

Otago Regional Council meeting 17 September 2014

Attached is the agenda for the next meeting of the Otago Regional Council, which is to be held on Wednesday 17 September commencing at 1.30 pm. The venue is the Council Chamber, Regional House, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Copies of attachments are available from the Committee Secretary (see contact details below) or online at

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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Agenda for a meeting of the Council to be held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 17 September 2014 commencing at 1.30 pm**

Membership:

- Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)**
- Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)**
- Cr Graeme Bell**
- Cr Doug Brown**
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM**
- Cr Michael Deaker**
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**
- Cr Gary Kelliher**
- Cr Trevor Kempton**
- Cr Sam Neill**
- Cr Bryan Scott**
- Cr David Shepherd**

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: **Cr Trevor Kempton**

In attendance:

**Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday
15 September.**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

Robbie Gibson – update on irrigation matters in the Tarras region.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2014, having been circulated,
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NZ Transport Agency's Highway and Network Operations has requested a new project be added to the Otago Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015. This relates to the strengthening of bridges, as required, to enable the whole of the route between Dunedin and Queenstown to be capable of carrying High Productivity Motor Vehicles.

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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 6 August 2014 commencing at 10.34 am**

Present:

Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the public portion of the meeting held on 25 June 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Kempton and Croot.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - REPORTS FROM CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Item 1

2014/1086 **Chairperson's Report.** Chair, 31/7/14

The Chairperson's report gave an overview of his activities for the period to 31 July 2014.

A question was raised about investigation into the concept of an economic region, which would include a case study of the southern South Island. Cr Woodhead explained that new information had come to light following analysis of census data. Central Government wanted to work with local government to understand regional economies and how they were different from regional government values. He noted that case studies had been undertaken by MoBIE in Auckland, Gisborne, and Horizons, and Mr Bodeker was to follow up on a case study of the southern South Island.

There was discussion about different approaches to water quality in the Canterbury, Otago and Southland regions, and it was pointed out that Canterbury and Southland were not in a position to implement an approach similar to ORC's 6A. Mr Bodeker noted that the Stakeholder Engagement and Science groups were working very closely with Environment Southland and Environment Canterbury, and joint working group meetings with environmental staff at Invermay were common. ORC was a financial contributor to 'look up tables', which were quick guides showing how farm management could contribute to good water quality.

Item 2

2014/1084 **Chief Executive's Report.** CE, 30/7/14

The Chief Executive's report provided an overview of his activities for the period to 30 July 2014.

Mr Bodeker advised that he had reviewed the ORC's existing capital expenditure (capex) and asset disposal procedures and was confident that the processes protected against fraudulent activity.

Cr Woodhead explained in response to a question that the Audit and Risk Subcommittee would deal with matters of this nature in future, but he had asked the Chief Executive to address the matter now, and not wait until the Subcommittee was operational.

In response to a question Mr Bodeker explained that the CE had delegation to approve large capital expenditure for a specific project, and the delegation process allowed for more expenditure under a special delegation by Council. Mr Scott explained that the total amount was flexible, depending on the project, and needed to be organisationally prudent.

Councillors supported the procedure for staff purchase of surplus assets, including vehicles. Mr Bodeker confirmed that staff could access to the history of vehicles, and could buy them through, for example, Turners or Trade Me. This process avoided negative publicity about influence and fair market price.

A query was raised about the section in the report in relation to the Strath Taieri Irrigation Group, and comment was made that there needed to be a cohesive proposal and confirmation that the scheme was of benefit for the wider community. Mr Bodeker advised that Group members would present a proposal for the scheme, and if that was acceptable under the irrigation fund, a sum would be negotiated. He suggested that for clarity the comment in his report could be amended to read “ORC will offer ~~provide~~ technical and financial support” The importance of consistent irrigation funding and support across the region was emphasised.

The purpose of the North Otago River Form and Function meeting was to establish a protocol for what intervention or management, if any, ORC could take in assisting landowners to protect riverside land. It was anticipated that this work would be undertaken by September.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the Chairperson’s and Chief Executive’s reports be noted.

Motion carried

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3
2014/1010 **Financial Report.** DCS, 31/7/14

The report provided information in respect of overall Council finances for the twelve months to 30 June 2014.

Mr Scott explained that the income statement and balance sheet were provisional until all year end adjustments had been made. He noted the provisional result showed a \$1.5m surplus, which was mostly because of timing factors. The 12 month review would identify income and expenditure on a project by project basis.

A question was raised as to why there was a lower level of activity undertaken in the Clean Air Initiative project than was provided for in the budget. Mr Donaldson explained that there was low uptake of the programme in Milton for several reasons including close proximity to a coalmine, and the presence of a lot of older homes. He commented that support from Clutha District Council provided a higher subsidy which it

was hoped would make a difference to homeowners' ability to install appropriate heating and insulation. Publicity was carried out through leaflet drops, and an expo was planned for the town. He noted that installations had slowed down in Alexandra. In response to a query as to whether the subsidy was high enough, Mr Donaldson explained that the ORC's subsidy policy was fixed, and in some cases assistance from third parties had been sought. He noted that the subsidy could be considered in the LTP preparation process and funding policies review. Mr Donaldson confirmed in response to a question that Milton was not in Airshed 1, and Mr McRae advised that this issue would be considered when the air quality plan change was considered.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 4

2014/1069 **Appointment of Plan Change Hearing Commissioners.** DPPRM,
28/7/14

The report noted that under the RMA, hearing commissioners had to be appointed by the Council. The Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee submitted a list of commissioners for upcoming Plan Change hearings 3B (Pomahaka minimum flow), 4B (Groundwater allocation) and 4C Cromwell Terrace aquifer groundwater allocation).

