

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA LAKE DOMAIN BOARD HELD IN THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 126-148 OXFORD STREET, LEVIN, ON MONDAY, 2 MAY 2016, COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM**

**PRESENT**

Mr A McKenzie	(Chair, Department of Conservation)
Cr V Kaye-Simmons	(Board Member, Horowhenua District Council)
Cr A D Rush	(Board Member, Horowhenua District Council)
Mr R Warrington	(Board Member, Iwi Representative)
Dr J Procter	(Board Member, Iwi Representative)
Mr M Wiremu-Matakatea	(Board Member, Iwi Representative)
Mayor B J Duffy	(Board Member, Horowhenua District Council) (from 10.20 am)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr J Paulin	(Finance Manager, Horowhenua District Council)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

There were 3 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1. WELCOME AND KARAKIA

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Mr Marokopa Wiremu-Matakatea).

Mr McKenzie noted that whilst being aware that the term of the Muaūpoko Iwi representatives had expired, the Reserves Act provided for those members to continue until they were replaced. The current Iwi representatives would, therefore, continue until new appointments were made by the Minister.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Anne Hunt raised concerns about the current make-up of the Domain Board, particularly as Council members, who had been re-appointed at the March 2016 Council meeting, had been confirmed by the Minister but the Iwi representatives had not been similarly updated and confirmed. She said that Mr Taueki would be providing evidence to the Crown, including today's Agenda and any resolutions made, should the Board decide to renegotiate leases with the Rowing and Sailing Clubs as not only the Board's representation was in question, but also that of the Lake Trust. The Board would be held accountable for any decisions it made.

Mrs Hunt said that Mr Taueki was also filing a supplementary submission to the Māori Land Court because of concerns about the Lake Trust elections and the Lake Trustees were, in effect, in a holding pattern so were not in a position to make decisions.

She also commented that there had been 'identify theft' on a large scale, and that relevant Ministers were being kept informed.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was recorded for Mayor Duffy.

NOTED.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS

There has been no requests for speaking rights.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 30 NOVEMBER 2015

Moved: Wiremu-Matakatea Seconded: Procter

*“THAT the Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Horowhenua Lake Domain Board held on 30 November 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”*

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN & IN COMMITTEE MINUTES – 1 FEBRUARY 2016

Moved: Rush Seconded: Wiremu-Matakatea

*“THAT the Open and In Committee Minutes of the Horowhenua Lake Domain Board meeting held on 1 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”*

CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from either set of minutes.

6. MONITORING REPORT

Item 9 The Community Group Licences

An update on the Lake Trust as it affected this item to be provided under General Business.

Item 35 Resignation of Board Member and Appointment of a Replacement

As noted in the Agenda, the Council appointees were reconfirmed at the March 2016 Council meeting and had been gazetted by the Minister.  
A response was awaited from the Minister with regard to the iwi appointees.

Item 39 Horowhenua Clean Up Projects - Resource Consent Applications

Dr Procter advised that the appeal to the Resource Consent Applications would be heard later this month.

Item 40 Bird Management

In noting that the exercise had covered a wider area than just the Lake, Mr McKenzie commented that the geese cull overall had been successful. There had been some interference on the first day, but the second day had gone very well.  
The Board had also submitted to the Horizons Regional Council's Pest Management Plan requesting that Horizons factor control of Canada Geese into its strategy. The response to the submission had been positive and it had been recommended that the Board make a submission to Horizons Annual Plan, which was something for both the Domain Board and HDC to consider.

Item 41 Storm Tree Damage

Cr Kaye-Simmons requested that tree planting at Muaūpoko Park be brought up under General Business.

## 7. FINANCE

Mr Paulin tabled financial accounts to the end of March 2016 to give Members an idea of where the accounts were sitting. The position was slightly better than last year and he anticipated that the Board would make a small surplus for the year.

## 8. GENERAL

### (a) He Hokioi Rerenga Tahī / Lake Accord

The Chair reported on the very positive Lake Accord meeting that had been held on 18 April. It had been agreed that it was time to have more formal reporting and a schedule for meetings rather than have them ad hoc now that projects, such as planting days, were imminent.

### (b) Paki Proceedings

Mr McKenzie reported that a hui had been held with the plaintiff and his supporters. It had been a long and emotional meeting, but also amicable and constructive. It had been good for both the Accord partners, as well as the Lake Trustees, to hear the concerns raised by the group. What was impressed on the group was that the Lake Trust as well as the Accord partners had the same goal – what was best for the Lake. It was also stressed that the avenue for communication of any concerns or issues was with the Lake Trust. A formal response to Mr Paki's was being drafted and would be sent once it had been approved by the Accord partners.

Mayor Duffy joined the meeting (10.20 am).

### (c) Lake Trust Update

Following on from the signing of the Memorandum of Partnership, Dr Procter suggested having an update from the Lake Trust as a regular Agenda item. What this would entail could be discussed when the two parties held their proposed meeting.

Dr Procter commented on the AGM/SMG recently held by the Trust. It had been a very successful meeting with a large turnout of owners. Most people were very supportive of the Lake Accord Action Plan and Te Mana O Te Wai and engaged in discussion in a positive manner. Some people were even complimentary of the work that was occurring.

In terms of the recent Trustee elections, unconfirmed results had been released. Dr Procter read out the names of the successful candidates, saying that the process now was that the Judge would confirm the result. Currently the existing Trustees were still operating under orders from Judge Harvey and would continue to operate until the new Trustees were confirmed.

In response to a query about timing of the proposed meeting between the Board and the Trust, Dr Procter said it would be best to wait until the new Trustees were confirmed.

Mr McKenzie suggested issuing an invitation to the new Trustees to come to the next Domain Board meeting.

### (d) Tree Planting at the Domain

Cr Kaye-Simmons said that Keep Levin Beautiful (KLB) had met last Friday and had discussed replanting the shelter belt to replace the macrocarpas that had been removed on the southern boundary of Muaūpoko Park. This could be done to coincide with Arbour Week (3-10 June 2016). Council's Property & Parks Manager, Arthur

Nelson, had also been included in those discussions. KLB was seeking the Board's view on such a proposal.

As part of any project, Mr Warrington requested that the drain that ran through the Domain be fenced off. The possibility of planting that area to mitigate safety issues rather than erecting a fence was suggested.

After discussion on what the Domain Board's role should be in such a project; whether replanting could link in with other initiatives such as Te Mana O Te Wai; Council's role as it had delegated authority for maintenance at the Domain which would include the trees; the type of trees that would be suitable for replanting, it was:

Moved: Rush

Seconded: Wiremu-Matakatea

*"THAT Keep Levin Beautiful be requested to organise a planting day at Muaūpoko Park to coincide with Arbour Week (3-10 June 2016)".*

CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

1 August 2016.

10 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40 am with a Karakia (Mr Wiremu-Matakatea).

CONFIRMED this

day of

2016

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Chairperson