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Committee meeting  
Wednesday, 29 May 2024**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, GROUND FLOOR  
MEETING ROOMS 1 & 1B, 306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2024 AT 1PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Spencer Webster (Chairperson), Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Mr Whitiora McLeod.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Wally Potts (Acting General Manager: Infrastructure), Jane Groves (Stormwater Programme Leader), Jim Summers (Consents Officer), Claudia Hellberg (Team Leader: City Waters Planning), (Anahera Dinsdale (Acting Team Leader: Governance Services), Aimee Aranas (Governance Advisor).

## **1 OPENING KARAKIA**

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston opened the meeting with a karakia 1:05pm .

## **2 APOLOGIES**

### **APOLOGY**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WW2/24/1**

Moved: Mr Spencer Webster

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the apology for absence received from Commissioner Bill Wasley, Ms Lara Burkhardt, Mr Des Heke, Ms Destiny Leaf be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

## **4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

Wastewater Programme Business Case (Verbal Update) included in the Wastewater Activities Report - Jane Groves

## **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN**

Nil

## **6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Nil

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 7.1 Minutes of the Wastewater Management Review Committee meeting held on 6 March 2024 – Rescheduled from 28 February 2024

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WW2/24/2

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the minutes of the Wastewater Management Review Committee meeting held on 6 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record

**CARRIED**

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 BUSINESS

### 9.1 Wastewater Activity Report

**Staff** Wally Potts, Acting General Manager: Infrastructure  
Jane Groves, Stormwater Programme Leader  
Jim Summers, Consents Officer

#### Key points

- The report was taken as read

#### Te Maunga Outfall Discharge Consent

- Staff summarised that all results regarding sample monitoring were within consent limits.

#### Monitoring Upgrade and Technical Review

- It was noted that Beca was progressing well with the MUTR report.
- The meeting with Tangata Whenua representatives resulted in a Short Form Agreement. Both Tauranga City Council and Tangata Whenua representatives believed that the cultural report should be integrated into the wider report.

#### Overflow Emergency Discharge

- An update provided showed that there were no overflow results since the last Wastewater Management Review Committee meeting.

#### Seepage Consents

- It was noted that all the seepage results were within consent limits.

#### Wastewater Overflows

- There were 37 blockages, 29 of those blockages did not leave the network. However, 7 were discharged to the stormwater system.
- There were no emergency discharges since the previous committee meeting.
- It was clarified that water samples have been taken.
- There were no overflows to report.

#### Te Maunga and Chapel Street Odour

- There were no odour complaints received.

**Desludging Pond 1**

- The desludging work are now completed and a total of 35,040 wet tonnes of sludge had been removed and placed on Tip Lane Landfill.

**Clarifier 3**

- The project was progressing well.

**Bioreactor 2**

- The project was progressing well.

**New Inlet Works**

- The project was progressing well.

**Wastewater Network Operation**

- Mr Summers to get the engineer to come along to the meeting to provide an update on the app.
- The heat sensors installed in the manholes had been helpful in identifying when overflows occur.
- Staff identified that there was an error in the report, change wet wells to manholes (Point 25) "These provide useful indications when the wastewater in the ~~wet wells~~ manholes reach a critical level.

**Environmental Mitigation and Enhancement Fund (EMEF)**

- A meeting was held on 20 March 2024 with Tangata Whenua representatives about a way forward regarding the Environmental Mitigation and Enhancement Fund.
- There might be a better way to utilise the fund and the Tangata Whenua representatives and Tauranga City Council are collaboratively going to find a way to do this.

**Wastewater Programme Business Case**

- The Programme Business Case had received endorsement from the Wastewater Management Review Committee and Council which meant that the project team were able to carry on their work outlined in the programme provided.
- The team were able to have their first Long List workshop which was held on 28 May 2024.
- There were still some matters to be discussed at the next Long List meeting on held on 31 May 2024. Another Long List meeting will be held on 27 June 2024, where the team would identify which range of studies were required to inform the assessment of the Long List option.
- The assessments would be carried out from June until after the 2024 TCC Elections. The team would present the new Long List to the new Committee and Elected members.

**In response to questions**

- Nil

**Discussion points raised**

The Tangata Whenua members thanked the Commissioners for their work on the committee.

The Commissioners thanked the staff and the members for their work that they have done for the community, the future, and the city.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WW2/24/3**

Moved: Mr Spencer Webster

Seconded: Mr Whitiora McLeod

That the Wastewater Management Review Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Wastewater Activity Report" with the inclusion of the verbal update of the Wastewater Programme Business Case.

**CARRIED**

**10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

**11 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1:19pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Wastewater Management Review Committee meeting held on 29 May 2024.

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Spencer Webster  
**CHAIRPERSON**