Cr Croot moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 5

2014/1083 **Documents signed under Council's Seal.** DCS, 30/1/14

The report listed documents signed under the Council's seal.

Cr Bell moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 6 Reports from Councillors
Cr Gretchen Robertson – LGNZ Conference

Cr Robertson reported that she had attended the inaugural meeting of the Younger Elected Members Network, and was elected onto the committee to develop the role of the network. She noted that the Dunedin population had a relatively high percentage of young people, and encouraged the ORC to consider ways to attract younger elected members. Cr Robertson considered that the conference was successful, and provided good opportunities to network. Presentations given to delegates would be available on line soon.

Cr Trevor Kempton
(a) Regional Tour

Cr Kempton spoke about the tour which preceded the LGNZ Conference, and noted an address by Devon McLean about a rejuvenation project in Abel Tasman National Park, with removal of wilding conifers being an important part of the project.

(b) Combined ORC/ES RTC meeting Tuesday 1 July

The meeting considered the first draft of the joint regional transport plan. MoT representatives spoke about the Government Policy Statement which included economic growth, road safety, and value for money. \$3.5b was to be expended on roading projects in Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga over the next three years. A new activity class was to be created relating to the journey from market to port, which would include some arterial road improvement. There was no change in the funding mechanisms.

(c) Road classification conference 30 July
(d) Beyond Orokonui forum 2 August

The forum discussed how to expand the biodiversity values of an area covering North Dunedin and East Otago. Cr Kempton commented that a number of small biodiversity projects were under way, and also noted the presentation by Lyndon Taylor, Senior Technical Advisor, about Regional Services management of the Hamill land, which bordered Orokonui. Consistently the top environmental concern in the area was estuarine values.

*Cr Michael Deaker – Tertiary Precinct Planning Group meeting
5 August*

Cr Deaker advised that the Otago Museum had joined the group. An update was given on the Leith Flood Protection works, and the Group expressed appreciation for the works.

Cr Deaker was concerned that a major review of traffic, environment, and living qualities being carried out by DCC in the area bounded by Dundas Street, Logan Park, Frederick Street, and the one way system contained very little reference to public transport. This Council was not represented at

the meeting where the matter was discussed and there was no linkage with ORC's draft Passenger Transport Plan. Revisions were to be made to the DCC's Chow Hill report to take passenger transport into account.

Cr Bryan Scott – ORC/DCC hazards meetings, bus services

Cr Scott had attended a number of combined ORC/DCC community hazards meetings and considered the meetings established a high benchmark for future collaboration.

Cr Scott had also attended a presentation held in the Meridian to provide information on the bus services. He was pleased that ORC had gone to where the public were.

Cr David Shepherd – developing interest in rural sector jobs

Cr Shepherd had met with a science teacher at Kaikorai High School to discuss ways of encouraging pupils to become more interested in rural sector jobs, and to look at an urban farm concept being developed at the school. A management group for the project was to be set up.

PART C - MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Item 7 **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting** held on 24 July 2014, for adoption

Cr Kempton moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 8 **Recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting** held on 24 July 2014, for adoption

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 9 **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting** held on 24 July 2014, for adoption

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 10 **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on 24 July 2014, for adoption

Cr Neill moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 11 **Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting** held on 24 July 2014, for adoption

Cr Scott moved
Cr Brown seconded

That the recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

PART D – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	<i>General subjects to be considered</i>	<i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i>	<i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Item 12</i>	<i>Minutes of the In Committee portion of the Council meeting held on 25 June 2014</i>	<i>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. (S7(2)(h))</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>
<i>Item 13</i>	<i>Minutes of the In Committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014</i>	<i>To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence (S7(2)(c))</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

Motion carried

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

Chairperson

REPORT

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Report Number: 2014/1386

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Cr Woodhead - Chairperson

Date: 12 September 2014

Subject: **Chairperson's Report to Council - September 2014**

1. Otago Mayoral Forum

Hosted by ORC on the 21st/22nd August, we started with a workshop with the staff working group fine tuning the Otago performance framework. Staff will incorporate the feedback, including the need to have few (6 or 7) key measures, and present to the next Chief Executive's meeting.

A presentation from Graham Crombie, Chair Otago Museum Trust Board and Dr Ian Griffin, Director Otago Museum, updated members on the Museum work programme, future plans and visitor numbers.

1.1 Economic Development

Mayor Cull gave a presentation prepared by Sarah Gauthier, DCC Export Education Coordinator, and asked the meeting whether they considered the forum should be involved in the promotion international education via a "Study Otago" entity.

Mayor Cull noted:

- One international student was worth \$42,000/year to the economy.
- Nationally, international students contributed \$6.2 billion to the economy.
- 10% of the University's total roll was international students.
- Could there be improved benefits to the region by a shared approach?
- Currently in New Zealand there was no regional collaborative effort.
- 'Study Otago' would need support and an annual budget.
- 'Education New Zealand' was funded by central government, and aggressively promoted educational institutions recruiting international students.

Further discussion will occur at the next Forum.

