



SUBMISSION FORM

ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18 CONSULTATION

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Submissions must be provided to Council by no later than **5:00pm on Monday, 10 April 2017**

Contact Details (You must provide your contact details for your submission to be considered)

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Hearing of Submissions (please indicate your preference)

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? Yes No

Sign language interpretation required? Yes No

If YES then would you prefer to speak on – **Wednesday 3 May** OR **Thursday 4 May**

Would you prefer to present your submission in the – **Daytime** OR **Evening**

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TOPIC 1: SHARED PATHWAYS

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Status Quo – work within existing budget

Option 2: Allocate \$100,000 to shared pathways for 2017/18

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Reasons why this is your preferred option (continue on last page if necessary)

Benefits to community fitness, health & well-being.

Gives an additional reason for people to visit the area in addition to work & family considerations.

Adds to the positive identity of the area

Helps link the various parts of the Horowhenua district to improve the feeling of outer areas being included in the development

TOPIC 2: HERITAGE INCENTIVE FUNDING

Tick below to identify your preferred option

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History & heritage is a rapidly growing aspect to tourism, so preservation of heritage features will add to the district's attractiveness. Again, gives further reason for people to visit & spend money here.

As you've stated, once historic sites are gone, it's too late to reverse the trend later.

TOPIC 3: SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Status Quo

Option 2: Adopt the draft Significance and Engagement Policy

Option 3: Update the draft Significance and Engagement Policy following feedback from the community and adopt it



Reasons why this is your preferred option (continue on last page if necessary)

Seems a sensible & rational option.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

We would be very interested to see some real progress on the beautification of Levin Town Centre. Even simple things that would be relatively inexpensive could make a significant difference in the short-term e.g. some incentive for main street shop-owners/renters to clean up their shop-fronts, replace broken signs, freshen up faded paintwork, hose down filthy veranda eaves etc. In the longer term, we like the idea of a revamping of the mall & addition of town centre green areas.

Also, anything that will improve Lake Horowhenua as a recreational facility. (If the legal obstacles resolved.)

WHAT OTHER PROJECTS OR IDEAS SHOULD COUNCIL BE CONSIDERING FOR 2018/19 AND BEYOND

(refer to page 11 to see the list Council is currently focusing on. Do you agree with what we have identified? What else could we look into?)

Trying to identify & agree a unique identity for Horowhenua to set it apart from other regions and give us a stronger selling point to attract both permanent & passing trade. So many other districts have found the key to this & it definitely adds to their positive images. Foxton has theirs; Levin lags behind. Much more discussion required about this.

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To: Horowhenua District Council
16 Oxford Street
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From: Mrs C Paton

Foxton Beach
Email malimidwe@clear.nt.nz

Date: 10th April 2017

Subject: Submission to Draft Annual Plan



I request to be heard in the daytime, date not significant – will fit in with timetable.

Shared Pathways – no comment

Heritage Incentive funding – no comment

Significance and Engagement Policy – recommend that HDC does not waive Draft Annual Plan consultation again as it creates an administrative backlog that must end up being more expensive to remedy than formerly routine consultation.

Other Topics:

1. **Proposed Sale of Community Housing.** Given the increasing public unease about this topic I recommend that the proposed sale be put on hold until in-depth consultation has occurred with the public and more importantly with all tenants and their support persons.
2. **Foxton Swimming Pool.** Requesting urgent attention be accorded to this item.
3. **Foxton Beach Roding and Footpaths.** Requesting urgent attention be given to the use of the Freeholding Fund within the boundaries of Foxton Beach.
4. **Proposed Levin Town Centre Upgrade.** Recommend you evaluate the effects of:-
 - The Foxton Main Street upgrade given that up to 24 parking spaces will be lost before you move any further to implementing the proposed Levin Main Street upgrade, especially since no budget has been supplied for Levin.
 - The proven effects of the State Highway upgrades.
5. **Liquefaction and predicted sea level rise/ Civil Defence.** How will this affect predicted population increase concurrent with development and maintenance of basic infrastructure in our coastal communities?

