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OPEN AGENDA

HDC-TANGATA WENUA WASTEWATER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Time: **1.00pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Committee Members	Chair: Councillor Twigg Mayor Yule Councillors Bradshaw, Heaps, Roil and Watkins Peter Paku, Gordon Paku, Tatiana Greening and Evelyn Ratima
Chief Executive	Mr Ross McLeod
Officer Responsible	Water Services Manager, Brett Chapman
Committee Secretary	Carolyn Hunt (Ext 5634)

Hastings District Council : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee

This is established between Hastings District Council and representation of Tangata Whenua.

Fields of Activity

To be actively involved in developing the Hastings District Council's wastewater treatment and disposal system policies and, in particular, following a review of wastewater treatment in the light of new technologies and standards that may be introduced in the interim, to make recommendations to the Council so as to remove kuparu (human waste) from the waste stream in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 and Policies and Plans under the Act, and in particular, to recognise the role of Tangata Whenua as kaitiaki, and, to satisfy their cultural concerns.

To receive, review and recommend action on wastewater reports.

To recommend the commissioning of reports and future Hastings District Council actions on wastewater issues including:

- Options for further treatments
- Options for methods of disposal
- Monitoring effects on the environment

To coordinate and oversee education of the community on wastewater issues.

Membership

Chairman appointed annually by the Joint Committee from its members annually to alternate between the Council and Tangata Whenua representatives.

5 Councillors appointed by the Council

3 Tangata Whenua representatives nominated by the Heretaunga Maori Executive

2 Tangata Whenua representatives nominated by the Ahuriri Maori Executive

Quorum – 6 members including not less than 3 Councillor representatives

Delegated Powers

Recommendation to Council on matters within the Committee Fields of Activity.

The chairperson shall not have a casting vote.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL
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A G E N D A

1. Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2. Conflict of Interest

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or Group Manager Corporate & Customer Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the HDC – Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee Meeting held 24 May 2013.
(Previously circulated)

- 4. Wastewater Resource Consent Progress Report 1**
- 5. Wastewater Consent (CD990260Wd) Annual Monitoring Report 5**
- 6. Additional Business Items**
- 7. Extraordinary Business Items**

REPORT TO: HDC–TANGATA WHENUA WASTEWATER JOINT
COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

FROM: WASTEWATER MANAGER
DAVID JAMES

SUBJECT: WASTEWATER RESOURCE CONSENT PROGRESS
REPORT

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress with the Wastewater Discharge Resource Consent Project.
- 1.2 This issue arises as a result of the ongoing operation of Council's wastewater system and the need to comply with the Resource Management Act's consenting requirements.
- 1.3 The current wastewater discharge resource consent expires in March 2014, therefore, Council is preparing a comprehensive application for a new consent.
- 1.4 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose includes meeting the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and the performance of regulatory functions that is most cost effective for households and businesses. Good Quality means infrastructure, services and performance that are efficient and effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.
- 1.5 This report relates directly to the provision of good quality local infrastructure and concludes by recommending that the Committee receive the report.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The existing wastewater Coastal Discharge Permit expires on 31 March 2014. Over the last 2 years the Council has been undertaking a number of activities to prepare a new comprehensive resource consent application for a long-term consent.
- 2.2 The resource consent application was to be lodged with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) by September 2013. Good progress has been made and the resource consent application was lodged ahead of schedule, on the 31 June 2013.
- 2.3 The resource consent programme included the completion of twenty four major tasks. These tasks included; project management, consultation, technical assessments, scientific assessments, a cultural impact assessment, and the preparation of the resource consent application and the AEE.

3.0 NEW CONSENT PROGRAMME PROGRESS

- 3.1 The resource consent application, the Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE) Report and its 12 Support Documents were finalised in June 2013 and submitted to the HBRC, ahead of schedule, on the 31 June 2013.
- 3.2 Subsequently Council has had a Section 92 Request for Further Information from the HBRC. This has been responded to and the HBRC have indicated that there is not likely to be any further information required.
- 3.3 To a large extent the information requested was contained in the resource consent application and our responses to the questions in the Section 92 request referred back to the AEE, its Support Documents, and HDC's Annual Reports.

4.0 FORTHCOMING PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 The HBRC have indicated that they intend to publically notify the consent in mid-September 2013.
- 4.2 Submissions will then be processed and any major matters arising will be considered and potentially addressed in Hearing evidence.
- 4.3 Hearing evidence preparation and any pre hearing meetings will take place from October 2013 to January 2014.
- 4.4 In discussion with HBRC a tentative resource consent hearing date is being planned for February 2014.