1.2 Otago Rural Fire Authority

An update from Phil Melhopt. The organisation had now been operational for two months, and two board meetings had been held with the next due on 29 August, when an independent member would be elected.

The recent fire near Alexandra had shown the service had a good control and command structure.

The Region would be divided into five subzones; the permitting system and operational structures were to be decided.

Portfolios had been assigned to Deputy Rural Fire Officers: training, wildfire threat analysis, vehicles.

Business systems were being developed and a stakeholder Committee is to be formed.

2. Te Roopu Taiao

A paper on Maori representation by Mr Scott was discussed. This will be discussed by Runanga and if supported, ORC will need to pass a resolution to include a Maori constituency no later than 23rd November. If this occurs, it will trigger a full representation review.

The Te Roopu governance charter is to have some Te Reo added and will be signed at the next meeting. An update on LG/KTKO work programmes showed good progress. Opportunities for assisting local Runanga celebrate Waitangi Day when there are no Ngai Tahu celebrations in Otago were discussed again. Mr Bodeker, Ms Bidrose and Edward Ellison are to follow up.

3. Otago CDEM Group

A report from the CDEM Co-ordinator updated on the four committees recent activities. One of the actions in the Group Plan is to develop a Tsunami Response Plan. The scope of the plan has been approved by the CEG and a working party appointed. The plan will be for a coastal tsunami.

The Otago Group is to be involved in a monitoring and evaluation process run by MCDEM from November 14 to February 15. This results in a capability assessment report and is a follow-up from the 2010 report.

4. Regional Sector Group

LGNZ update covered the funding review working group's intent to have a consultation paper out by November. The Earthquake Prone Buildings Bill has been slowed down with two working groups set up by Minister Smith.

The 3 Waters Project gathered data via a survey. The information on potable/waste and storm water is aimed at understanding the state of the network. Key questions include, does the sector have the capability to meet future demand, manage asset replacement and renewal, meet increasing expectations and standards, and have the operational and management capability to meet future challenges? An issues paper will be drafted late September.

Bruce Robertson, Office of the Auditor General updated us on the Office's views of how councils should handle the upcoming Long Term Plan (LTP) as a result of LGA changes.

There were three key points that auditors would be looking for in the draft LTP:

1. Does the document give effect to its purpose?
2. Judgement has to be at a senior level; have Councillors exercised their judgement on key matters that must go to the community?
3. It must be crisp, clear and deal with the strategic intent of Council.

He reiterated, Auditors will still question staff on the detail.

A draft report from Shamabeel Equab on what are economic regions was sighted.

The Matrix of Good Management (MGM) project being led by Environment Canterbury is progressing. Workshops are to be held during August.

Environmental Monitoring and Reporting (EMaR) project set up to be the National/Regional environmental reporting framework is progressing with appointment of a steering group. A project manager will be in place by October and lead Councils have been identified for the six domains, with priority given to water quality, coastal, water quantity and air.

5. Other meetings attended

Mr Bodeker organised a meet and greet with Pan Pac Managing Director Doug Ducker and General Manager Lumber, Michael Reaburn. Mayor Cull and Mayor Cadogan along with Mr Bodeker, Mr Scott and I attended. Pan Pac, subject to OIO approval, have purchased the Milburn Sawmill and Millstream Drymill.

Mr Bodeker and I met with the Chair and Chief Executive of NOIC for an update on stage two of their irrigation scheme.

Mr McRae and I presented to the Shanghai delegation on environmental management on August 20th. We also attended the opening of the Shanghai Room, and I attended a dinner to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Shanghai Sister City relationship.

Stephen Woodhead
Chairperson

REPORT

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Report Number: 2014/1369
Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Chief Executive
Date: 9 September 2014

Subject: **Chief Executive's Report – September 2014**

1. Plan Change 4B Hearings

Due to a conflict of interest with Plan Change 4B and Cr Kelliher's involvement in the Manuherikia Irrigation development, Cr Kelliher has requested he be replaced on the panel.

Cr Shepherd will replace Cr Kelliher on that panel.

2. Regional CEO Meeting

A quarterly meeting of the Regional Council CEOs was held on August 20. This meeting provides a good opportunity to discuss matters of interest across New Zealand pertaining to regional councils and unitary authorities.

Key outcomes from that meeting included:

- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Review**

Within the regional sector there are 20 SIGs involving 750 staff. The SIGs tend to focus on natural resource matters and include water, coastal, water quality, hazards, CDEM, environmental monitoring, biosecurity, hazards and river management.

The Regional CEOs engaged an independent review of the SIG network to determine value and any enhancements. The findings of the review supported having the SIG network to ensure staff involved in similar work are able to maintain high technical competency and share resources avoiding duplication.

Recommendations to merge a number of SIGs have been made as well as using a project team approach across SIGs to pull together teams of finite duration to report on specific aspects of regional council work.

It was also recommended to look at areas of regional council work not covered by a SIG to consider one. These included H&R, finance and health and safety.

- **Benchmarking / Continuous Improvement**

The Regional CEO's have reviewed the way councils provide continuous improvement measures. ORC is involved in the regional council BASS programme (Benchmarking Administrative and Support Services) and the continuous improvement programme with the Otago Mayoral Forum group.

- **Harbourmaster Insurance**

A review of the level of cover and the premiums paid for harbourmaster insurance and whether federating the cover would be a more cost effective option.