Signed: *C. Paton*


Date: *10/4/17*




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Yes

No

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Yes

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Reasons why this is your preferred option (continue on last page if necessary)

HAVING EXTENDED PATHWAYS IN OUR REGION
 WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE UP WALKING
 CYCLING. INCREASE FITNESS MAKE PEOPLE MORE HEALTHY.
 ENCOURAGE MORE VISITORS.
 ANOTHER PLUS FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND
 RESIDE IN THIS REGION.
 PROVIDES MORE CHOICE AND OPTIONS.

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Blank lined area for providing reasons for the preferred option.

Tiffany Williams

From: Keith McCartney <keithandcathy265@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 10 April 2017 8:29 a.m.
To: annual plan
Subject: Annual Plan Submission

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submission to annual plan

Shared Pathways:

Option 3 - the Horowhenua District is seeing increased growth alongside increasing visitors - cycleways and pathways throughout the district wonder if \$250,000 is enough given the increasing population as well as the desire to attract more visitors.

Heritage Incentives:

Option 3 - contributing towards the restoration and maintenance of the many heritage buildings within the district is critical. Foxton as the birthplace of the Manawatu has a number of heritage buildings that need to be restored, including the Court House building.

Option 3 -

Keith McCartney



Environment Network Manawatu

Submission to Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan

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Hearing of Submissions (please indicate your preference)

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **Yes**

Sign language interpretation required? **No**

I would need to speak on **Thursday 4 May** as I am travelling nationally on Wednesday.

I would prefer to present my submission in the **Daytime**, but will also be available in the evening.

BACKGROUND

Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) is a charitable umbrella organisation dedicated to enhancing the environment within the Manawatu catchment. We receive funding from Palmerston North City Council, Lotteries, Eastern and Central Community Trust, Community Organisation Grants Scheme and project funding from additional organisations. We currently have 49 active member groups, four of whom are based in the Horowhenua District and four extra groups who are routinely working in the Horowhenua.

This submission has been written in response to initial comment on the plan from our member groups. It has been revised in response to further member group feedback.

TOPIC 1: SHARED PATHWAYS

ENM's preferred option is:

Option 3: Allocate \$250,000 to shared pathways for 2017/18

Reasons why this is your preferred option

To be able to encourage communities to get outdoors, turn their eyes towards the natural environment and to get motivated in being involved with its protection and conservation, communities need to feel safe to do that. By including shared pathways into the transport infrastructure across the district and connecting these regionally will aid communities to recreate and commute safely, without the worry and danger of being alongside and/or amongst cars and trucks on the road.

This shared pathway network should follow logical lines, which includes alongside existing roads where road corridors are wide enough or, where new roads are being surveyed, including space for a shared pathway.

Unformed paper roads and also river corridors provide another excellent opportunity. ENM would encourage council to look into the network of paper roads and open up these roads for shared pathways where they provide linkages. River corridors are more challenging given that the rivers have often shifted over time and private titles extend into the river, but this should be investigated.

ENM would like to encourage Horowhenua District Council (HDC) to submit to and meet with Horizons Regional Council (HRC) to discuss the opportunity of purchasing the land underneath the stopbank infrastructure across the district and the entire region. By doing this, it would enable shared pathways to be installed on the top of stopbanks throughout the region without the challenges of negotiating landowner approval, with the only hurdle being to ensure that this does not impinge on farming access and that the stopbanks continue to provide the protection of land that they were installed for.

TOPIC 2: HERITAGE INCENTIVE FUNDING

ENM would support the council in choosing:

Option 2: Allocate \$50,000 per annum

Reasons why this is your preferred option

ENM understands the importance of building a sense of community and to do this, we often have to look back to our past for us to be able to make good decisions about our future and to also highlight the history of our townships and settlement.

We understand that a level of funding may be needed to aid landowners with these buildings to be able to help ease the burden, especially any particular regulatory burden, but we would urge caution around allocating too much into this budget when there are so many other pressing and expensive matters that council needs to deal with.

TOPIC 3: SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

ENM would support the council in choosing:

Option 3: Update the draft Significance and Engagement Policy following feedback from the community and adopt it

Reasons why this is your preferred option

ENM fully supports council taking a more consultative stance, where strong facilitation enables members of the community to voice their opinions and contribute to all matters that council has duties, powers and desires to regulate, operate and administer. This is how you foster local ownership and buy-in, minimising conflict and hopefully hastening good outcomes.

