



**AGENDA FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY FIRST MEETING OF THE LOWER ORATIA STREAM
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CIVIC CENTRE, 6 WAIPAREIRA AVENUE, LINCOLN, WAITAKERE CITY,
ON THURSDAY, 14 JULY 2005, COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM.**

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In accordance with Clause 21 (4) of Schedule 7, as read with Section 54(2), of the Local Government Act 2002, the meeting shall be chaired by the Chief Executive or his nominee until the election of the Chairperson required by Clause 21 of Schedule 7 of that Act.

1 OPENING

The Chief Executive Officer or his nominee, will open the meeting and call for apologies.



2 APOLOGIES



3 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Pursuant to Clause 25, as read with Clause 26(3) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan Subcommittee is required to elect a Chairperson from its members at its first meeting. The election shall be on the basis of open voting as required under Clause 24 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 with one vote by each member (and no person having a casting vote).

Clause 25, as read with Clause 26(3), of Schedule 7, Local Government Act 2002 requires that the Council must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:

- “(a) the voting system in sub clause (3) (**system A**)*
- (b) the voting system in sub clause (4) (**system B**)”*

described as follows:

- “(3) System A -*
 - (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and*
 - (b) has the following characteristics:*
 - (i) there is a first round of voting for all candidates;*
and
 - (ii) if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and*

- (iii) *if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, at each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and*
- (iv) *in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot”.*
- “(4) System B -
- (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and*
- (b) *has the following characteristics:*
- (i) *there is only 1 round of voting; and*
- (ii) *if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.”*

The Chief Executive Officer or his nominee will call for nominations for the position of Chairperson. In the event that more than one nomination is received the Council will be asked to determine the basis of voting (ie. as provided by either System A in subclause(3) or System B in subclause (4) above) and preferred method of lot:

Preferred Method (one of):

- Dice - Highest score determines successful candidate;
- Cards - Ace of Hearts, Ace of Diamonds, Ace of Clubs, Ace of Spades;
- Ace of Hearts determines successful candidate;
- Coin - Call heads or tails. Heads determines the successful candidate.

The Subcommittee is then requested to elect a Member to be Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan Subcommittee elect one member to be Chairperson of the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan Subcommittee.



4 DRAFT LOWER ORATIA STREAM RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to request the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan Subcommittee's approval to notify the draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the Management Plan) for submissions in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

BACKGROUND

The Lower Oratia Stream is defined as the area running from the Great North Road and Parrs Cross Road. The reserves included in the draft Management Plan include the following;

- Oratia Esplanade
- Serwayne Walk
- Millbrook Esplanade
- Millbrook Road Reserve
- Railside Road Reserve
- Hart Domain
- Catherine Esplanade Reserve
- Vitasovich Esplanade.

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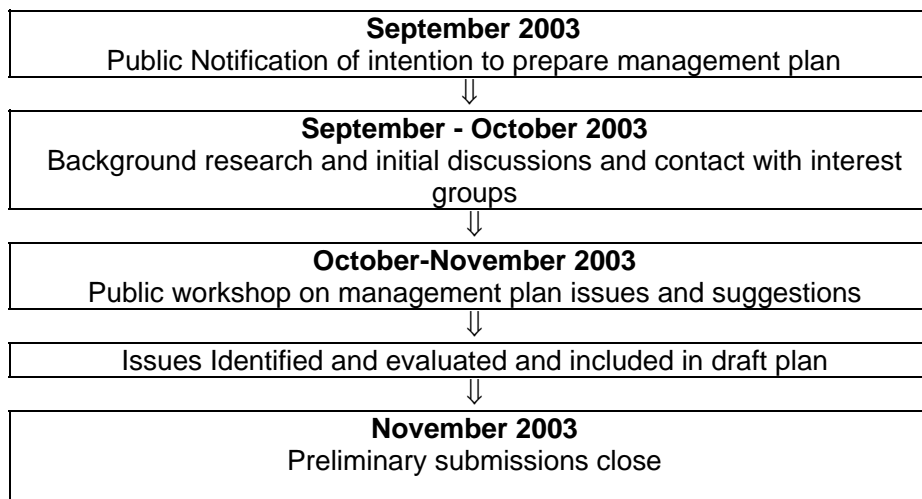
The reserves are indicated on the map attached at page A1.