- **Maritime New Zealand**
Results of the review of the Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code.
- **Tb Strategy Update**
A review of the funding options for Tb control.
- **Contaminated Land**
A common approach to defining and recording contaminated land.

3. CEEF Meeting

The CEEF group is the Chief Executives in the Environment Forum and combines government department and regional council CEOs.

The main topic from that meeting was a discussion document attempting to get agreement on a non-regulatory wilding pine strategy to eradicate wilding pines by 2030.

ORC has taken a more circumspect approach than other regional councils and the strategy document will enable ORC to better prepare a paper to a future ORC council discussion on the wilding pine issue.

4. CDEM Review

Work is well underway on the Civil Defence and Emergency Management review initiated for the Otago region by ORC. The report will look at the current delivery of CDEM services to Otago under the current model of territorial based operational capacity, and ORC having group responsibilities, and whether there are more efficient models for that service to be delivered.

5. Te Ao Marama

Fraser McRae and I recently met with representatives of Te Ao Marama to review the service delivery for the 2013/14 year and to prepare and set work plans and budgets for 2014/15.

It is pleasing to report that the process of establishing work plans where iwi involvement is required, and knowing that resources are available, has worked well and outcomes and involvement from Te Ao Marama have been forthcoming and valuable.

The same system has been used with Kai Tahu ki Otago with the same positive outcome.

6. Environment Southland

ORC has been providing support to Environment Southland within the consents group. Environment Southland had a backlog of work and ORC had surplus capacity. This arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future.

Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive

REPORT

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Report Number: 2014/1291

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Senior Policy Analyst - Transport

Date: 26 August 2014

Subject: **Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015:
HPMV route – Dunedin to Queenstown – bridge strengthening**

1. Précis

NZ Transport Agency's Highway and Network Operations (HNO) has requested a new project be added to the Otago Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015 (the RLTP). This relates to the strengthening of bridges, as required, to enable the whole of the route between Dunedin and Queenstown (SHs 1, 8, and 6) to be capable of carrying High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMV). The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) has considered this request, and recommends the project be added to the RLTP. This report recommends that Council vary the RLTP by making this addition.

2. The bridge strengthening project

This activity relates to the strengthening of bridges on State Highway 8 (specifically the Alexandra and Beaumont crossings of the Clutha River). This will enable the whole of the route between Dunedin and Queenstown [SHs 1, 8, and 6] to be capable of carrying High Productivity Motor Vehicles. The attachment contains the entry that NZTA's Highway and Network Operations has requested be added to the RLTP, and explains the project's objectives and the outcomes anticipated.

3. RLTP variation process

Transport activities must be included in the RLTP to qualify for national funding from the National Land Transport Fund. To include a new activity such as the strengthening of bridges in the RLTP, a variation to the RLTP is required.

The process for varying an RLTP is as follows:

- The RTC considers the variation request.
- Consultation is undertaken if the variation is significant.
- Council decides whether to approve the variation, and forwards it to NZTA to consider whether to include it in the National Land Transport Programme.
- The variation is made publicly available.

4. RTC recommendation

The RTC considered the project, and decided that the project should be added to the RLTP, as strengthening the bridges would improve efficiency in the transportation of freight between Queenstown and Dunedin.

The RTC considered the variation was not significant (under the significance policy in the RLTP). The addition of this project to the RLTP will not negatively affect any of the matters for consideration in the significance policy in the RLTP.

Projects that are not considered significant, like this one, are included in the RLTP without public consultation. Note it is not an activity that HNO would typically consult upon outside of an RLTP. The work will not noticeably change the form or function of either the bridge or the highway.

5. Recommendations

That the Council approve as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015, the addition of the HPMV route – Dunedin to Queenstown – bridge strengthening activity, set out in the attachment.

Fraser McRae
Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management

ATTACHMENT

Details of the proposed variation for inclusion in Table 12, band 1 (New and improved infrastructure for state highways) of the Otago Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15

Organisation	Project name	Description	Phase scope	Objective	Investment Outcomes
Otago Highway Network Operations	HPMV Queenstown to Dunedin	This concerns the strengthening of discrete bridges on SH 8, on the highway route between Queenstown and Dunedin.	Pre-Implementation And Implementation	To enable the highway route between Queenstown and Dunedin to be capable of carrying High Productivity Motor Vehicle freight traffic.	Improved efficiency in the transportation of freight between Queenstown and Dunedin. HPMV - High Productivity Motor Vehicles are able to carry 62 tonnes, as opposed to the standard 44 tonnes. Most simply, fewer truck movements are needed for like volumes/tonnages of freight.

 HPMV - SH 8 - Queenstown to Dunedin: **Pre-Implementation**

FAR (%)			Cost (\$)			Total cost for 3 years (\$)	Cost to NZTA for 3 years (\$)	Organisation funding (\$)	Expected duration (months)	Indicative cost to complete full package (\$)
2012 - 13	2013 - 14	2014 - 15	2012 - 13	2013 - 14	2014 - 15					
-	-	100%	-	-	145,000	145,000	145,000	NZTA	2	\$845,000

 HPMV - SH 8 - Queenstown to Dunedin: **Implementation**

FAR (%)			Cost (\$)			Total cost for 3 years (\$)	Cost to NZTA for 3 years (\$)	Organisation funding (\$)	Expected duration (months)	Indicative cost to complete full package (\$)
2012 - 13	2013 - 14	2014 - 15	2012 - 13	2013 - 14	2014 - 15					
-	-	100%	-	-	700,000	700,000	700,000	NZTA	6	\$845,000

REPORT

Document Id: A671288

Report Number: 2014/1373

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Finance Manager

Date: 11 September 2014

Subject: **Financial Report to 31 July 2014**

The following information is provided in respect of the overall Council finances for the month of July 2014.

