



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of the Infrastructural Services
Committee Meeting to be held in the Council
Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building,
101 Esk Street, Invercargill on Tuesday 5 October
2021 at 3.00 pm**

Cr I R Pottinger (Chair)
Cr A H Crackett (Deputy Chair)
His Worship the Mayor, Sir T R Shadbolt
Cr R L Abbott
Cr R R Amundsen
Cr A J Arnold
Cr W S Clark
Cr P W Kett
Cr G D Lewis
Cr M Lush
Cr D J Ludlow
Cr N D Skelt
Cr L F Soper

CLARE HADLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Infrastructural Services Committee - Public

05 October 2021 03:00 PM

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Public Excluded Session

Moved, seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting; with the exception of the external appointees, Mr Jeff Grant and Mr Lindsay McKenzie, namely,

- (a) *Confirmation of Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructural Services Committee meeting held on 7 September 2021*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the local government official information and meetings act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
(a) Confirmation of Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructural Services Committee meeting held on 7 September 2021	Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD VIA THE AUDIO VISUAL PLATFORM OF ZOOM, ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
2021 AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr I R Pottinger (Chair)
Cr A H Crackett (Deputy Chair)
His Worship the Mayor, Sir T R Shadbolt
Cr R L Abbott
Cr R R Amundsen
Cr A J Arnold
Cr W S Clark
Cr P W Kett
Cr G D Lewis
Cr M Lush
Cr D J Ludlow
Cr N D Skelt
Cr L F Soper
Mr J Grant – External Appointee
Mr L McKenzie – External Appointee

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Hadley – Chief Executive
Mr M Day – Group Manager – Finance and Assurance
Ms T Hurst – Group Manager – Customer and Environment
Mr S Gibling – Group Manager – Leisure and Recreation
Ms E Moogan – Group Manager – Infrastructure
Mr A Cameron – Strategic Advisor/GM - ICHL
Mr R Pearson – Manager – Roading
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Mr A Murray – Manager – Water
Ms S Shameem – Senior Policy Advisor – Southland Mayoral Forum
Ms K Davidson – Digital Content Creator
Ms M Cassiere – Executive Governance Officer

1. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil.

4. **MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2021
A3479108**

Moved Cr Lewis, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Infrastructural Services Committee held on 3 August 2021 be confirmed.

5. **EXPLANATION OF WATER SUPPLY GRADINGS AS APPLIED TO INVERCARGILL AND BLUFF**
A3512701

Mr Alister Murray was in attendance to speak to this item. Mr Murray stated that at the last Infrastructural Services Committee meeting, a question had been raised about a key performance indicator not being met in relation to the Bluff water supply. He noted that the Ministry of Health no longer graded water supplies in this way. Council had worked to reconfigure the water distribution system in Bluff and stated that there is an expectation that Bluff would have received an 'A' grading under the previous grading system. This measure has been replaced with new measures for the 2021 Long Term Plan.

Moved Cr Abbott, seconded Cr Skelt and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructural Services Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Explanation of Water Supply Grading's as Applied to Invercargill and Bluff'.

Note: The meeting was adjourned at 3.08 pm.

Note: The meeting was re-convened at 3.46 pm.

6. **THREE WATERS**

6.1 **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR ENGAGEMENT**
A3524438

Ms Rhiannon Suter was in attendance to speak to this item. Ms Suter noted that the report was in regard to consideration of Three Waters consultation or engagement. She noted that while the issue of either opting in or opting out of Three Waters was significant, legal advice provided by Simpson Grierson noted that providing feedback to Government would not trigger significant provisions and that any engagement undertaken would be optional. It would be for Council to decide what level and type of engagement the Council wished to take on this matter, and noted that a decision to either opt in or out could not be made without undertaking a formal consultation process as per the Local Government Act. As such, it would require an amendment to the Long Term Plan and that any engagement undertaken in the mean time could not be the basis for decision making, however it could be used as a basis to provide feedback to the Government.