Investment at the front end of these processes is the only way forward to avoid mistrust, conflict and costly proceedings that are a burden on the ratepayer.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

It is pleasing to see Council is trying to weigh up its services versus its cost, as shown by its recommendations of the topics it's wanting feedback on this year. ENM would encourage council to continue taking steps to enable community participation in decision making. and ensure that all proposals are grounded at a community level and that plenty of time is given for a decision to be made, which will set up your council for long term success where you can generate community buy-in and ownership of project work.

WHAT OTHER PROJECTS OR IDEAS SHOULD COUNCIL BE CONSIDERING FOR 2018/19 AND BEYOND?

ENM would like to HDC to consider some additional projects for 2017-2018, targeted around enhancing the districts environmental organisations and environmental education:

Enviroschools Programme

ENM was saddened to hear that **Horowhenua District Council is the only Council in the Horizons Region that does not support the Enviroschools programme** (see Horizons Regional Council environment committee reports). This is despite the facts that:

- A majority of councils (82% of Regional/Unitary Councils and 72% of Territorial Authorities – totaling 58 councils) across New Zealand use Enviroschools (ES) to help achieve their objectives and policies around sustainability and the environment.
- Nationwide, ES has over 1050 schools and early childhood centres – representing a reach of over 264,000 young people and their families
- Community outcomes identified in HDC Long Term Plan point to a district that wants a healthy local and growing economy, a sustainable environment, and a community of knowledge, culture and diversity where people are proud to live.
- ES is a long term behaviour change programme, which has a strong focus on minimising impacts on the environment and restoring natural ecosystems – reducing the burden and associated costs of infrastructure required by communities. In the long term, this will save councils money.
- Enviroschools programme brings secondary outcomes – look at benefits of ES on their web page:
<http://www.enviroschools.org.nz/>
- Council support of \$1000 per Enviroschool per year provides for an Enviroschools Facilitator. Funding from other Territorial Authorities ranges from \$3,000 to \$15,000 per year which facilitates the 48 current Enviroschools throughout the Horizons Region.
- Horowhenua District currently has five schools on the 'Friends of Enviroschools' waiting list, plus Opiki School who are looking to join.

ENM would like to see HDC providing funding for any schools in the district that are currently 'Friends of Enviroschools' or any schools looking to join this programme (up to a maximum 8 schools in 2017-2018) to become an Enviroschool. This programme provides critical resourcing for schools and learning for children that will provide positive outcomes throughout the district for years to come.

Manawatu River Loop at Foxton

Both Save Our River Trust (SORT) and Wildlife Foxton Trust are member groups of ENM.

In SORT'S case, ENM is well aware of the newly granted resource consent that has been granted by Horizons Regional Council to SORT, which has significant implications for this group implementing works on the town frontage of the river loop. The potential benefits that works around the town frontage could have for both this community and for the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Project are significant and ENM would urge council to assign further funding within the 2017/2018 budget to SORT for when they complete their Operations and Management Plan, which is their last hurdle before being able to undertake a work programme during the summer.

Wildlife Foxton Trust has also become a member group of ENM and hosted the network recently during the Foxton Enviro tour. ENM believes this organisation has a significant opportunity to create an environmental hub for Foxton, showcasing New Zealand native fauna and providing educational

and tourism opportunities. ENM would encourage District Council to consider investment into this facility into the future.

Manawatu Estuary

ENM would like to highlight the Manawatu Estuary as an area where Council should be investing significant energy and resource. This Estuary is one of only six places in New Zealand to be listed as a wetland of international importance with the international Ramsar Secretariat, due to its diverse population of migratory and sedentary native and indigenous bird species.

Horowhenua District Council is responsible for management of the dune lands at the foreshore end of the site and also the bird sanctuary spit, both of which are habitats that require significant investment over time to keep them in good condition. We would encourage Horowhenua District Council to increase its funding for these special reserve lands with high biodiversity value and making sure that they still have these internationally recognised environments, and the flora and fauna which they provide for, for future generations.

We would also encourage Horowhenua District Council to continue to work actively with the Manawatu Estuary Trust and the Manawatu Estuary Management Team to be able to ensure that decisions about this estuary are made unilaterally across organisations and also have ownership from the community.

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