1. Activity Expenditure

Expenditure for the Council's activities, including capital expenditure and internal charges, is summarised as follows:

	Annual Budget \$000's	July Budget \$000's	July Actual \$000's	Variance (unfav) \$000's	
Air Quality	753	67	61	6	
Emergency management	415	38	27	11	
Environmental Incident response	961	90	88	2	
Flood protection & control works	7,983	312	300	12	
Governance & Community	3,618	322	288	34	
Land	2,514	257	223	34	
Regional Policy Statement	899	84	73	11	
Regulatory	3,115	288	235	53	
Rivers & Waterway Management	986	85	72	13	
Natural hazards	1,040	94	91	3	
Transport	Note 1	11,119	949	858	91
Water	Note 2	5,187	476	370	106
		38,590	3,062	2,686	376

Significant variances are commented upon in the notes below.

Note 1 Transport

The prime reason for this favourable variance is lower than budgeted expenditure in the transport projects, reflecting a lower level of activity undertaken in the project than was provided for in the budgets. The variance is mainly due to timing issues including the funding of total mobility providers.

Note 2 Water

This net favourable variance is mainly related to timing issues and a re-allocation of resources. The Water Plan Implementation project has an unfavourable variance of \$43,750 largely related to the timing of costs incurred in the preparation of materials.

The other three projects are showing favourable variances mainly related to activity in July being less than anticipated in the budgets.

2. Income Statement and Balance Sheet

An Income Statement for the month of July 2014 and a Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2014 are attached.

3. Recommendation

That this report be received.

R W Scott
Director Corporate Services

Otago Regional Council
**Income Statement
For the Month of July 2014**

	Annual Budget \$000's	July Budget \$000's	July Actual \$000's	Variance (unfav) \$000's
Income:				
Rate income	13,543	1,129	1,129	-
Grant and subsidy income	6,030	502	485	(17)
Interest received	2,137	178	172	(6)
Other income Note 1	4,682	390	341	(49)
Dividend income	7,400	617	617	-
Rental income	921	77	98	21
Gain in value of investment Property Note 2	294	0	0	-
Other gains Note 3	0	0	97	97
Total Income	35,007	2,893	2,939	46
Less Expenditure:				
Operating expenses Note 4	30,177	2,651	2,473	178
Finance costs	1	-	0	-
Depreciation expense	1,515	126	148	(22)
Total Expenditure	31,693	2,777	2,621	156
Surplus	3,314	116	318	202

Note 1 – Other Income

This unfavourable variance mainly comprises timing variances and a lower level of income associated with a lower level of activity in related projects.

Note 2 – Gain in the value of Investment Property

Investment Property is revalued annually at 30 June. Accordingly the year to date budget and actual gain are reported as nil amounts to 31 July 2014.

Note 3– Other Gains

The gain recorded of \$97,000 reflects the increase in the value of the BNZ Managed Investment Portfolio for the month of July.

Note 4 – Operating expenses

Operating expenses are down \$178,000 on the budgeted amount, mainly attributable to favourable project variances reflected in the activity expenditure section above.

Otago Regional Council
**Balance Sheet
As at 31 July 2014**

	31 July 2014 \$000's	30 June 2014 \$000's
Public Equity		
Public equity	141,899	141,892
Available-for-sale revaluation reserve Note 1	350,535	350,535
Asset revaluation reserve	7,963	7,963
Asset replacement reserve	4,420	4,403
Building reserve	5,441	5,214
Emergency response reserve	3,584	3,571
Water management reserve	1,468	1,463
Kuriwao endowment reserve	6,033	6,020
	521,343	521,041
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals	4,675	5,824
	4,675	5,824
Total Equity and Liabilities		
	526,018	526,865
Non-Current Assets		
Operating assets	84,938	84,714
Intangible assets	1,788	1,820
Investment Property	10,024	10,024
Deferred tax asset	98	98
Shares in Port Otago Ltd Note 1	370,535	370,535
	467,383	467,191
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents Note 2	1,738	3,911
Other financial assets Note 2	51,348	52,053
Receivables	4,401	3,236
Other current assets	146	89
Inventories – stock and property held for sale	385	385
Dividends Receivable	617	-
	58,635	59,674
Total Assets		
	526,018	526,865

Note 1 – Available-for-Sale Revaluation Reserve and Shares in Port Otago Ltd

The Shares in Port Otago Ltd are included at the June 2014 valuation, and the available-for-sale revaluation reserve reflects the revaluation amount of the shares.

Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Assets

Funds surplus to the Council's immediate and short term requirements are managed on Council's behalf by the BNZ. An Investment Portfolio and term deposits with durations of 4-12 months are included in the classification Other Financial Assets. Current bank balances and term deposits with durations of less than 4 months are included in Cash and Cash Equivalents.

Note 3 - Comparative Amounts for June 2014

Note is made that the comparative amounts remain subject to final confirmation and audit verification.

REPORT

Document Id: A671094

Report Number: 2014/1371
Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Director Corporate Services
Date: 10 September 2014

Subject: **Documents signed under Council's Seal**

1. Précis

To inform the Council of delegations which have been exercised.