Discussion around the report took place. Ms Suter noted that if an engagement were to take place in order to provide a feedback, it would not be possible to do so within the current timeframe of September. Ms Moogan noted that Council had already initiated the process of compiling a list of questions to the Government and in response to a query whether the Department of Internal Affairs had responded to the questions, she replied that they hadn't received a response as yet.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Abbott and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructural Services Committee:

1. Receive the report "Three Waters Engagement or Consultation – Matters for consideration".

2. Note the following issues:
 - a. Simpson Grierson advice (A3525401) engagement is optional and not required to respond to Government's request for feedback, and under current legislation prior to any decision to opt in or out consultation will be required as it will be an LTP amendment.
 - b. Any engagement now could either inform feedback to Government or be pre-engagement for a future consultation. This could not be delivered before the end of September.
 - c. For any engagement to be effective Council will need to give direction on the issues it wants feedback on. To be meaningful, engagement should provide alternative options, although there is the option to present the Government's position and seek feedback only on that.
 - d. Covid-19 and limited team resources mean a digital led approach will be required due to the challenges of organising physical events and then rearranging them as alert levels change.
 - e. There are risks to undertaking engagement and to not undertaking engagement. The primary risks are as follows:
 - Significant resource will be required to undertake engagement – this will not replace the need for consultation which will be required unless there is legislative change.
 - Undertaking engagement without presenting meaningful alternatives is of limited value. Government has indicated it does not require Councils to consult at this point and that it intends to seek public input at a later date. Unless the Council has alternative proposals it wishes to seek feedback on the benefit of engagement may be limited.
 - Not undertaking engagement also carries risks. There may not be another opportunity for Councils to seek the views of the local community on this matter ahead of national consultation.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Lewis that the Infrastructural Services Committee adds an amendment to the recommendations that:

- Council undertakes to arrange a workshop on Three Waters issues within the next 14 days.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED** in the affirmative.

6.2 NOTICE OF MOTION A3527688

Cr Clark spoke to his Notice of Motion and noted that communities around the country had questions around some key issues which included whether there were economies of scale that would benefit the Council, could the water entity recruit and retain enough water specialists to run the programme for which the DIA had advised in the negative, could the current entity upscale to 200 percent to deliver the service outcomes for which the DIA had responded in the negative. Cr Clark noted that other key issues included what would be the actual costs of Three Waters to households a decade from now, and who would own the assets for which Cr Clark stated

that Council would retain the ownership and that the question should be who would govern and control the assets from the two strategic groups that would be set up.

Cr Clark noted that some of the other Councils had undertaken engagement and received significant feedback from their communities, and that this Council should also undertake engagement. He further noted that preliminary analysis show that cost for households would be cheaper if the Council went ahead independently rather than with the water entity. Cr Clark also noted that a question to be asked from the DIA was whether water meters would be required.

Discussion around the item took place. It was noted that Three Waters was a big issue for Council to decide moreover Council was awaiting further information on next steps from DIA which would be forthcoming after the end of September. Most Councils were waiting for this information ahead of making any decision.

Moved Cr Clark, seconded Cr Arnold that the Infrastructural Services Committee:

- (i) That Invercargill City Council (ICC) advise the Minister for Local Government, that ICC will not be making any decisions in regards to participation in the proposed 3 Waters reform program, until it can engage with its' community of these matters of significance.

That the Minister also be advised that the gathering of the necessary information, community engagement and subsequent analysis of the community feedback, is unlikely to be completed before 30 November 2021.

- (ii) That Council activate its Significance and Engagement policy as soon as possible.

A division of vote was called for the motion.

Note: Cr Arnold, Cr Clark, His Worship the Mayor, Cr Lewis, Cr Skelt, and Cr Kett voted in favour of the motion.

Note: Cr Amundsen, Cr Ludlow, Cr Soper, Cr Abbott, Cr Pottinger and Cr Lush voted against the motion.

Note: Cr Crackett abstained from voting.

Due to a six all vote, the Chair abided by the convention of voting for the status quo and casted his vote against the motion.

The motion, now put, was **LOST**.

