

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary Meeting of the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 5 October 2022
Time: 9.00am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Lance Vervoort
Chief Executive

Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel

Ko Ngaa Taki Huarahi

OPEN AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr Ewan Wilson
Heamana

Members Cr Maxine van Oosten
Cr Rob Pascoe
Cr M Donovan
Cr Martin Gallagher

Quorum: Three members

Meeting Frequency: As required

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Purpose

1. To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on objections relating to the Traffic Bylaw, Speed Limit Bylaw, and proposals for temporary closure of any road.

The Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

2. To consider and determine traffic and speed limit related matters, including those detailed in the Traffic Bylaw and Speed Management Plan, including hearing any submissions relating to those proposed changes.
3. To hear and determine statutory or regulatory hearings and make determinations on objections relating to proposals for the temporary closure of any road.

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Council Report

Item 4

Committee: Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel
Date: 05 October 2022

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Authoriser: Eeva-Liisa Wright

Position: Network Operations and Use Leader
Position: General Manager Infrastructure Operations

Report Name: Temporary Road Closure for Approvals for Events - Your Neighbourhood & Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine

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| Report Status | <i>Open</i> |
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To seek approval from the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel for the following temporary road closures:
 - i. Worley Place Shared Zone for the 'Your Neighbourhood' event planned for 8 October 2022.
 - ii. Hood Street from Victoria Street to Alexandra Street for the 'Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine' event planned for 4 November 2022.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) approves the closure of Worley Place Shared Zone to accommodate the 'Your Neighbourhood' event on 8 October 2022 between 5.00 am to 5.00 pm; and
 - c) approves the closure of Hood Street from Victoria Street to Alexandra Street to accommodate the 'Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine' event on 4 November 2022 between 2.00pm and 8.00pm; and
 - d) approves the Notice of Decision be issued stating Council's decision to close Worley Place Shared Zone to accommodate the 'Your Neighbourhood' event on 8 October 2022 between 5.00 am to 5.00 pm and Hood Street from Victoria Street to Alexandra Street to accommodate the 'Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine' event on 4 November 2022 between 2.00pm and 8.00pm.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. Applications have been received for a temporary road closure for the following two locations:
 - i. Worley Place Shared Zone for the 'Your Neighbourhood' event planned for 8 October 2022,
 - ii. Hood Street from Victoria Street to Alexandra Street for the 'Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine' event planned for 4 November 2022.

4. The applications for road closures were not submitted within the 42-working day timeframe required for processing under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closures) Regulations 1965, and therefore approval under the Local Government Act 1974 is being sought.
5. Similar closures of these streets have been undertaken in the past. Consultation with adjacent property owners has been undertaken by the event organisers who are also working closely with the Hamilton Central Business Association for the delivery of the event.
6. Staff have undertaken consultation with NZ Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, and both have approved these closure requests.
7. Staff consider the decision in this report has low significance and that the recommendations comply with Council's legal requirements.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

8. The applications for the road closures associated with the temporary road closure was not submitted to Council in time for it to be processed under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closures) Regulations 1965 which requires 42 days public notice.
 - i. Worley Place Shared Zone to accommodate the 'Your Neighbourhood' event on Saturday 8 October 2022
 - ii. Hood Street from Victoria Street to Alexandra Street for the 'Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine' event planned for 4 November 2022
9. Approval of a temporary road closure for an event can be granted under the Local Government Act 1974 No 66, Schedule 10, Clause 11(e) by the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel.

'Your Neighbourhood' Event

10. The closure of the Worley Place Shared Zone to accommodate some of the activities being planned for the 'Your Neighbourhood' event and to ensure the safety of the public visiting the event. The initial date for this event was for 1 October 2022 and road closure for this date was approved at the 18 September meeting of the [Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel](#).
11. Due to an adverse weather forecast for 1 October 2022, the decision was made on 30 September 2022 to postpone the event a week until 8 October 2022.
12. The following plan shows the proposed layout of activities across the Garden Place, Worley Place Shared Zone and Civic Square for the 'Your Neighbourhood' event.



Proposed activities for Your Neighbourhood Event and extent of proposed temporary road closure for Worley Place Shared Zone (red box)

13. The specific activities proposed for the Worley Place Shared Zone are:
 - i. Waikato Regional Council 'Flex' bus – providing information on this new service and ability for people to see the mini-bus being used to provide this service.
 - ii. Truck and trailer 'blind zone' demonstration – to illustrate the 'blind spots' that large vehicles have when trying to see people walking and biking in close proximity to the vehicle. Practical demonstration which will allow people to climb into the vehicle and see what the driver can (and cannot) see.
14. Information of the road closure will be posted on Victoria Street prior to the Ward Street entrance to this area to minimise the inconvenience to drivers who were planning to drive through this section from the Ward Street end.
15. It is proposed that the timing of the closure will be between 5.00am and 5.00pm to accommodate the set up and pack down of the temporary traffic management.

'Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine' event

16. The Bridge to Bridge Water Ski Classic has been running for nearly 40 years and brings significant numbers of people to Hamilton including competitors, teams and spectators. This year the event has over 50 Australians attending along with many teams from the South Island.
17. The road closure proposed on Friday 4 November 2022 is part of the Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine created to let the public get up close to the boats and showcase the sport to the public.
18. Hood Street is the home of the Show and Shine and has been so for the last 15 years. The extent of the temporary road closure is shown in the plan below:



Proposed extent of temporary road closure in Hood Street shown in red

19. The closing of the road allows the event organiser to fit as many of the boats as possible in a central location where the competitors, teams and spectators can interact with each other in a safe environment.
20. It is proposed that the timing of the closure of Hood Street between Victoria Street and Alexandra Street will be between 2.00 pm and 8.00pm to accommodate the set up and pack down of the temporary traffic management.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

21. All costs associated with the two public notices required by the Local Government Act and temporary traffic management are met by the applicants.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

22. Staff confirm that proposed approval complies with the Council’s legal and policy requirements and those of the Local Government Act 1974.
23. Staff have also considered the key considerations under the Climate Change Policy and have determined that an adaptation assessment and emissions assessment is not required for the matter in this report.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

24. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future (‘the 4 wellbeings’).
25. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
26. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

27. The recommendations included in this report helps the community achieve their goals by ensuring their safety while attending the events.

Economic

28. The proposed events bring visitors into central Hamilton City and supports the local businesses in the vicinity of the events.

Environmental

29. No specific environmental considerations were identified in the development of this report.

Cultural

30. No specific cultural considerations were identified in the development of this report.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

31. Although the events outlined above would be able to still go ahead in would need to be in a modified format and due to the large numbers of people expected to attend, there are considerable public safety and accessibility risks associated with not approving the recommendations in this report.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui* Significance

32. Staff considered the following factor under the Significance and Engagement Policy:
- i. the form of engagement used in the past for similar proposals and decisions.
33. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the recommendation(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance.

Engagement

34. In accordance with the Local Government Act provisions, public notification was given of the intention to consider the temporary road closures applications at this meeting.
35. Staff have undertaken consultation with the NZ Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) and they are supportive of the temporary road closure for the event.
36. In addition, the applicants have the following engagement plans for their events:
- i. 'Your Neighbourhood' event organisers have provided notification to all properties affected by the proposed temporary road closure and has been working with the Hamilton Central Business Association who are partnering in the delivery of the event.
 - ii. 'Bridge to Bridge Show and Shine' event organisers will be providing notification to all properties affected by the proposed temporary road closures along with the Hamilton Central Business Association.
37. If the closure is approved by this committee, a public notice of the decision to temporarily close the roads will be issued.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

There are no attachments for this report.