5.0 TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONAL ISSUES UPDATE

- 5.1 The wastewater treatment plant continues to operate effectively with no major issues being experienced.
- 5.2 Recent work related to the wastewater plant include the following:
- 5.2.1 The BTF pumps have been lifted and serviced. Some trouble shooting regarding faulty vibration sensor alarms is underway.
- 5.2.2 An assessment on the condition of the outfall is underway.
- To date the condition of the outfall pump station manifold has been assessed and found to be in good condition.
 - Initial assessment of the landward section of the concrete outfall pipeline has been undertaken and further work is planned.
 - An assessment on the outfall diffuser, which is nearing the end of its design life, has also been undertaken. It is likely the diffuser will require replacement within the first 3 years of the 2015 LTP.
- 5.2.3 A condition assessment is also underway as part of the Trunk Sewers Project which is investigating the optimal renewal approach for the three major inland trunk sewers running from Hastings to the treatment plant in East Clive.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

- A) That the report of the Wastewater Manager titled “Wastewater Resource Consent Progress Report” dated 18/09/2013 be received.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to good quality infrastructure by:

- i) Ensuring required resource consents are in place to allow ongoing operation of the wastewater treatment plant in East Clive.**

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

REPORT TO: HDC–TANGATA W HENUA WASTEWATER JOINT
COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

FROM: WASTEWATER TREATMENT MANAGER
BOB MCWILLIAMS

SUBJECT: WASTEWATER CONSENT (CD990260WD) ANNUAL
MONITORING REPORT

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update and inform the Committee on the results of the annual monitoring report prepared for the Hastings District Council Wastewater discharge consent.
- 1.2 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses. Good quality means infrastructure, services and performance that are efficient and effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.
- 1.3 This report relates directly to the provision of good quality local infrastructure and compliance with RMA consent monitoring and reporting requirements.
- 1.4 This report concludes by recommending that the Committee receives the report.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Resource Consent CD990260Wd requires the Council prepare an Annual Monitoring Report for the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- 2.2 A report for the period 1 April 2012 -31 March2013 has been prepared and submitted to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- 2.3 This report has been prepared to advise the Committee of the overall consent compliance and summarises the Annual Monitoring Report to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) .
- 2.4 A copy of the consent and the report to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council are available on request from the Wastewater Treatment Manager.

3.0 DISCHARGE CONSENT ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT SUMMARY

- 3.1 The Annual Monitoring report for the wastewater discharge resource content (CD990260Wd) has been prepared and submitted to the HBRC. The purpose of the report is to assess compliance with the consent conditions and look at longer term trends to identify any possible future areas of concern in relation to compliance with the consent.

- 3.2 The monitoring and sampling takes place quarterly and covers a range of parameters covered in the consent conditions; discharge quantity (flows), wastewater quality (microbiological and chemical), receiving water quality toxicity, marine sediments and odour.
- 3.3 The overall operation of the Biological Trickling Filters has been as expected with approximately 60% on average of the Suspended Solids being removed.
- 3.4 The discharge through the long offshore ocean outfall is showing no indication of any adverse effects beyond the mixing zone. Overall the compliance with the consent has been well achieved with only minor non-compliance with any of the conditions.
- 3.5 In addition to compliance with the consent the discharge also complies with all of the toxicant requirements of the ANZECC 2000 Guidelines after allowing for the initial dilution with the receiving water (100:1).
- 3.6 The sediments comply with the ANZECC 2000 ISQG-Low guidelines with no evidence of a build-up of Volatile Solids (Organic material).
- 3.7 Odour issues that arose from the Biological Trickling Filter have been resolved.
- 3.8 Toxicity has shown some historical issues which have related to both methodology and sample collection but the effluent has a measureable low-level toxicity to marine organisms. The environmental risk for toxic effects outside of the mixing zone is low.

4.0 COMPLIANCE LEVELS

- 4.1 The report to the Hawke's Regional Council concludes that the current treatment and discharge through the long offshore ocean outfall has had very good compliance with the consent and that it provides an environmentally acceptable, sustainable and economic solution for treated wastewater disposal from the Hasting District Council.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

That the report of the Wastewater Treatment Manager titled "Wastewater Consent (CD990260Wd) Annual Monitoring Report" dated 18/09/2013 be received.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to good quality infrastructure by:

- i) Ensuring the effective ongoing operation and performance of the wastewater treatment plant within prescribed resource consent conditions.**

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.