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Report to Wellington Regional Council
from Margaret Shields, Chairperson

Chairperson's Report

1. *Local Government New Zealand*

(1) Conference

The above Conference is being held in Rotorua from Monday, 29 July to Wednesday, 31 July 2002. The theme is "CHO!CE". An outline of the proposed programme has been circulated in the Councillors' Information Bulletin.

(i) Attendance

Council's policy is for the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and one other Councillor to attend. (There will also be appropriate Management representation, but this is for the General Manager to decide). Interested Councillors have been invited to indicate their wish to attend. Crs Laidlaw, Thomas and Yardley have indicated their desire to do so.

There would also be advantage in Cr Laidlaw being involved in ways that could benefit the Sector through his Sunday radio programme. Alternative means of funding his involvement are being considered.

Recommendation

That Cr Yardley attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference.

(ii) Voting

The Council needs to determine who should exercise its vote at the Annual General Meeting of *Local Government New Zealand* which is to be held during the Conference. It is recommended that any formal votes at the Annual General Meeting be exercised by the Council Chairperson, or in my absence by the Deputy Chairperson.

Recommendation

- (a) *That the Council's vote at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand be exercised by the Council Chairperson or in her absence by the Deputy Chairperson.*
- (b) *That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Proxy Form.*

(2) Regional Affairs Committee Meeting

The Regional Affairs Committee of Local Government New Zealand met in Invercargill on 8 – 10 May 2002. Because of other commitments in Wellington, I was unable to attend and Cr Long attended in my place.

Cr Long will report orally to the meeting on matters dealt with at the RAC meeting.

(3) Local Government New Zealand Zone 4

Local Government New Zealand Zone 4 is to meet in Upper Hutt on 13 May. An oral report on the Zone meeting will be made at the Council meeting. The Order Paper for the meeting and other relevant documents have been circulated in the Councillors' Information Bulletin.

2. Meeting with Mayors

I have been meeting on a one-to-one basis with each of the Mayors of the Region 's Territorial Authorities to discuss current matters of mutual interest. At the time of the meeting, I will still have, as part of this round, to meet with Mayor Prendergast. The meetings have all been friendly and helpful. I will comment further at the Council meeting.

3. Towards a Greater Wellington – 2002 Update

I must commend the five Regional Councillors from Wellington City for their efforts in attending and briefing a number of meetings within Wellington City about the update of our Annual Plan. By all accounts their briefings have been well received. I have also accepted an invitation from Kapiti Coast District Council to brief that Council on the Plan on 16 May. Cr Turver, as the member for the Constituency and appropriate staff, will accompany me.

4. Local Government Insurance Corporation (Civic Assurance)

The Council is a shareholder in the above Corporation which will be holding in its Annual General Meeting in Wellington on 30 May . Papers for the AGM are not yet to hand. Again, it is proposed that the Council's vote be exercised by the Council Chairperson or in my absence by the Deputy Chairperson.

Recommendation

(a) *That the Council's vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Insurance Corporation be exercised by the Council Chairperson or in her absence by the Deputy Chairperson.*

(b) *That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Proxy forms.*

5. Leave of Absence

Cr Evans seeks leave of absence from 8 June to 14 July 2002 when he will be overseas.

Recommendation

That Councillor Evans be granted leave of absence as requested.

6. 1080

According to newspapers the anti-1080 lobby is to take the Council to Court for alleged "indiscriminate killing of protected wildlife". At the time of writing, no documentation had been served on the Council.

Recommendation

That the Report be received.

MARGARET SHIELDS
Chairperson