

Otago Regional Council meeting 16 September 2015

Attached is the agenda for the next Council meeting of the Otago Regional Council, which is to be held on Wednesday 16 September commencing at 10.30 am. The venue is the Council Chamber, 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 an Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 16 September 2015 commencing at 10.30 am**

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:

In attendance:

Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday 14 September.

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Jen Olsen, TPPA

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PART F – PUBLIC EXCLUSION

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:

	General subjects to be considered	Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution	Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution
Item 14	Minutes of the In Committee portion of the Council meeting held on 5 August 2015, for adoption	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority.	S.48(1)(a)(i)

Item 15	Minutes of the In Committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 2 September 2015, for adoption	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority. (S72(f)(i))	S.48(1)(a)(i)
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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.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 5 August 2015 commencing at 10.30 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

**Request for Leave of
Absence:**

Cr Louise Croot
 The request for leave of absence was approved on the motion of
 Crs Woodhead and Neill.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Jeff Donaldson
Nick Donnelly
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of

- (1) the Ordinary meeting held on 24 June 2015, and
 - (2) the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 22 July 2015
- having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Shepherd and Croot.

Matters arising from the minutes

- (1) Ordinary Council meeting 24 June – Item 12 Annual meeting of Kakanui Ratepayers and Improvement Society – Cr Brown noted a correction to the minutes to show that the Kakanui Water Allocation Committee gave a presentation ~~was elected~~ at the meeting.
- (2) Extraordinary Council meeting 22 July – Cr Woodhead advised that staff had decided to withdraw the request for designation for future work in the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme Chute area. The designation would have covered two residential properties, and could have impacts on the landowners. It was decided that as the work was planned for 2018 or later, the application for designation did not need to be made at this stage.

PART A – CHAIRPERSON’S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORTS

Item 1

2015/1073 **Chairperson’s report.** Chair, 31/7/15

The Chairperson provided an overview of his activities for the period to 31 July 2015.

Cr Woodhead referred to the LGNZ Conference and commented that Paula Bennett, Minister of Local Government, had emphasised the message from Government encouraging local authorities to focus on the issues that communities considered were important. His impression was that change would not be forced, but was expected.

Comment was made on the suggestion that there would be a commission to look at local government structures nationally. It was considered it would be useful to have a paper detailing the ways ORC was collaborating with at district and regional level, and listing more opportunities to extend this collaboration.

Mr Bodeker noted discussion at regional chief executive level about the role of regional councils and territorial authorities in relation to water supply and water treatment.

In response to a question about the South Island Freight Plan, Cr Woodhead pointed to the need for discussion in Dunedin about more development to deal with growth. There had been improvements to/increases in the roading network, but rail, shipping and air had not been included in the discussion. NZTA, local government and industry have been involved in preparing the Plan but Cr Woodhead considered that from a national perspective South Island documents were not directive and would not deliver needed results.

Item 2
2015/1066 **Chief Executive's Report.** CE, 29/7/15

The Chief Executive provided an overview of his activities for the period to 29 July 2015. The following matters were discussed further:

- Review of local government funding – Mr Bodeker was a member of the working group, and his report listed 10 proposals developed by the group. He explained that LGNZ and the Minister of Local Government would discuss the proposals.
 - Proposal 1 - to advance 'special zones' to test new ideas for growth
 - The government had provided assistance to Northland, East Coast and Manawatu. Mr Bodeker commented that because Otago had good economic growth, it was unlikely to be considered as a 'special zone'.
 - Proposal 7 – Councils should be able to retain a share of any value uplift – a concern was expressed that this could create a potential for councils to go beyond their fundamental brief.
 - A question was raised as to why the RMA was not included in this work. Mr Bodeker explained that it had been decided not to include the RMA in this activity while the RMA reforms were under way, but a review had now commenced into a fit for purpose resource management regime.
- The appointment of Chris Hawker to the position of CDEM Group Manager/Controller was noted. Mr Hawker would commence with ORC on 2 November.
- PC1C implementation - work was already under way and staff were engaging with affected individual farmers and groups. The activity involved staff across Council, and was expected to conclude in the next 2-3 weeks.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the Chairperson's and Chief Executive's reports be received.