2. Documents signed under the Council's Seal

- Certificate under S417 of the Resource Management Act 1991 – S H McSkimming for Water Race No. 3548, Naseby Registry.
- Certificate under S417 of the Resource Management Act 1991 – G J Herlihy, for Water Race No. 1457, Naseby Registry.

3. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Wayne Scott
Director Corporate Services

Report back from Councillors

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Thursday 4 September 2014 commencing at 8.48 am

Present:

- Cr Trevor Kempton (Chairperson)
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Michael Deaker
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
- Cr Gary Kelliher
- Cr Sam Neill
- Cr Gretchen Robertson
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr David Shepherd
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apology:

Cr Graeme Bell
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Croot and Neill.

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Jeff Donaldson
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Croot.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/1244 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 20/8/14

The report detailed community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff since the last meeting. Cr Kempton noted the new format of the report, which combined the Community Liaison and Education, Communications and Media, and Customer Services sections into one report structured by ORC objectives.

It was noted that the questions being asked by the public in relation to Plan Change 6A were the same as those asked at the launch of the Plan Change, and indicated that people were seeking clarity on the requirements. In response to a question Mrs Leahy advised that staff had met recently with representatives from major forestry companies to discuss the implications of 6A rules for their industry, and were now planning meetings with forestry contractors.

The availability of presentation resources for field days was discussed and Mrs Leahy advised that relevant fact sheets were in production. A 'what do I need to do now?' resource was being developed in the form of a one page information sheet, laminated so that it could be displayed in working environments for quick reference. A programme was in place to develop these resources and keep them up to date.

A question was raised about involvement in the ECan funding application to run an in-house behavioural change project. Mrs Leahy explained that ORC had written in support of ECan's funding application, and had also provided financial and other assistance. She commented that the learnings from the ECan study would be useful for Otago, and it was anticipated that the project, if funded, would be relevant for air quality initiatives nationally.

The spike in visits to the ORC website on the snow day (Friday 8 August) was noted, with people checking for information on buses. Mrs Leahy commented that an advantage of having bus information on the main website was that people were then encouraged to look at other ORC services and information. A lot of work was being put into developing the website and making it easier to use.

The report noted the requirement under changes to the Local Government Act for councils to prepare a Significance and Engagement Policy. Mrs Leahy explained that the policy should identify at what point a matter should be consulted on with the public, and should distinguish between consultation and engagement. A draft policy would be presented to the next Committee meeting before being made available for public comment.

Reference was made to the DCC on-line system which regularly sought public comment on a range of topics, and it was suggested that ORC set up a similar facility.

In response to a question Mr Scott commented that the Council could develop its own set of procedures for consultation that was not at the level referred to in the amendment to the Local Government Act.

In response to a question about Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software, Mrs Leahy explained that currently staff were investigating processes used by other organisations. Mr Bodeker pointed out that some staff had strong relationships with individual ratepayers, and while these were useful, the establishment of an automated system would free staff to work more effectively on other tasks.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 9.20 am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee
held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Thursday 4 September 2014 commencing at 9.21 am**

Present:

Cr David Shepherd (Chairperson)
Cr Gary Kelliher (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Michael Deaker (for early departure)
The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Shepherd and Kempton.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Sharon de Vries
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the public portion of the meeting held on 24 July 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Kelliher.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/1243 **Electoral Systems.** DCS, 20/8/14

The report noted that at its meeting on 24 July 2014, the Finance and Corporate Committee considered voting systems, and resolved to invite Associate Professor Janine Hayward to attend a Council workshop to provide information on voting systems. That workshop had taken place, and the Committee was now asked to give consideration as to its preferred electoral system for the 2016 and 2019 elections.

Cr Deaker supported a change to Single Transferable Vote (STV). He particularly noted the points made by Prof Hayward in her presentation that STV tended to increase voting participation or at least stop it dropping further, and that the public generally saw the STV system as fairer than First Past the Post (FPP). He also considered there would be less confusion for Dunedin City voters if DCC, ORC, and SDHB had the same election systems. Crs Scott and Croot supported these points, but noted that a change to STV would put ORC out of step with the districts' elections, which were all on the FPP system.

Cr Deaker left the meeting at 9.34 am.

Cr Woodhead supported a change to STV. He commented that major issues were the visibility of the ORC list, and the different styles of voting, on the same voting paper.

Cr Neill considered that the presentation the previous day was inconclusive, and noted that prior to 2013 the Council had resolved to continue with FPP for the 2013 and 2016 elections. He did not see enough evidence to change.

Cr Scott moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That Otago Regional Council change to the Single Transferable Voting system for the 2016 election.

The vote was taken by division:
For: Crs Croot, Kempton, Robertson, Scott, Woodhead
Against: Crs Brown, Eckhoff, Kelliher, Neill, Shepherd

Voting was equal, and therefore the status quo was retained

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/1211 **Annual Return of Inactive Subsidiaries 2014.** DCS, 15/8/14

The report noted that for name protection purposes, three companies bearing the Regional Services name were registered in April 2006. The Companies Act required that an Annual Return be completed for each of the companies, which were inactive and did not have constitutions.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Neill seconded

1. *That it shall not be necessary for Regional Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.*
2. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*
3. *That it shall not be necessary for Regional Pest Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.*
4. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Pest Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*
5. *That it shall not be necessary for Regional Monitoring Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.*
6. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Monitoring Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*

Motion carried

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2014/1224 **12 month review.** DCS, 18/7/14

The report noted that formal reviews of progress on all projects were undertaken at four, eight and 12 months, and summarised project progress for the 12 months to 30 June 2014. The 12 month review document was circulated separately with the agenda.

