

Minutes Infrastructure and Planning Committee 24 July 2025

 WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 24 JULY 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Councillors J Pullar (Chairperson), A Iles, G Dennis, J Jukes, T O’Brien, N Tánczos, T Boynton and N Rangiaho <i>Via Teams: Councillor W James</i>
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (General Manager Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure), L Woolsey (General Manager Strategy and Growth), H Patrick (Kaihautu - Strategic Māori Partnership), N Woodley (Manager Policy Planning and Consents), J Sinclair (Senior Water Consents Project Planner), J Finlay (Manager Three Waters), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), J Metcalf (Team Leader Transport and Assets), M Read (Manager Ports and Airport Chief Executive), W Bryenton (Technical Administration Officer) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams: J Joyce (Project Manager)</i>
	Visitors:	C McKibben (Consultant)
	Apologies:	Deputy Mayor L Immink

1 KARAKIA

The meeting opened with a Karakia by Councillor O’Brien at 9:00 am.

2 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed. Attendees were also advised of Health and Safety procedures.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee receive the apologies from Deputy Mayor Immink.

CARRIED

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

None advised.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation was advised.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held on 29 May 2025 and 5 June 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS

8.1 Whakatāne Airport Statement of Intent (SOI)2024 - 2027

Refer to pages 11-29 of the agenda

Attendance: Councillor James joined the meeting at 9:05 am.

Manager Ports and Airport Chief Executive presented the report and noted that the OPEX expenditure for 2023/2024 (referenced in section 7 of appendix 1) would be updated before being presented for final adoption by Council.

The following adjustments were requested for inclusion within SOI document:

- Graphics be updated with photographs relevant to the airport.
- The narrative relating to sustainability (page six) be expanded to reflect that the airport is working to gain financial sustainability.
- Korero be included to emphasise the relationship iwi and hapū have with the whenua and the commitment Council must further deepen these relationships.

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Whakatāne Airport Draft Statement of Intent for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** that Council approve the Whakatāne Airport Draft Statement of Intent for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027 subject to updated financial information on section 7 of appendix 1.

CARRIED

Attendance: Manager Ports and Airport Chief Executive left the meeting at 9:22 am.

8.2 Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report – July 2025

Refer to pages 30-89 of the agenda.

The Project Manager and Senior Water Consents Project Planner presented the report and highlighted that the focus had been on water consent renewals and the development of engagement plans. The Tāneatua consent had been lodged, with other consents managed through a combination of in-house and consultant delivery. Early work had also commenced on wastewater consents, with progress dependent on the release of updated standards expected later in the year. It was noted that a cost-effective approach was supported using experienced planners.

Attendance:

Councillor Rangiaho left the meeting at 9:42 am and re-entered the meeting at 9:43 am.

Kaihautu - Strategic Māori Partnership left the meeting at 9:45 am.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report - July 2025; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **endorse** the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme - Programme (Project) Plan as attached in appendix A; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **endorse** the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme - Communications and Engagement Strategy as attached in appendix B.

CARRIED

8.3 Amendments to the Register of Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations

Refer to pages 90-108 of the agenda.

The Technical Administration Officer provided an overview of the proposed amendments to parking restrictions, highlighting the removal of 'broken-yellow' lines on McGarvey Road, the addition of 'broken- yellow' lines on Mill Road and Patuwai Road, and a proposal to install similar line markings along Soutars Avenue.

Attendance:

Councillor Iles left the meeting at 9:53 am and re-entered the meeting at 9:58 am.

The Technical Administration Officer left the meeting at 9:57 am.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Amendments to the Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations Report July 2025; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the existing parking amendments, and the proposed parking amendment, including the need for the amendments to be publicly notified, as set out in Appendix A 'Register of Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations Schedule of Amendments – July 2025'; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that once the parking amendments are in place, the Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations Register will be updated following public notification.

CARRIED

8.4 Approval for Sale of Lot and Irrigation Bore Asset at Paul Road

Refer to pages 109-117 of the agenda.