Motion carried

PART B – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 3
2015/1069 **National Bovine Tb Plan Review.** DCS, 30/7/15

The report explained that the review of the National Tb Plan had concluded that it should be possible to eradicate Tb from New Zealand, and submissions had been invited on the reviewed Plan. A combined

submission prepared on behalf of all regional councils and unitary authorities was attached to the report.

Mr Donnelly noted that proposed changes to the funding structure would remove regional funding. He considered that the combined submission prepared by LGNZ on behalf of all regional councils should be endorsed, rather than Council preparing a separate submission.

Comment was made that the reviewed Plan did not give confidence that eradication of Tb would be achieved. Cr Woodhead explained that when TbFree NZ was established, control of the disease was seen to be a regional benefit, and was funded through a local share. The number of affected herds had now reduced, and Tb had been eradicated in two sites in New Zealand. The funding review saw this as an industry issue, with the government being one of the vectors as some of the infected herds were on Conservation land. There would be little change to Government funding but there would be gains through efficiencies in testing and new technology.

The proposed new funding system was considered to be fairer than the previous system as it meant that people areas which had never had Tb were now not being rated.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Eckhoff seconded

- (i) *That the report be received.*
- (ii) *That the Council support the submission being made on behalf of all regional councils, as attached.*

Motion carried

Item 4

2015/0896 **Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago. DPPRP, 6/5/15**

The report presented for Council's decision the recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago. The minutes of the Hearing Committee deliberations, recommending report on decisions requested, Proposed Plan Change Waiwera catchment minimum flow, and S32A evaluation report were circulated separately with the agenda.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That Council:

1. *Adopt the recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago as its decision;*
2. *Publicly notify its decisions on Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago on Saturday 8 August 2015; and*
3. *Notify submitters of its decision.*

Motion carried

Item 5

2015/1007 **Making Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) operative.**
DPPRM, 24/6/16

The report explained that Proposed Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago could now be approved as the appeal had been resolved. Circulated separately with the agenda were appendices (1) Consent Order, (2) Plan Change 4B, and (3) schedule of minor changes.

Mr McRae explained that the plan change clarified wording to differentiate between gravel based and hard rock aquifers which did not have an allocatable calculable resource.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the Council:

- (i) *Approve Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) attached to this report as Appendix 2, and incorporate these provisions into the Operative Water Plan; and*
- (ii) *Approve minor changes made to Proposed 4B (Groundwater allocation) under clause 16(2) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, attached as a table in Appendix 2; and*
- (iii) *Affix Council's seal to Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago; and*
- (iv) *Make Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago operative on Tuesday 1 September 2015, and publicly notify this date on Saturday, 15 August 2015.*

Motion carried

Item 6
2015/0912 **Making Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) operative.** DPPRM, 4/6/15

The report explained that Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago could now be approved as the appeal had been resolved. Circulated separately with the agenda were appendices (1) Consent Order, (2) Plan Change 4C, and (3) schedule of minor changes.

In response to a question about an appeal by Contact Energy, Mr McRae explained that Contact was happy with water being taken for irrigation during summer, but not during winter because that was their peak time for power production. Constraints in the Plan Change now limited the taking of water for irrigation during winter.

Cr Scott moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the Council:

- (i) *Approve Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) attached to this report as Appendix 2, and incorporate these provisions into the Operative Water Plan; and*
- (ii) *Approve minor changes made to Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) under clause 16(2) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, attached as a table in Appendix 2; and*
- (iii) *Affix Council's seal to Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago; and*
- (iv) *Make Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago operative on Saturday, 1 September 2015, and publicly notify this date on Saturday, 15 August 2015.*

Motion carried

PART C – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 7
2015/1063 **Provisional Financial Report to 30 June 2015.** DCS, 30/7/15

The report provided information in respect of the overall Council finances for the twelve months to 30 June 2015. It was noted that this was a provisional report as some charges and year end adjustments were yet to be completed.

Unfavourable variances for 6A Water Plan Implementation and Water Quality and Quantity State of the Environment (SoE) reporting were noted. Mr Bodeker explained that these variances were affected by where staff time costs were allocated to, and he also noted the decision that had been made to put more work into PC6A. Mr Donaldson referred to the SoE report and commented that a lot of work carried out during the summer low flow event was not budgeted for, but had resulted in the collation of information that would be valuable for future events. Mr Bodeker explained in response to a question that the 6A Implementation programme was in the process of being developed, which in some cases had highlighted more activity that needed to be done, for example testing options to engage farmers.