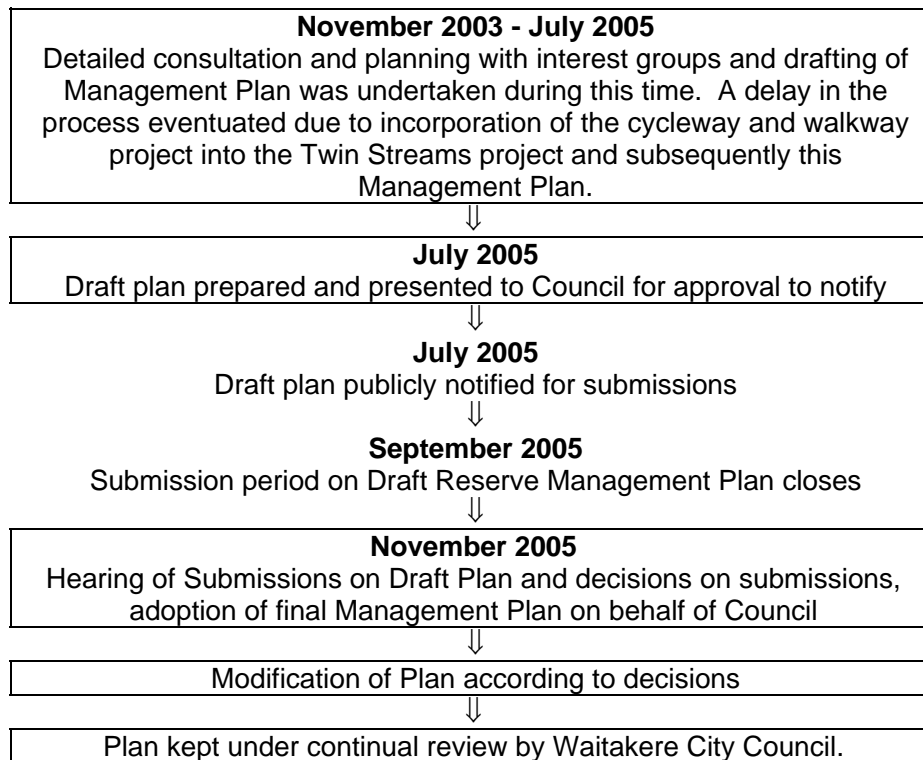
The Management Plan also includes privately-owned lots situated along the lower Waikumete Stream between the confluence of the Waikumete and Oratia Streams and Parrs Park Road. Originally 23 properties were identified and Council resolved to purchase these properties in 2003 for riparian planting and stormwater management improvements. Negotiations are currently taking place with 25 property owners in Millbrook Road, Serwayne Place, Sunnyside Road and Seymour Road. Of these, the acquisition is complete on 15 properties. They are all included in the Management Plan as they will eventually be vested as reserves.

Currently there are no operative Reserve Management Plans for any of the reserves.

The preparation of an integrated Management Plan for the Lower Oratia Stream area, incorporating significant stretches of riparian margin, both reserve and future reserve, will enable Council to develop and manage the esplanade reserves in a way that reflects community desires and provides direction for the proposed planting and landscape plans for Project Twin Streams (Lower Oratia Catchment). The Management Plan has been prepared by Ecowater Solutions with input from Parks Planning.

All reserves (other than Local Purpose reserves) are required under the Reserves Act 1977, to have a current Reserve Management Plan. The process of developing a Reserve Management Plan is set down in the Reserves Act 1977 and includes a public consultation process, including two rounds of public submissions. The process for the Management Plan is outlined below:





The Management Plan spans two Wards, requiring input from both Waitakere and Henderson Community Boards. The Oratia Esplanade Reserve being in the Waitakere Ward and the remaining reserves in the Henderson Ward.

Therefore the passage of the Management Plan requires the input of two Community Boards and also involves matters pertaining to the City Development Committee, ie reserves acquisition and Project Twin Streams. Accordingly a Subcommittee has been set up comprising of representatives from both Community Boards and the City Development Committee in order to oversee the finalisation of the Management Plan. The Subcommittee was established in the last Council term, and remained in the delegations for the new term. A report was presented to the June 2005 Council to re-confirm the membership and delegations to this Subcommittee.