7. **ACTIVITY REPORT** A3513885

Mr Steve Gibling, Ms Erin Moogan and Mr Michael Day were in attendance to speak to this item. Mr Gibling noted that the key part of the report was the summary about the performance of the hydroslide against the business case, and that the operations had exceeded the business case.

Ms Erin Moogan noted work had recommenced on the city centre streets upgrade under level three and that a booking system had been put into operation for the transfer station system under alert level three and positive feedback have been received for the booking system. She noted loss of revenue due to Covid levels three and four, and a high level analysis showing a reduction of \$0.5 – \$0.75 million for each month. She further noted that Council’s Greenwaste Consent for discharge to air had expired prior to the new consent being approved by Environment Southland. The new consent application had not progressed as quickly as needed due to key staff vacancies. Environment Southland investigated the incident and decided not to take any formal action but did issue Council with a written warning and investigation costs.

Ms Moogan also noted that at a previous Infrastructural Services Committee meeting, staff had reported an outage on the continuous monitoring of water treatment at the Branxholme Plant, and a small risk existed where during the annual audit, Council may be found non – compliant due to a small gap in the data. She stated that analysis of the back – up data sourced the missing nine minutes which would remove the risk of being potentially non - compliant at the year end audit.

Mr Day noted that by going into level two from 8 September, it would trigger the 14 days period for the penalties.

Moved Cr Abbott, seconded Cr Kett and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructural Services Committee:

1. Receives the report “Activity Report”.
2. Note that the Hydroslide operations have generally exceeded the original business case objectives.

8. **URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

9. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

Moved Cr Pottinger, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, with the exception of the External Advisors, Mr Jeff Grant and Mr Lindsay McKenzie; namely:

- (a) *Confirmation of Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructural Services Committee meeting held on 3 August 2021*
- (b) *Ocean Beach Remedial Issues*
- (c) *Recyclables Acceptance Contract*

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resolution

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Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p> | <p>Section 48(1)(a)
That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</p> |
| <p>(b) Ocean Beach Remedial Issues</p> | <p>Section 7(2)(i)
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That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</p> |
| <p>(c) Recyclables Acceptance Contract</p> | <p>Section 7(2)(i)
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That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</p> |

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 5.25 pm.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 101 ESK STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 2.30 PM

PRESENT: Cr I R Pottinger (Chair)
Cr A H Crackett (Deputy Chair)
His Worship the Mayor, Sir T R Shadbolt
Cr R L Abbott (via zoom)
Cr R R Amundsen
Cr A J Arnold
Cr W S Clark
Cr P W Kett
Cr G D Lewis
Cr D J Ludlow
Cr M Lush
Cr N D Skelt
Cr L F Soper
Mr J Grant – External Appointee
Mr L McKenzie – External Appointee

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr N Peterson – Bluff Community Board member
Mrs C Hadley – Chief Executive
Mr M Day – Group Manager – Finance and Assurance
Ms E Moogan – Group Manager – Infrastructure
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Mr A Murray – Manager – Water
Mr A Eng – Digital and Communications Advisor
Ms M Cassiere – Executive Governance Officer

1. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil.

3. **MAJOR LATE ITEM**

3.1 **Three Waters Reform Feedback**
A3555581

Moved Cr Pottinger, seconded Cr Amundsen and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructural Services Committee, receive the Major Late Item “*Three Waters Reform Feedback*”.

4. **THREE WATERS REFORM FEEDBACK**
A3555581

Ms Erin Moogan was in attendance to speak to the report. She noted that Council had been working with Government to inform the Three Waters Reform Proposal. This included an extensive Request for Information process which was submitted by ICC staff at the beginning of the year. The proposal from the Central Government included modelling data of which Council had completed a review and analysis. She noted that it would be important to note there were still gaps in the information provided by the Central Government to local councils and that further analysis would likely be needed in the future. She stated that this report contained feedback to the Government's Reform team which was based on ICC's review of the Government's proposal to date.

