propose investigation of inclusion of the group of plane trees in Francis Street, Grey Lynn, to any future plan change of adding trees to council schedule of notable trees.**

**CARRIED**

*Member S Trotman left the meeting at 5.20 pm.*

## **18 Local board input into Auckland Council's submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill**

MOVED by Member R Northey, seconded by Member A Rawiri:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) agree that there is sufficient public interest and support to justify serious consideration to extending the maximum life of Parliament to four years.
- b) agree that any such decision should only be made by a referendum, given its constitutional importance, as shown by the term of Parliament being an entrenched provision of the Electoral and Constitution Acts, and that there would be a clear voting choice between two straightforward options.
- c) believe that were the maximum Parliamentary term to be extended to four years, the statutory term of local government should become four years.
- d) acknowledge that the extension of the maximum parliamentary term makes it more likely that Parliamentary and Local Government terms will become out of synchronisation because of more likelihood of snap Parliamentary elections, whether or not the statutory local government term is also extended.
- e) recognise that there are strong arguments for the option of generally having local government elections two years after every parliamentary election or for the option of holding them together with the parliamentary elections, but nevertheless believes it is preferable for local government elections to be held together with parliamentary elections.
- f) believe that reverting to ballot box voting at local body elections would make little difference to turnout unless this change were made.
- g) believe that the referendum and any consequent constitutional change should be purely and simply about whether to extend the maximum Parliamentary Term
- h) acknowledge that the public needs to be informed about the relative benefits of a four-year term, including tending to provide for longer term planning and decisions during a parliamentary term, as against higher public responsiveness and the ability to remove a failing government, applying for a three-year term.

The motion was put in parts.

MOVED by Member A Bonham, seconded by Chairperson G Sage: by the way of replacement:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- e) recognise that there are strong arguments for the option of generally having local government elections two years after every parliamentary election or for the option of holding them together with the parliamentary elections.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Member A Bonham	Member R Northey	
Member A Matson		
Deputy Chairperson G Moyle		
Member A Rawiri		
Chairperson G Sage		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 5 votes to 1.

Resolution number WTM/2025/38

MOVED by Member R Northey, seconded by Member A Rawiri:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **agree that there is sufficient public interest and support to justify serious consideration to extending the maximum life of Parliament to four years.**
- b) **agree that any such decision should only be made by a referendum, given its constitutional importance, as shown by the term of Parliament being an entrenched provision of the Electoral and Constitution Acts, and that there would be a clear voting choice between two straightforward options.**
- c) **believe that were the maximum Parliamentary term to be extended to four years, the statutory term of local government should become four years.**
- d) **acknowledge that the extension of the maximum parliamentary term makes it more likely that Parliamentary and Local Government terms will become out of synchronisation because of more likelihood of snap Parliamentary elections, whether or not the statutory local government term is also extended.**
- e) **recognise that there are strong arguments for the option of generally having local government elections two years after every parliamentary election or for the option of holding them together with the parliamentary elections.**
- f) **believe that reverting to ballot box voting at local body elections would make little difference to turnout unless this change were made.**
- g) **believe that the referendum and any consequent constitutional change should be purely and simply about whether to extend the maximum Parliamentary Term.**
- h) **acknowledge that the public needs to be informed about the relative benefits of a four-year term, including tending to provide for longer term planning and decisions during a parliamentary term, as against higher public responsiveness and the ability to remove a failing government, applying for a three-year term.**

**CARRIED**

**19 Urgent decision noting report - Waitematā Local Board's input to Auckland Council submission on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill**

Resolution number WTM/2025/39

MOVED by Member A Bonham, seconded by Chairperson G Sage:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **note the Waitematā Local Board provided input to Auckland Council submission on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill on 21 February 2025.**

**CARRIED**

*Member A Rawiri left the meeting at 5.44pm.*

**20 Chairperson's Report**

Resolution number WTM/2025/40

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Matson:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **receive the Waitematā Local Board Chairperson's Report covering the period 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**21 Board Members' Reports**

Resolution number WTM/2025/41

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Matson:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **receive the written reports from Member A Bonham and Member R Northey for March 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**22 Ward Councillor's Update**

*This item has been withdrawn.*

**23 Waitematā Local Board Workshop Records**

Resolution number WTM/2025/42

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Bonham:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **receive the Waitematā Local Board workshop record for the workshops held on 11 February 2025, 25 February 2025 and 4 March 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**24 Hōtaka kaupapa / Governance forward work calendar for business meeting and workshop agenda items**

Resolution number WTM/2025/43

MOVED by Chairperson G Sage, seconded by Member A Matson:

**That the Waitematā Local Board:**

- a) **receive the March 2025 Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance forward work calendar (Attachment A) for business meeting and workshop agenda items.**

**CARRIED**

**25 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

5.49 pm

The chairperson thanked members and staff for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....