Mr Scott noted that the report indicated that the annual report would be presented to the 17 September Council meeting, however this date was now not achievable because the final accounts of Port Otago Ltd would not be ready in time. It was likely that the report would be presented to a special Council meeting on 15 October.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 4

2014/1236 **Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014.** DCS, 20/8/14

The report explained that the purpose of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014 was to implement the Government's second phase of legislative reform to improve the operation, efficiency and effectiveness of local government. The report presented the key provisions of the Amendment Act.

It was noted that the Amendment Act simplified the annual and long term plan process, and a brief procedural document could be produced where there was no change from the annual plan to the long term plan.

Comment was made that ORC communicated well with the community, for example Plan Change 6A, Milton 2060, and hazards and contaminated sites databases.

Mr Scott also noted that S15 (Triennial agreements) had been strengthened.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 5

2014/1287 **Executive Report on Progress.** DCS, 25/8/14

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

Summary account payment categories

Payment Categories	July 2014
Trade and general payments	3,790,131.13
Payroll	613,273.91
Investments	2,000,000.00
Total	\$6,403,405.04

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule, totalling \$6,403,405.04 be endorsed.*

Motion carried

PART D - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	<i>General subjects to be considered</i>	<i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i>	<i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Item 6</i>	<i>Minutes of the in committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014</i>	<i>To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence (S7(2)(c))</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

Motion carried

Following discussion of Item 6,

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 10.13 am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Thursday 4 September 2014 commencing at 10.33 am**

Present:

Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
 Cr Doug Brown
 Cr Louise Croot MNZM
 Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
 Cr Gary Kelliher
 Cr Trevor Kempton
 Cr Sam Neill
 Cr Bryan Scott
 Cr David Shepherd
 Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Cr Graeme Bell
 Cr Michael Deaker
 The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs
 Shepherd and Croot.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
 Wayne Scott
 Jeff Donaldson
 Jane Leahy
 Fraser McRae
 Gavin Palmer
 Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/1269 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 19/8/14

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section since the last meeting.

In response to a question about the MfE National Policy Direction on Pest Management Plans, Mr McRae explained that the amendment paper discussed changes to the Biosecurity Amendment Act and how central government would work with region government on pest management plans. The paper was supposed to be available before the general election, but had now been pushed out to mid February.

A question was raised about the ORC's submission on ECan Plan Change 3 Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan. Mr McRae explained that ORC's concerns related to inflow back into gravels under the North Otago plains. This could make didymo and algal growth difficult to deal with, and compliance with national standards for chlorophyll would become an issue. Mr McRae explained that varying minimum flows to include a shoulder season created a better flow regime which could reduce didymo occurrence.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 10.42 am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Thursday 4 September 2014 commencing at 10.43 am

Present:

- Cr Sam Neill (Chairperson)
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Gary Kelliher
- Cr Trevor Kempton
- Cr Gretchen Robertson
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr David Shepherd
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Michael Deaker

The apologies were noted.

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Jeff Donaldson
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Sean leslie (for Item 1)
- Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Eckhoff and Kempton.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/1196 **Septic Tank Investigation.** DEMO, 14/8/14

The report explored the density, distribution, and risk of groundwater contamination by septic tanks in the Otago Region using a GIS-based approach, and by applying the DRASTIC model (**D**epth to groundwater, **R**echarge rate, **A**quifer type, **S**oil type, **T**opography, **I**mpact of the vadose zone, **C**onductivity of the aquifer). Potential problems with enforcement policies were also briefly examined. The full technical report was circulated separately with the agenda.

Cr Woodhead considered that Council was not yet at the point of adopting Recommendations 2 (That a prioritized approach based on DRASTIC risk modelling and septic tank density modelling be adopted) and 3 (That the Otago Regional Council adopt a plan change covering septic tanks using Plan Change 6A).

Mr McRae commented that it was necessary to establish the status of septic tanks throughout Otago, then consider how to address this issue in the water plan. Currently septic tanks were a permitted activity, however existing use rights would apply for six months from introduction of new rules, after that all owners of properties with septic tanks would have to apply for a consent. He also noted that the quality of discharge was linked to Plan Change 6A.

In response to a question Mr Bodeker advised that he was in the process of obtaining advice on the maintenance of septic tanks. Whether an enforcement inspection regime needed to be considered would be part of Annual or Long Term Plan discussions.

Mr Leslie advised in response to a question that currently the database could not differentiate between the types of septic tanks, but information had now been obtained about septic tanks that had been purchased, installed, modified or removed since 1998 that might be able to provide that differentiation. He commented that new septic tanks were not necessarily better than the old.

Comment was made that the report indicated where Council's efforts should be concentrated, and noted the need to tighten the relevant permitted activity rule in the Water Plan.

Cr Woodhead suggested that Recommendation 3 be amended to read "That the Otago Regional Council develop ~~adopt~~ a plan change covering septic tanks, using ~~Plan Change 6A~~ and the information contained in the attached." Cr Neill supported this amendment.