Ms Moogan provided an overview of the proposed feedback to Central Government appended to the report. Discussion took place around the item. It was noted that the community had interest in this reform and that there was not enough information for a consultation with the community and to make an informed decision at this stage. It was further noted that the use of money as a priority decision - making tool would not always be in the best interests of the community and that for a co – design process to take place, all parties should be involved from the beginning. It was noted that the focus on the cost message and partnership model would be included in the letter.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Clark and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructural Services Committee

1. Receive the report "Three Waters Reform Feedback".
2. Endorse the attached letter to Minister Mahuta (incorporating any amendments if made) to be sent by His Worship the Mayor on behalf of Council by 1 October 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 2.55 pm.

TO: INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**FROM: RUSSELL PEARSON – ROADING MANAGER
KATHLEEN SIMMONDS – FINANCE BUSINESS PARTNER**

AUTHORISED BY: ERIN MOOGAN, GM – INFRASTRUCTURE

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

WAKA KOTAHI ROADING FUNDING

SUMMARY

<p>The Waka Kotahi NZTA National Land Transport Funding allocation has been advised to Council.</p> <p>The funding level, whilst above the previous three years is lower than the AMP has signalled as being required. Funding for the 2021-2024 (Maintenance and Renewals) years was requested at \$51.03M (including \$4.25M for City Centre) and the allocation has been \$41.83M.</p> <p>Additional funding for footpath renewals is recommended to be fully funded by Council.</p> <p>A technical assessment of the road network will be engaged this financial year to ensure the funding available is being prioritised in the right places.</p> <p>The City Centre funding required for future stages will need to be revisited.</p>
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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Infrastructural Services Committee:

- 1. Receive the report “Waka Kotahi Roading Funding”.**
- 2. Approve amendment of the roading activity budgets in the Long Term Plan to match the WK allocated funding with the exception of the retention of approximately \$500,000 per annum of additional footpath funding to maintain historic funding levels.**
- 3. Note a technical assessment of the road network will be engaged this financial year which may change the allocation of budget across the network in future financial years.**

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> Yes.
2.	<i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> Yes if works planned by the AMP are to be completed.

3.	<i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance?</i> No
4.	<i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> No
5.	<i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i> No.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding implications for roading are that work programmes will need to be resized to the available funding or they are deferred.

Council could choose to undertake additional works without subsidy in some areas however in general that would not be seen as a cost effective outcome.

During the three year programme, work will need to be prioritised again and further risk considered in decisions to best protect key assets and look to best manage levels of service wherever possible.

WK are operating in a constrained budget environment and funding requested by all Councils cannot be met.

BACKGROUND

Every three years a National Land Transport Programme is developed and submitted through the Regional Land Transport Committee.

These programmes are considered and moderated nationally by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (WK). They are then presented to the WK Board and confirmed as the financial contribution each Council will receive towards its Roading programme. This programme provides revenue funding at the designated Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) for Council.

Similarly, Council develops Asset Management Plans which detail the asset needs in its budgets (including what revenues it will receive from WK and others) and these contribute to the Long Term Plan and are confirmed by Council.

Both programmes are aligned when they are submitted but can become disconnected if the amounts approved are varied by either process.

WK have advised they are operating in a constrained financial environment and have looked to allocate funding aligned to the Government Policy Statement (GPS) and the national priorities. They provided an interim indicative funding for the Maintenance, Operations and Renewal (MOR) elements and later confirmed the final allocation which has increased. This increase is due to access to funding being provided to WK from the Government. This has improved what was looking like a very difficult budget.

The table below highlights the variation between requested and final funding. Some funding is able to be transferred between categories by WK and this may assist in an operational context.

The summary table is:

	ICC 21-24 NLTP Programme	WK 21-24 Allocation	Difference
Maintenance and Operations	\$ 15,181,120.00	\$ 14,077,998	\$1,103,122
Renewals	\$ 28,393,333.00	\$ 21,727,999	\$6,665,334
Low Cost Low Risk	\$7,461,245	\$6,026,245	\$1,435,000
3 Year Total (21-24)	\$ 51,035,698	\$41,832,242	\$9,203,456

It is recommended that the budget for roading activities in the Long Term Plan be amended to match the WK allocated funding with the exception of the areas noted below.

