
Thursday, 28 October 2021

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Council Meeting

Kaupapataka

Attachments – Volume 2

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 28 October 2021**

Te Wā:
Time: **1.00pm**

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

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Playcentre 

Welcome to
our village

8 October 2021

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Tēnā koe Rachel

Thank you for your work in assisting Playcentre Aotearoa and Cornwall Park Playcentre with finding a new home in Hastings.

Playcentre Aotearoa requests consideration by the Hastings District Council to a lease of land adjacent to the playground at St Leonards' Park fronting Southampton Street in Hastings.

With a conditional lease of up to 1,000m² of the Duke Street Reserve granted by Council on 31st March 2021, Playcentre has been busy developing and pricing building plans, undertaking consultation, fundraising, and in September 2021, Playcentre applied for resource consent (RMA 20210444).

Council staff have advised us that our lease of the Cornwall Park Playcentre building will be up on 31st December 2021. We have therefore also been preparing to leave our home of 51 years.

With our lease soon to be up at Cornwall Park and building still needing to be consented and built at Duke Street, Playcentre have been investigating options for our continued service. Our major limitation in finding suitable premises are the Ministry of Education requirements. Consequently, the only option that meets MOE requirements is for our centre to run sessions out of Haumoana Playcentre. Given the current use of their centre we are restricted to two sessions a week (down from four) effectively halving our bulk funding. It also necessitates staff redundancies and our members travelling from Hastings to Haumoana which is problematic for some of our families.

We are aware that some residents around the Duke Street Reserve have taken issue with Council moving Playcentre out of Cornwall Park to the Duke Street Reserve. As a result, Council staff have suggested St Leonard's Park as an alternative location. Council staff have indicated that a Playcentre building could be accommodated next to the proposed new playground fronting Southampton Street. We are told by Council staff that switching our focus to St Leonard's Park won't cause significant delays to us rebuilding Playcentre in Hastings.

Playcentre has invested considerable time and money into the Duke Street Reserve project (project management, architectural plans, acoustic report, resource consent fees). However, we also want what is best for the community. We want Playcentre to still be in Hastings and in a location that is accepted by the community.

"Whānau tupu ngātaihi – families growing together"



Playcentre Aotearoa requests the lease of up to 1,000m2 of St Leonard's Park for the purpose of building and operating a Playcentre.

Playcentre Aotearoa undertake to put on hold the resource consent application (RMA20210444) for a Playcentre on the Duke Street Reserve if a lease and undertaking by Council to make an amendment to the Ruareka Reserves Management Plan is forthcoming on 28 October 2021.

Playcentre Aotearoa requests an extension on the conditional lease of up to 1,000m2 of the Duke Street Reserve for an additional 12 months till March 2023.

Playcentre Aotearoa undertake to only progress the Duke Street Reserve lease and resource consent if including a Playcentre at St Leonard's Park through an amendment to the Raureka Parks Reserve Management Plan is unsuccessful or delayed past March 2022.

We make these requests and undertakings in good faith. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support toward reaching a solution for a Playcentre to remain in Hastings.

Ngā mihi,



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Attachment 2

Location Plan St Leonards Park









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