A query was raised as to how applicable the DRASTIC model was in New Zealand. Mr Bodeker pointed out that the model was only one tool,

and others should be considered. There was agreement that Recommendation 2 be deleted.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Croot seconded

1. *That the Septic Tank Report be noted.*
2. *That the Otago Regional Council develop a plan change covering septic tanks, based on the information contained in the attached.*

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2014/0847 **Summary of Dairy Farm Inspections for 2013/14.** DEMO, 6/8/14

The report described the findings of the 2013/14 annual inspections of dairy farms in the Otago Region.

In response to a question about potential effects from discharges, Mr McRae explained that the Water Plan set up a regime where landholders were permitted to carry out certain activities subject to conditions designed to address potential effects. Landholders could be prosecuted for breaching a rule, and Mr Bodeker further explained that enforcement was different depending on whether a breach had occurred, as there was a different degree of impact.

Councillors were pleased to see proposed changes to the dairy inspection regime which would result in a shift from the annual dairy inspection for every farm to a risk management approach.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3

2014/1126 **Annual Compliance Summary 2013/14.** DEMO, 8/8/14

The report summarised the compliance activities and consent conditions for the 2013/14 year for all major consent holders and permitted activities.

In response to a question about flows from tile drains, Mr McRae noted that there was a control point where a drain flowed into a river, lake or wetland. If the discharge at that point did not comply with the permitted activity rule, the landholder had to take action. He commented landowners needed to address all discharges, regardless of size.

Attention was drawn to Figure 8 Discharge and Water Take Compliance Grading. Mr Donaldson advised that there were issues with failing infrastructure in both Queenstown and Dunedin City, and staff were working with DCC to identify locations of non compliance. Work on improvements to infrastructure was also under way with other district councils.

Ongoing problems with water meter installations were noted.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Kempton seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2014/1110

Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report. DEMO, 22/8/14

The report details water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 13 July to 25 July 2014.

In response to a question Mr Donaldson advised that the Hawea groundwater site information would be contained in the State of the Environment monitoring report which would be available on the Council's website

It was noted that 40 consent holders were yet to make a commitment to install water meters. Mr Donaldson advised that these were predominantly in Central Otago, in some cases relating to irrigation companies. Where one meter was put in place to serve three landholdings, the other consents could be surrendered

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 5
2014/1256 **Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update.** DPPRM, 22/8/14

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 1 July to 15 August 2014.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 6
2014/1160 **RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.**
DPPRM, 12/8/14

The report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period 1 July to 12 August.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 7
2014/1191 **Appointment of Hearing Commissioners August 2014.**
DPPRM, 14/8/14

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 14 August 2014.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Thursday 4 September 2014 commencing at 8.30 am**

Present:

Cr Bryan Scott (Chairperson)
Cr Doug Brown (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apology:

Cr Graeme Bell
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Scott and Kelliher.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Michael Goldsmith
Jacob Williams
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Croot.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/0758

Flood and Erosion hazard information for the Upper Clutha Valley between Queensberry and Lake Dunstan. DEHS, 29/7/14

The report summarised the full technical report 'Flood and erosion hazard in the Clutha River/Mata-Au between Queensberry and Lake Dunstan' (circulated with the agenda) which drew on the results of earlier technical investigations, and recent modelling of flood hazard in the Upper Clutha Valley.

Dr Palmer noted that the report was an amalgamation of existing and new information, and discussions would be held with CODC on how to synchronise this information with their District Plan review.

Comment was made that the information in the report would be useful for consideration of subdivisions requested for this area because the river could get high and stay high for a while. It was also noted that the report would be useful for NZTA, given that flooding in the Lochar Burn and Tinwald Burn could impact on State Highway 8.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Kempton seconded

That:

1. *The report 'Flood and erosion hazard in the Clutha River/ Mata-Au between Queensberry and Lake Dunstan' be received.*
2. *The Upper Clutha Valley community be informed of the revised hazard information at a community meeting.*
3. *The report and its associated flood hazard maps be provided to the Central Otago District Council for incorporation into the revision of the Central Otago District Plan.*

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/1077

Channel morphology of the Waianakarua and Shag rivers. DEHS, 29/7/14

Two reports 'Channel morphology of the Waianakarua River, Otago' and 'Channel morphology of the Shag River/Waihemo, Otago' were circulated with the agenda. The reports summarised the results of surveys of cross-sections of the Waianakarua and Shag rivers.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That:

1. *The report be received and noted.*
2. *The two channel morphology reports (circulated with the agenda) be presented to the Waitaki District Council, and to the Waianakarua and Shag valley communities.*

Motion carried

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2014/0941 **Director's Report on Progress.** DEHS, 9/7/14

The report described progress with the Leith Flood Protection Scheme, and discussed proposed work on repeat State Highway 1 flooding near Hilderthorpe.

In relation to SH1 flooding near Hilderthorpe, Cr Kempton advised that NZTA would put up a project to the Regional Transport Committee under the resilience banner for funding to address this issue. It was unlikely to be a major cost.

A question was raised as to whether there were any solutions to the frequent flooding in this area. Dr Palmer explained that the investigation proposed would take a more holistic approach than those in the past. He also advised that KiwiRail would be invited to participate in the group to scope the investigation.

In relation to the Leith Flood Protection Scheme, Dr Palmer advised that subsequent to the report being written, the pier had been constructed and micropiling completed, and the contractor had now substantially completed the instream work.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 8.47 am.

Chairperson