Part of the requested programme included a contribution towards works planned for the City Centre Street Upgrades (including footpaths) at \$4.25M over three years. This request was not successful. A separate paper will be prepared in relation to funding for the City Centre Street Upgrades.

KEY AREAS OF FUNDING CONSTRAINTS

The AMP provided a detailed business case for an increase in funding (over the 30 year horizon) to ensure that the assets and the levels of service can meet the expected demands.

The following areas have received a funding allocation that staff consider puts Council at risk of not meeting required levels of service and falling short of customer expectations.

Footpaths

Footpaths renewals have only been a subsidised activity since 2018 and historically was fully funded by ICC at about \$1.3M per year. This amount did not fully fund the required asset depreciation of around \$1.7M per year and the asset plan acknowledged footpaths was an area where additional risk was acceptable and manageable.

The drop in WK funding reduces our current footpath budgets to approximately \$800,000 per annum leaving a significant gap in the renewals programme of work. It is recommended that Council continue to invest approximately \$1.3M in its footpath network per annum for the three year of the current Long Term Plan noting that approximately \$500,000 of this budget would not receive NZTA co-funding. This is subject to the outcomes of the review noted below.

Sealed Road Resurfacing

Resurfacing is another area where a funding increase was sought as our long term advanced modelling has indicated that more investment is needed to ensure that the roads do not deteriorate.

The funding levels provided, will at best be a holding situation but do not make any advance to raise the renewal level to that which is needed and detailed in the AMP.

These funding levels will see work continue to be deferred. We would expect to see more cracking and potholes on our network as a result. Risks of significant failures, where a large portion of the road surface breaks apart are also increase as a result of this holding approach.

A technical assessment of our road network will be engaged this financial year to ensure the funding available is being prioritised in the right places. This may result in changes to funding allocation against each part of the road network in future financial years to ensure a best for network approach.

Low Cost Low Risk

Included within the Low Cost Low risk budget is funding available to support the completion of the Elles Road Roundabout at Bluff Road. This was a project which WK commenced and was not initially included in the AMP or LTP. WK now requires Council support to complete the road access to Lake Street. This is seen as one of the most important safety improvements for our network and is the best solution to be available. All the alternatives considered are not suitable or viable and without council being involved the improvements proposed would be short term and inadequate. Some external funding will also be available for Councils local share. This project has resulted in Council having to reprioritise low cost low risk funding that would otherwise have been available for improvements on the network.

Structures

A recent planned principal bridge inspections programme (every six years) has also highlighted increased deterioration in corrosion protection on some Council assets and whilst the impacts are yet to be fully understood it is likely that funding will need to be diverted to control this. This will place further pressures on budgets and additional funding may be needed.

The roading team will continue to focus on getting best value delivery on the priority assets areas. This is just another industry pressure which all Councils are facing and will challenge the way services are delivered. WK have limited funds available from fuel taxes and their other revenue sources and are also challenged at what can be delivered. We are operating in a constrained budget environment and we will look to do the best that we can give the many factors which influence decisions.

CONCLUSION

The Waka Kotahi NZTA funding allocation has been provided to Council. The funding level, whilst above the previous three years is lower than the AMP requires. The final funding available has increased from Waka Kotahi from their interim allocations.

Funding allocation for footpaths is recommended to be increased above that available from WK and be funded by Council.

Investment in safety works to support the new roundabout at Elles Road is a key and strategic investment opportunity to adequately resolve a safety issue.

Ongoing work is required by the roading team to ensure that the work undertaken is prioritised and risks are managed and minimised.