Councillors were concerned that over or under expenditure could result from poor programme planning, and the community would expect information on rates increases to be timely and on budget. There was concern that the underspend on PC1C would set Council back with 2021 looming. The importance of a well communicated implementation strategy for PC1C was noted. The 1:1 farm visits and 500 water samples for PC6A were noted and it was queried whether they were budgeted for initially, and included in the SoE reporting. A suggestion was made that the drought work be taken out of the 6A/1C SoE regime. Mr Bodeker pointed out that the drought could not be budgeted for, and drought costs were not associated with normal SoE monitoring.

Mr Bodeker noted that engineering design proposed for work on the Leith Flood Protection Scheme this year had been reviewed. Some of the work had been stopped or changed, with the resulting underspend of \$1.4m. This change would have a better impact on ratepayers in the long term. It was suggested that these changes of scope or programme be highlighted in the financial report.

Other gains of \$918,000 were noted, and comment was made that this was not budgeted for and the percentage return was not given. Mr Donnelly explained that this figure represented an increase in the managed fund, and he pointed out that this was difficult to budget for.

A question was raised in relation to why the investment properties referred to in the provisional income statement were not held by Chalmers Properties. Mr Donnelly explained that the properties were held for possible future flood works in North East Valley, and commented that for clarity the item could be renamed 'Properties held for sale'.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 8

2015/1059 **Documents signed under Council's Seal.** DCS, 27/7/15

The report informed the Council of delegations which had been exercised.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 9

Reports from Councillors*Cr Kempton*

- *National Land Transport Plan* - Cr Kempton had attended the Dunedin launch of the plan which incorporated regional plans. Work on the Otago/Southland state highway was rated favourably.
- *South Island Freight Plan* – Cr Kempton had attended the launch of the Plan. He commented that the majority of freight was moved by road, with smaller amounts by rail, shipping and air. Cr Kempton was concerned that there was no representation from the road transport industry at the launch. He noted that work at the both the regional and national level was needed on the future of rail and coastal shipping.

Cr Deaker – launch of DCC's Environment Policy

Crs Deaker and Woodhead attended the launch. Cr Deaker commented that the Policy was important for ORC in relation to its approach to biodiversity.

Cr Shepherd – water management in the Upper Taieri

Crs Shepherd and Robertson attended a meeting in Middlemarch to discuss water management on the Upper Taieri, particularly water capture in tussock grasslands. Crs Shepherd and Robertson attended as observers, and Mr McRae was one of the speakers. The outcome of the meeting was a move to resurrect the Taieri Trust or similar to take an overarching view on water management. Mr Bodeker advised that a second meeting was to be held, and he noted that the ORC had offered administrative support to DCC's Cr Wilson.

Cr Scott –NES on forestry; marine reserves

Cr Scott had attended a discussion group meeting at Telford on the proposed NES Forestry, and a discussion group at Port Chalmers on marine reserves, the latter in his private capacity. Mr McRae was chair of the group and would make available information on transport and coastal planning.

PART D – MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- Item 10 **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting** held on 22 July 2015, for adoption

Cr Kempton moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 11 **Recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting** held on 22 July 2015, for adoption

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 12 **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting** held on 22 July 2015, for adoption

Cr Robertson moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015 be adopted.

Cr Eckhoff indicated that he wished to speak on this item. He commented that he had been on leave of absence at the time of the Policy Committee's 22 July meeting and therefore did not have the opportunity to participate in the discussion of proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management). He had advice that he was entitled to speak on a matter before the Council.

Crs Robertson and Shepherd left the room for this discussion because they had been appointed to the panel to hear submissions on the proposed Plan Change 5A.

There was discussion on whether the Plan Change could be discussed as the Council meeting item was to adopt the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting. Mr Bodeker pointed out that the discussion on the

matter had occurred at the Committee meeting, and the minutes reflected the decision made as a result of that discussion.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That Cr Eckhoff be given leave to speak on this issue.