In September 2003, Council publicly notified the intention to prepare a Management Plan for the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves. During the submission period a general background document was prepared and distributed to some 3,000 households.

Pamphlets:

One general background document 3000

Two different notices advertising the two open days 3000

Notices in the local schools magazines/newsletters

Posters

Two open days were held, the first in Oratia Esplanade Reserve in October was combined with a planting day. This was attended by about 40 members of the local community and from the McLaren Park project. The second open day was held in Serwayne Place in November and was attended by some 40 community members from Serwayne and the surrounding streets.

When submissions closed on 14 November 2003, a total of about 90 submissions had been received. A summary of submissions is attached to the draft Plan which will be circulated separately.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan has been prepared in the context of the Parks Strategy, which provides guidelines on the management of parks within the City.

Policies outlined in the Management Plan are guided by the objectives of the Parks Strategy which aims to improve the quality of parks and provide parks services in a fair and equitable way for Waitakere people within financial constraints.

The Management Plan is being developed under the umbrella of Project Twin Streams, an ecological improvement and stormwater management initiative for the Oratia and Opanuku Streams catchments in Waitakere City.

The Management Plan will also promote the Green Network, which is an approach to integrate native ecosystems on private and public land by recreating a vegetated link between the Waitakere Ranges and the city's harbours. The goals of the Green Network, as incorporated into the Management Plan are to: provide ecosystem protection, form ecological corridors, enhance the landscape, enhance public access to natural areas, mitigate hazards and protect water quality.

ISSUES

Project Twin Streams Cycle/Walkways Project

A full update report on Project Twin Streams will be submitted to Council on 20 July 2005, and to the Community Boards in August 2005. An item on the overall consultation process for the Project Twin Streams cycle and walkways initiative was submitted to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on Monday, 11 July 2005. The following summarises the proposal to combine consultation on the draft Lower Oratia Reserve Management Plan with consultation on the Project Twin Streams cycle and walkways development in the Lower Oratia area.

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As part of Project Twin Streams, an application was made to Infrastructure Auckland for \$5.5 million to construct cycle and walkways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams (see page A2 for a map showing the broad location of these cycle and walkways). This application was approved in 2004.

These cycle and walkways contribute to the vision of Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy, for Waitakere City to be a "walking and cycling friendly" city, where cycle and walkways are safe, enjoyable and popular forms of transport and leisure. Key objectives for the cycle and walkways are as follows.

- To improve access to town centres, community facilities and rail stations on foot and by bicycle.
- To encourage walking and cycling for day to day transport.
- To enhance the safety of pedestrians and cyclists by providing good quality routes that are separate from the road environment.
- To improve safe pedestrian/cycle links between communities and schools.
- Support sustainable development through reduced congestion, reduced air pollution emissions and improved safety.
- To offset the effects of urban intensification by promoting enjoyment of open spaces.
- To improve access for people with disabilities and those with small children.
- To provide recreational opportunities that are free or low cost, and health benefits, through more exercise and reduced vehicle emissions.
- To develop a sense of community through the creation of linkages between communities.

- To promote greater awareness of existing natural features within the City.
- To improve access to streams and open space.
- To create central points of interest - giving structure and form to residential and commercial suburbs.

The funding application to Infrastructure Auckland included developing cycle and walkways along the area covered by the Lower Oratia Reserve Management Plan. There are timing pressures to complete the cycle and walkways, as the Infrastructure Auckland funding requires the construction to be completed by December 2006.

Joint Consultation Process

Given the timing constraints, it is proposed that consultation on the Management Plan and consultation on the proposed routes and design of the cycle and walkways in that area are combined and begins as soon as possible. It is also more efficient, integrated, and cost effective for the community to be involved in one consultation process rather than two.

This means that the statutory consultation process on the Management Plan would be embellished by additional consultation on:

1. Proposed routes for the cycle and walkways in the Lower Oratia Stream reserves.
2. Key design elements (eg art works, materials).
3. How to ensure the safety and user friendliness of the cycle and walkways.
4. How to meet and balance varying needs of users, including walkers, cyclists, children, those with disabilities etc.
5. How to incorporate local stories, character, knowledge, Maori and non-Maori cultural heritage and reflect local wishes in development and design.
6. How best to develop and sustain community involvement and ownership of the areas.
7. How to maximise use of the cycle and walkways.