TO: INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
FROM: RUSSELL PEARSON – ROADING MANAGER
AUTHORISED BY: ERIN MOOGAN, GM – INFRASTRUCTURE
MEETING DATE: TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

SUMMARY

<p>Council has received requests for temporary road closures for a number of events. The events are beneficial to the Invercargill community and with well organised traffic management will not unreasonably impede traffic in these areas.</p> <p>Council is being asked to consider these utilising its powers under Local Government Act 1974 (Section 342 and Schedule 10).</p> <p>This Act allows Council to close a road for an event after consultation with the NZ Police and Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency) and which it decides will not unreasonably impede traffic.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructural Services Committee:

- 1. Receive the report “Temporary Road Closures”.**
- 2. The Committee resolves that the proposed events as listed in the report will not impede traffic unreasonably.**
- 3. As permitted under the Local Government Act 1974 (Section 342 and Schedule 10) the Committee approves the temporary closure of roads for the events included in the document attached (A3554209)**

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> No
2.	<i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> No
3.	<i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council’s Policy on Significance?</i> No
4.	<i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> No

5.	<p><i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i></p> <p>No. The Local Government Act 1974 Section 342 does not require consultation.</p>
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 1974 Section 342 allows Council to close a road for an event after consultation with the NZ Police and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, which it decides will not unreasonably impede traffic. Consultation with the public under this legislation is not required.

Council has received requests for a temporary road closure of the streets for the events listed in **Appendix 1**. Most of these are regular events and well recognised by the public as being important to Invercargill. They have been well run in the past without incident.

Each event has shown through past activity not to unreasonably impede traffic due to the grid style network available to Invercargill.

The Burt Munro closures are well managed and while they are more extensive in impact, the community understands the high importance of these events.

Traffic management will be required in a similar manner to that implemented in the past, and this has been successful.

A request has been made to the NZ Police and Waka Kotahi and they have no objection to these events.

CONCLUSION

The events planned are beneficial to the Invercargill community and with well organised traffic management will not unreasonably impede traffic in these areas.

Approval of the events under the Local Government Act is recommended.

APPENDIX 1

Event	Streets to Close	Date(s)	Time
	Bluff		
Red Cross Southland Cheese Roll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lee Street (Bann Street to Gore Street) 	Sunday 21 November 2021	10am to 3pm
Christmas In The Bluff Santa Parade –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lee Street (Bann Street to Gore Street) Bann Street 	Sunday 12 December 2021	10 am to 4pm
	Invercargill		
Burt Munro Challenge Street Racing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Richardson Drive (All) Fox Street (Bill Richardson Drive To Phillip Street) Arena Avenue (All) Victoria Avenue (Liffey Street / Leven Street to western end) Beatrice Street (Bill Richardson Drive to Phillip Street) 	Saturday 12 February to Sunday 13 February 2022	12pm (12 th) to 9pm (13 th)
	Bluff		
Burt Munro Challenge Bluff Hill Climb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagstaff Road (All) Pearce Street (Slaney Street to Flagstaff Road) Mason Street (Flagstaff Road to Pearce Street) Bandon Street (Bann Street to Flagstaff Road) 	Thursday 10 February 2022	7am to 5pm
	Invercargill		
Burt Munro Challenge Beach Racing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oki Street (All) 	Friday 11 February 2022	1pm to 9pm
Community Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elles Road - Janet to Dalrymple 	Friday 20 November 2021	5.30 pm to 9.00 pm
Street Market Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelvin Street (Tay to Don) Esk Street (Kelvin to Deveron) 	Friday 19 November 2021 to Saturday 20 November 2021	7.00 pm (Friday) to 5.00 pm (Saturday)
Street Market Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelvin Street (Tay to Don) Esk Street (Kelvin to Deveron) 	Friday 10 December 2021 to Saturday 11 December 2021	7.00 pm (Friday) to 5.00 pm (Saturday)
South Alive Trolley Derby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rimu St at Metzger St 	6 March 2022	1pm to 4pm
South Alive Street Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elles Road - Janet to Dalrymple 	Friday 19 November 2021	5.30 pm to 9.00 pm
Tour of Southland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gala Street – Kelvin to Queens Kelvin Street - Herbert to Gala Herbert Street – Queens to Kelvin 	Sunday 31 October 2021	11am to 5pm
Tour of Southland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gala Street – Kelvin to Queens 	Saturday 6 October 2021	2pm to 5.30pm
Tour of Southland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbert Street – Queens to Kelvin Kelvin Street – Herbert to Gala 	Saturday 6 October 2021	2pm to 4.15pm