Manager of Three Waters presented the report and highlighted the intent for the sale of the irrigation bore was to remove liability and risk from Council due to the asset's condition. The sale would be subject to a resource consent application being granted to create Lot 1 with easements, decided by an independent commissioner.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the 'Approval for Sale of Irrigation Bore Asset and Lot at Paul Road' report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee recommend the Council **approve** the sale of Lot 1 (containing the irrigation bore), being a subdivision of Lot 1 DP 464274 at 122A Paul Road, Awakeri, as shown on Plan 1575-SC01 from 360 surveying to Paul Road Water Limited for the sum of \$1; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommend** the Council authorises the Chief Executive to sign all documents necessary to complete the sale of Lot 1; and
4. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** the sale is subject to a resource consent application being granted to create Lot 1 (with easements) decided by an Independent Commissioner.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:14 am and reconvened at 10:31 am.

8.5 Approval of Discretionary Speed Limit Changes

Refer to pages 118-171 of the agenda.

The Manager of Transportation and the Team Leader Transport and Assets both presented the report and the following points were noted:

- Public opposition to the proposed changes was noted, alongside the staff recommendation to proceed.
- The current speed limit for Site 18 (Ōhope Road) had been incorrectly recorded; it was clarified that the existing speed limit was 80 km/h, with a proposed reduction to 60 km/h.
- Further information regarding variable speed limits outside schools would be brought to a future Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the report "Approval of Discretionary Speed Limit Changes".
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that installation of new variable school speed limits will be installed by 1 July 2026, as required by legislation, and funded from within existing budgets.
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that speed limits are to be reviewed on a three yearly basis to remain relevant.

CARRIED

Councillor O'Brien requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

Attendance: General Manager Strategy and Growth left the meeting at 11:26 pm.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** to the Council to **adopt** the proposed speed limit reductions for sites 1-16 and 18-19 (as below):

Site #	Site Name	Location	Length	Speed limit (kph)	
				Current	Proposed
1	Withy Road	Full extent of the road	3056m	100	70
2	Te Teko Road – Urban Area	from Okaahu Road intersection south to existing 50kph area.	325m	100	50
3	Thornton Road - East Bank and West Bank Intersections	Thornton Road, 250m west of West Bank Road to 250m east of East Bank Road	750m	100	70
4	Wainui Road - Tio Oyster	From Tauwhare Pa Scenic Reserve southern carpark exit heading south for 830m	830m	100 (temp 60)	60
5	Thornton Road - SH30 to past Blueberry Corner	From SH30 to the western boundary of 462 Thornton Road	4650m	100	80
6	Shaw Road Subdivision	For the full extent of Shaw Road and adjoining roads, urban area	1000m	100	50
7	Thornton Beach Road (carpark and boat ramp)	From existing speed hump north to the end of the carpark area	570m	50	30
8	West End Road	From Vills Glade to West End Car Park	970m	50	30
9	Galatea Road - Waiohau	Current 80/100 speed boundaries	1970m	80	60
10	Pukehou Road – Waiōhau	Full extent of road	2900m	80	60
11	Papanui Road – Waiōhau	Full extent of road	1500m	80	60
12	Tawhia Road – Waiōhau	Full extent of road	1400m	80	60
13	Galatea Road - Matahina Dam	Top of Matahina Dam	2450m	100	80
14	Rototaha Road - Matahina Dam	Full extent of road	700m	100	80
15	Reid Road	From Awahou Road to 500m south of Awahou Road	500m	70	100
16	Airport - Tassel Drive	445 m east of end of road	445m	60	30
17	Valley Road	Commerce Street to Taneatua Road (full extent)	2500m	70	50
18	Ōhope Road	From Ōtarawairere Road to Pohutukawa Ave	1300m	80 (temp 60)	60

Site #	Site Name	Location	Length	Speed limit (kph)	
				Current	Proposed
19	Te Teko Road - Te Teko to Edgumbe	From Okaahu Road to Main Road	5800m	100	80

Members debated and approved the proposed speed limit changes for various roads, considering public consultation results and safety concerns.

CARRIED

Mayor Luca requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

The meeting was closed with a Karakia from Councillor O'Brien at 11:50 am.

Confirmed at the meeting dated
CHAIRPERSON