Motion carried

Cr Eckhoff considered that this Plan Change was the most contentious that had come before Council. He was pleased to see that two independent commissioners had been appointed to the hearing panel, but considered that there should be three. The Plan Change related to one of two rivers in an area that was extremely water short, and the impact on those communities of the proposed minimum flow would be severe. Cr Eckhoff had read the reports which had been circulated with the committee agenda and commended Council for spending significant sums of money on them. However he was concerned that the Economic Report was based on a desk top exercise, and objected to the cattle/sheep ratio on hieracium-affected land. He saw an opportunity for Council to manage rivers at low flows for the protection of indigenous species, because to increase the minimum flow to 750 l/s would result in indigenous species being predated on by rainbow trout. Cr Eckhoff considered it would be acceptable to have one or two rivers managed by this council for the long term survival of indigenous fauna, and he hoped the hearing panel would give due recognition to that. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak.

The motion to adopt the recommendations of the 22 July Policy Committee meeting was then put and carried

Crs Robertson and Shepherd returned to the meeting.

Item 13 **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on 22 July 2015, for adoption

Cr Neill moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 14 **Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015, for adoption**

Cr Scott moved
Cr Brown seconded

That the recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

PART E – PUBLIC EXCLUSION

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kelliher 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 15</i>	<i>Recommendations of the In Committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015, for adoption</i>	<i>To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority. (S72(f)(i))</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>
<i>Item 16</i>	<i>Appointment of Port Otago Director</i>	<i>To protect the privacy of natural persons (S72(2)(a))</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 Items 15 and 16,

Cr Bell moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 12.22 pm.

Chairperson

REPORT

Document Id: A832906
Report Number: 2015/1135
Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Manager Projects
Date: 3 September 2015

Subject: **Annual Report 2014/15**

1. Précis

The Council's Annual Report for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 has been completed. It is presented to the Council for adoption.

2. Background

The Annual Report includes Statements of Service Performance for each outcome group of activities, and financial information of the Council and of the Group. The Group comprises the Council and its wholly owned company, Port Otago Limited, and its subsidiaries. An overview of some of the key activities for the year is provided for in the "Overview from the Chairman and Chief Executive" in the Annual Report document.

The Annual Report is separately circulated with the meeting papers, and is in draft form. Any audit matters arising will be finalised prior to the Council meeting.

3. Statement of Service Performance

The Statements of Service Performance for each outcome group of activities include planned levels of services and the key activities to be undertaken towards achieving those levels of service.

Budget information for the year along with actual revenues and expenses per activity are also provided. The Statement of Service Performance is based on the information included in the 12 month review considered by the Finance and Corporate Committee at its meeting on 2 September 2015. The individual project information considered at that meeting included detailed reporting on both financial and non-financial aspects of all projects.

4. Income Statement

The Council's reported operating result for the year ended 30 June 2015 is a surplus of \$3.261 million compared to a budgeted surplus of \$3.314 million.

The budgeted surplus of \$3.314 million included the following:

- Approximately \$550,000 of rates collected for the Forsyth Barr Stadium. This income was collected to repay debt, which is not an expense in the Income Statement.
- Approximately \$1.5 million of revenue from rates for our flood and drainage schemes, used for capital expenditure and repayment of deficit scheme reserves that are not expensed in the Income Statement.
- Approximately \$450,000 of grant income was budgeted to go towards the construction of two new stock truck effluent disposal sites, the cost of this work being a capital item, and therefore not in the Income Statement. A decision was made during the year that these sites would not be constructed.

The difference of \$53,000 between the budgeted and actual surplus achieved resulted from:

- Actual income received being \$447,000 below that budgeted. Reasons included:
 - Interest and investment income received was approximately \$200,000 under budget. Actual interest rates were lower than those assumed to be receivable at the time of preparing the estimates.
 - Grant income received was \$370,000 less than budgeted. This included the budget of \$450,000 for two new stock truck effluent disposal sites.
 - The dividend received from Port Otago was \$1 million greater than that budgeted.
 - Revenue from the Regional Services contracting arm was lower than budget by approximately \$800,000, and was due primarily to a decision made during the year to cease undertaking TB possum contracts as there are a number of suppliers in the market. Note is made that rabbit contracts are continuing.
- Actual operating expenditure being \$226,000 greater than that budgeted. Variations in project expenditure were discussed in the 12 Month Review to 30 June 2015 report (2015/111). Unbudgeted expenditure incurred during the year including dealing with the drought over the summer months.
- Approximately \$523,000 of other gains (revenue) above that budgeted being recognised in respect of the revaluation of investment properties and changes in the fair value of financial assets held.