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Christmas Parade	Santa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gala Street – Deveron to Dee• Kelvin Street – Tay to Avenal	Sunday 28 November 2021	12pm to 4pm
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TO: INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
FROM: GROUP MANAGERS
AUTHORISED BY: CLARE HADLEY – CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MEETING DATE: TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

ACTIVITY REPORT

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on a wide range of activities across the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Infrastructural Services Committee

- 1. Receives the report “Activity Report”.**

LEISURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation (August 2021)

Queens Park was recently selected as one of five finalists for the Kiwi’s Choice Keep NZ Beautiful Award. Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards are New Zealand’s longest-running sustainability awards and provide a benchmark for environmental excellence. Run annually since 1972, the Awards inspire, recognise and acknowledge those individuals, schools, community groups, towns and cities working passionately to Keep New Zealand Beautiful. The Kiwi’s Choice award gets judged by kiwi’s and so more information will be going out via the website and social media to get everyone judging their “kiwi’s choice”.

The Environmental Reserves Omnibus Management Plan 2021-2031 was adopted by Council at the Performance, Policy and Partnerships Council Meeting on Tuesday 10 August 2021. It can now be implemented over the next 10 years for the 34 Environmental Reserves included in the plan. Once graphics are completed the plan will be published on the website.

COVID Impact on work

During level 4 of COVID lockdown the Parks and Recreation team continued to maintain a team of staff who undertook animal husbandry duties for the animal reserve and aviary with our nursery and winter garden plants also being tended to. Level 3 enable the operational team to return to work within safe practice guidelines giving them a head start on spring growth in both turf and gardens.

As an essential service our team also continued with the management of the Cemeteries and Crematorium. Under the COVID 19 management guidelines, Level 4 enabled only a single household bubble to farewell a loved one, this increased to ten people able to attend a funeral/ tangihanga for Level 3. During this time our service has received excellent feedback for their professional and compassionate approach to the bereaved.

The teams have attended online forums throughout COVID restrictions, Active Southland along with Regional Sporting Organisations met to support local clubs to ask questions and seek for clarification on management of facilities during COVID times. This was a chance to share what others are doing also with Brent Thawley (Sport NZ Regional Partnerships Manager – South Island) to answer any questions, or seek for clarifications from Sport NZ.

Consultation and community work continued via web chats, staff have been working with key stakeholders of Motupōhue Bluff Hill on the extension of car parking at Pearce Street, Bluff to support active recreation on the maunga. With Murihikui Kai Collective, the team are continuing to collaborate on food security and edible annual plantings. Edible public harvesting should be coming up soon.

Aquatic Services – Splash Palace August 2021

Services for August were only available for 17 days until the government announced a level 4 lockdown commencing at midnight on Tuesday 17 August. Level 4 was in place until the 31 August subsequently this has reflected in our participation numbers being down.

Participation and Visitor Stats

	Jul	Aug	YTD Total
2021/22	30,445	17,089	47,534
2020/21	29,960	27,579	57,539

If lockdown was not initiated it is predicted that Splash Palace could have seen approximately 31,162 participation numbers for August. The increased participation for August compared to last year was because on the 12 August 2020 most of the country except Auckland went into Alert Level 2 which lasted until 21 September 2020.

Covid-19 Level 4 Lockdown

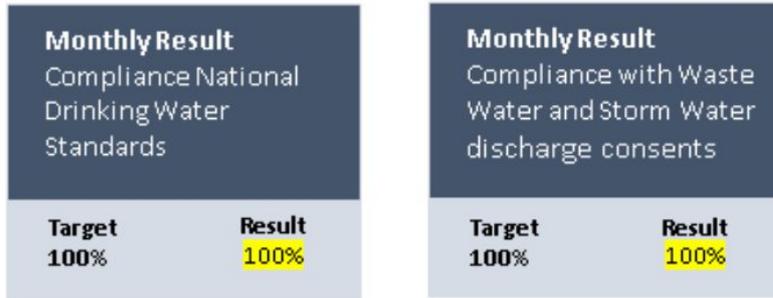
During lockdown, Splash Palace senior staff kept communication open with their teams ensuring information was handed down as well as checking on wellbeing and answering any questions the staff may have had.