The cycle and walkways consultation process will rely on aerial photographs and artists impressions to show the proposed routes. The general approach to consultation is to utilise existing community groups, activities, events and networks to publicise and draw people in to provide feedback, on both the cycle and walkways and the draft Management Plan.

The proposed consultation period would be 18 July 2005 to 16 September 2005 (reflecting the statutory 8 week consultation process for the Draft Reserve Management Plan). Key consultation methods include the following:

- A planting day.
- A drop-in day.
- Use of community events and activities to publicise the consultation and gain community feedback.

Further details of the consultation proposed for the next phases of the Management Plan will be provided at the meeting.

The Draft Plan

The draft Management Plan, distributed separately to the Subcommittee sets out these objectives for the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves:

- Preserve and manage areas with recreational potential for the benefit and enjoyment of the public (Reserves Act 1977: 1s3ss1);
- Preserve and manage reserves with wildlife; indigenous flora or fauna; with environmental and landscape amenity or interest; natural, scenic, historic, cultural, archaeological, biological, geological, scientific, educational, community, or other special features or value, for the benefit and enjoyment of the public (Reserves Act 1977: 1s3ss1);
- Expand on the character of the endemic environment, preserving and restoring, where possible natural communities, habitats, ecosystems and landscapes;
- To create and preserve accessways for the public to and along the riverbanks of Lower Oratia Stream;
- Fostering and promoting the preservation of the natural character of rivers and the protection of them from unnecessary subdivision and development (Reserves Act 1977: 1s3ss1);
- To incorporate the 'Green Network' concept stated in Waitakere City Council's strategic plan (Waitakere City Council 2002);
- To recognise, protect and, as appropriate, promote the Maori cultural and historical values of the Reserves and their wider catchment, and to work in partnership with Iwi on the management of issues of significance on the reserves (Waitakere City Council 2002);
- To recognise, protect and, as appropriate, promote the diversity of communities' cultural and historical values of the Reserves and their wider catchment, and to work in partnership with these communities on the management of issues of significance on the reserves (Waitakere City Council 2002);
- To increase an awareness and respect of local waterways, and to encourage 'ownership' and therefore protection of the Lower Oratia Stream;
- To increase recreational possibilities in the reserves along the Lower Oratia Stream;
- To increase access opportunities to the reserves along the Lower Oratia Stream;
- To increase visual security to the reserves along the Lower Oratia Stream;
- To increase opportunities for people to enjoy nature in the reserves (Waitakere City Council 2002);
- To ensure the reserves are managed in terms of their reserve classifications for the enjoyment and use of the local and regional community, now and in the future (Waitakere City Council 2002).

It is proposed that public submissions on the draft Management Plan will close in September 2005, allowing the Subcommittee to make decisions on the submissions at a special meeting in November 2005.

RESOURCES

The Management Plan is being prepared through Project Twin Streams funding with peer review and management by Parks Planning who are responsible for the preparation of Reserve Management Plans and ensuring Reserves Act requirements are met.

The acquisition of land to be vested as reserve and included in the Management Plan is to be jointly funded by the Reserves Contribution Fund and Twin Streams funding. Infrastructure Auckland has approved funding of \$8.9 million for the Lower Oratia catchment. This includes funding for revegetation and land acquisition.

Funding has been provided in the 2005/2006 Annual Plan for the acquisition of land to be vested as reserve and included in the Management Plan. Infrastructure Auckland has approved funding of \$8.9 million for the Lower Oratia catchment. This includes funding for the revegetation and land acquisition. The Management Plan is being funded from the Project Twin Streams.

CONCLUSION

Extensive consultation has been previously undertaken in the preparation of the Draft Lower Oratia Reserves Management Plan as a complimentary component of the Twin Streams Project. A draft Management Plan has now been prepared and is ready for public notification for a final submission period.

As part of the consultation undertaken during the submission period, it is proposed to consult on the cycle and walkways proposed within this stretch of the Twin Streams project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan report be received.
2. That the draft Reserve Management Plan for the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves be approved, including the proposed cycleways and further, that it be notified for public submissions for a minimum two month period in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.
3. That a copy of the Draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan report be forwarded to the Henderson and Waitakere Community Boards for their information.

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5 NEXT MEETING