5. Statement of Financial Position

The Council's Statement of Financial Position shows total equity as being approximately \$560 million, compared to approximately \$520 million at 30 June 2014. This difference of \$40 million is made up of a revaluation of Council's investment in Port Otago Limited of approximately \$36.8 million, and the surplus of \$3.2 million as discussed above.

6. Audit and Risk Subcommittee

The Audit and Risk Subcommittee has given consideration to the Annual Report and Financial Statements, and has recommended their adoption.

7. Auditors

The Council's auditors are Deloitte, who undertakes the audit on behalf of the Auditor General. Mr Brett Tomkins is the Partner in charge of the audit. The auditors will be present at the meeting to present the audit report.

8. Recommendations

1. That this report be received.
2. That the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015, together with the report of the auditors, be adopted.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

REPORT

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Report Number: 2015/1150
Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Chairperson
Date: 10 September 2015

Subject: **Chair's Report - September 2015**

1. Mayoral Forum

The Mayoral Forum was held at Central Otago District Council on 21 August. The first report on the KPIs Otago Councils have set themselves to compare performance will be collated following the completion of annual reports.

CEs are to discuss their councils' biodiversity strategies and report to the next forum. This will assist ORC as we work towards a Regional Strategy.

The LGNZ funding review was discussed. The ten point plan had examples that were relevant for parts of Otago, eg point 9 suggests councils be allowed to levy specific charges and levies on visitors where it is economically efficient. This would assist local communities who provide services for large numbers of visitors who put pressure on infrastructure, the cost of which is currently met by locals. Mayor Cull and I are to follow up with LGNZ National Council.

In place of a CDEM Group meeting, an update was given to the Mayoral Forum on CDEM activities including the announcement of the appointment of Chris Hawker as the Group Manager who attended part of the meeting to meet the forum members.

2. Otago Wilding Tree Trust

A meeting of the Trust agreed Land Information NZ be confirmed as associate members of the Trust.

John Sanson and Sherman Smith from Ministry for Primary Industries spoke about the National Wildings Management Strategy. They are refining the business case to endeavour to get Crown funding at the 2016 budget.

Updates were provided by the Wakatipu and Central Otago Trusts on their progress. The Central Otago Trust is still attempting to gather funding to start control work.

3. Regional Sector Group

Lawrence Yule updated on discussions post Minister Bennett's speech at conference. The Minister's view is that if there are things that can be done to improve efficiency she wants to explore these. She is currently drafting legislation which will enable things to happen without the involvement of the Local Government Commission, eg the Waikato waters concept.

The LGC will focus on big re-organisational changes, not on smaller changes, and will work across regions where there is some activity to work out how they can facilitate change.

The Hon Chris Finlayson addressed the regional sector members in his Attorney General (post settlement) and Treaty Negotiations portfolios. He updated us on the various settlements he and his negotiators are working on, predominantly in the North Island, and thanked the various regional councils for their support. The Minister went on to say that his office has done some good work on the general principles in relation to Iwi settlements and harbours. This will soon be socialised and engagement with local government will take place in November.

An update on the work occurring across the sector in the water area including LAWF was discussed.

It was decided that LGNZ will send another letter to the ministers responsible for the SuperGold Card review, objecting in principle to the funding changes to the scheme.

Minister for the Environment Hon Nick Smith addressed RSG. He is hopeful the RMA bill will be introduced this side of Christmas. The bill will retrospectively recognise the collaborative processes underway to give effect to the NPSFM. There is a strong view that sections 6 and 7 provide the environmental underpinning in the RMA in relation to water, air etc but are more relaxed with urban development issues.

Next steps for the NPSFM: the law will be clarified so the rules for extraction for stockwater will be consistently applied. Final decisions on RMA plans with respect to water will rest with elected members. Critical to the collaborative process is that there are no appeal rights.

Stock fencing will be worked through to an NES by July 2017; this will be refined into a practical package.

In relation to Environmental Reporting, the Minister noted the cost of collecting the data.

A review of the NESAQ has been signalled, it will be a big piece of work in 2016. It is likely to involve a move from PM₁₀ to PM_{2.5} and from a focus on days to overall long term exposure. Greater consistency on a standard for fireplaces is needed.

