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Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 25 September 2003 at 4.00pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)
Councillors Evans, Laidlaw and Werry (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Councillors Baird and Cousins, Mayor Terris (Hutt City Council)

Officers Present

Lambert Anderson (Opus), Daya Atapattu, Geoff Dick, Rob Forlong, Stephen Garlick (Hutt City Council) and Amy Norrish

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 42 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Mayor Terris)

That the apologies from Councillors Timms and Phillips (Upper Hutt City Council), Ms Mellish (Wellington Tenth's Trust) and Mr T Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui) be confirmed.

HRA 43 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

HRA 44 Minutes

Resolved (Mr Macaskill/CrEvans)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2003, Report 03.389, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration**HRA 45 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Eva to Ewen Project Implementation**

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Resolved (Mayor Terris/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) *That a letter be sent to Wellington Tenth's Trust to express the Committee's gratitude for the Trust's support in the Strand Park land transfer process.*

Resolved (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)

- (2) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (3) *That it be noted that the completion dates for Strand Park river realignment and Alicetown stopbank upgrade, as set out in the HRFMP, are June 2005 and June 2007 respectively.*
- (4) *That it be noted that the target date for appointing the contractor for Strand Park river realignment is 1 December 2003 and that attempting to complete the river diversion during the period January 2004 to May 2004 is considered too risky to undertake.*
- (5) *That it be noted that Strand Park river realignment and Alicetown stopbank upgrade cannot be implemented concurrently and that the stopbank upgrade has to follow the river realignment.*
- (6) *That the implementation of Option 4 be endorsed, which provides for completing the Strand park river realignment by June 2005, the critical section of the Alicetown stopbank by June 2006 and all remaining stopbank upgrade works by December 2006.*

- (7) *That it be noted the Committee is concerned with the potential hold-up resulting from the Department of Conservation's requirement to establish a marginal strip and, therefore, requests that the Department of Conservation takes urgent action on the matter.*
- (8) *That council officers advise the Committee of any matters of concern that may result in significant delays in the Strand Park project.*

HRA 46 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Progress Report

Officers updated members of the Committee on the progress of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan. Committee members were advised of the progress of the Opahu Stream, Belmont, Whirinaki Crescent, Norfolk Street, Port Road, district plan provisions and emergency management projects, and the bed level survey.

It was noted that officers were having some difficulty in getting approval from St. Patrick's College to go onto their land to survey immediately adjacent to the existing Whirinaki stopbank. A meeting between council officers and the school's trustees is proposed to be set up and officers hope this will help to progress the matter. If necessary, the assistance of the Hutt River Advisory Committee chair may need to be sought.

HRA 47 Questions

There were no questions.

HRA 48 General

- (i) Next meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Officers noted that the next meeting would be held on 30 October 2003. Committee members were happy with the proposed agenda.

- (ii) Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2004.

The following meeting dates were proposed for 2004:

- 26 February
- 24 June
- 28 October

Cr Cousins pointed out that the 28 October meeting would directly follow the local government elections and Council may not have been formally appointed by then. Mr Forlong advised he would look for an alternative date to accommodate this eventuality.

The meeting closed at 5:00pm.

MR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date