To reduce energy and chemical consumption, the spa and cold plunge pools were emptied, chlorine and temperature levels in the pools were reduced. We also reduced our domestic hot water temperature. It is estimated that by reducing demand has saved an estimated \$10,000 in chemical, fuel and electricity costs.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Key Performance Indicators

Council’s core infrastructure assets continue to perform at a high level. August saw 100% compliance of drinking water assets with National Drinking Water Standards and 100% compliance with our Waste Water and Storm Water discharge consents.



Strengthening Works on Anderson House to commence in November

Following concerns around market capacity at the beginning of the year works on Anderson House have been confirmed to commence next month (November). All building, Resource and Heritage consents and approvals are now in place and the contract has been awarded to Donaldson Construction Services. The work being completed covers the seismic strengthening of the building and some minor exterior maintenance work with works anticipated to be complete in April 2022.

In terms of future use Council is partnering with local stakeholders to determine the best future use for Anderson House.

Green Waste Discharge to Air Consent

Council has received advice from Environment Southland that our application for discharge to air consent for green waste processing has been approved. It was noted in the decision that management of any odour effects at the site has been good, that the composting area is well sited and that the necessary environmental protections are in place.

The consent has been issued for the requested period of 20 years which is a very positive outcome and reflective of the positive historic management of the site.

3 Water SCADA System

The Council 3 Waters Network has a SCADA system that monitors and controls the Water, Sewerage and Stormwater network that services Invercargill. This includes our treatment plants, pump stations and reservoirs.

ICC is in the process of making key upgrades to the system. Work is being undertaken in collaboration with advisory firm AFI and our local maintenance contractor Wallace Murray electrical.

The work includes a new controls system, digital communication upgrades and computer system improvements. These upgrades are key to providing reliable monitoring and control of our 3 waters network and ensure ICC meets its public health and environmental obligations.

Alternative Water Source Investigations

Council is currently undertaking investigations to determine the feasibility of a secondary municipal water source in the Awarua area. The results of five investigation bores have identified the presence of a prospective aquifer which may be suitable as a supply source. Council is underway with drilling tests bores to determine likely yields and quality of water for a potable water supply.

Drilling commenced on Tuesday 17 August. Work was put on hold during Covid Lockdown and has recommenced with early indication on water quality being positive. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in November 2021.

Branxholme Water Supply Main Tender

The Branxholme Watermain is at the end of its service life and seeing increasing levels of failure. A project to renew the main was approved as part of the Long Term Plan identifying this as a critical piece of infrastructure. The design of the watermain is currently being finalised and it has been identified that the budget provided in the Long Term Plan will fall well short of the total project costs - reported by staff to the June Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting. Design is currently being finalised for the project and is due in November 2021.

This project originally formed part of a programme of renewal works allocated to the Three Waters Renewals Panel managed jointly by Invercargill City Council and Southland District Council. As the cost of this project has increased it has been determined that this project is no longer appropriate to award to the panel and the project will be tendered to the open market in January 2022.

Recycling Acceptance Contract

Council's Recyclables Acceptance Contract comes to an end on 31 December 2021. Council has commenced discussions with the existing contractor, Southland disAbility Enterprises, on extending the existing contract. This is to allow time for central government to complete a number of key initiatives expected to impact on future waste and recycling services to ensure Council is investing in the right waste minimisation outcomes as part of tendering any new contracts.

Key Government initiatives include development of a national waste strategy, to set the waste direction and guide investment over the coming decades, updating of legislation and policy guidance aimed at accelerating New Zealand's transition towards a circular economy.

Free Bus Travel for COVID-19 Vaccination

Council is pleased to be working with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to support the COVID-19 vaccine programme by offering free bus trips for the community to and from vaccination appointments.

The free travel will be available for anyone heading for a vaccination. Passengers just need to show the driver their appointment confirmation - either letter, email or text.

Passengers are advised to follow all Government advice at all alert levels when waiting for and on board all of its services.