The Minister advised he is looking toward a LAWF type process to progress the Biodiversity NPS.

In relation to the NES for Plantation Forestry, the Minister advised that the NES is based on the principle that the level of restriction for forestry activities should be commensurate with the potential for erosion etc, and more work may be required. In relation to the sector not being happy with the NES, he will not move on the concept of the NESPF, and he is sympathetic to charging for monitoring.

Henley Hutchings presented their view on Regional development as preparation for a strategy session at the RSG in November. As a result of the recent CEEF meeting and a move towards being more strategic, a set of questions has been worked up with MBIE officials. The questions are designed to find out what the regional sector is doing with regard to economic growth.

4. Other meetings attended

- LGNZ/Iwi Leaders Forum MoU signing at Hopu Hopu.
- Reference Group meeting for LGNZ Resource Management system review.
- 'Welcome to Otago' address to NZ Biosecurity/NETs annual conference.
- LAWF 19/20 August.
- Dairy Industry compliance meeting.

Stephen Woodhead
Chairperson

REPORT

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Prepared By: Chief Executive
Date: 9 September 2015

Subject: **Chief Executive's Report - September 2015**

1. Dairy Forum

Following on from the successful meeting of dairy industry representatives on 17 August to discuss matters of compliance with respect to dairy effluent discharge, a smaller group has met twice. This group consists of staff from ORC, Federated Farmers, Dairy NZ, Fonterra and Open Country Dairy.

The list of farms ORC considers to be at high risk of potentially breaching ORC prohibited activity rules, due to the level of infrastructure on the farm and property drainage, and being contained in an at risk catchment, has been shared with the group, and the various organisations will discuss the current state of the infrastructure with those farmers during their normal interaction with them.

As agreed at the meeting on the 17th August, a combined media presence will be attempted and ORC communications staff have drafted a press release which has had input from the other parties. It is due for release week commencing 14 September.

The group has considered aspects of the definition of saturated soils and sought clarification on ponding rules and agreed on preparing a combined organisation fact sheet to cover aspects of what is required by farmers.

While agreeing to work collaboratively in an education process, the other parties have accepted that ORC will not compromise its regulatory duties.

2. Consent Processing

A review of the consent processing team's work has resulted in some significant and beneficial changes to the way they operate.

The first change is the use of a large whiteboard which shows the progress of every current consent application as it moves through the various phases of processing.

At a glance all Consents staff can see which of them has been allocated a consent and whether the consent has been parked as ORC seeks more information or the applicant wants time to discuss with affected parties. The idea of noting which consents are parked allows Consents staff to call the applicant seeking feedback on where the applicant's process is at regarding the additional information or collaboration that is being sought.

The other important enhancement to the consents process is the partnership with the Customer Services staff from the Stakeholder Engagement directorate. Customer Services act as the first response to all consent enquiries and are able in many cases to answer questions about the consent requirements, including sending out information if required. For activity

which Customer Services can't answer, they prepare an email which is sent to the Consents team and these are dealt with by the end of the day. The overall improvement within the Consents team is that they have fewer interruptions, enabling more concentration on the tasks they are dealing with.

3. Director Appointments

Scott MacLean is the new Director of Environmental Monitoring and Operations, while Caroline Rowe is the new Director of Stakeholder Engagement.

Dunedin born and bred Mr MacLean, who took up his role on September 7, was previously Operations Manager in the Environmental Monitoring and Operations directorate. He replaces Jeff Donaldson, who will move to Central Otago later this year and become Manager Biosecurity and Biodiversity.

Before joining ORC, Mr MacLean worked for the Dunedin City Council and prior to that, for the Department of Conservation on the West Coast and in Dunedin. His background is primarily in biodiversity, biosecurity, asset management, and contract management.

UK born Mrs Rowe, who commences her role on 12 October, replaces Jane Leahy, who is returning to the private sector. Mrs Rowe was Communications Manager at Horizons Regional Council in the Manawatu from 2010 to 2013, and also has experience in the health and private sectors. For the past two years, she has been project manager for the Land, Air, and Water Aotearoa (www.lawa.org.nz) website. The environmental monitoring website is a collaboration between New Zealand's 16 regional councils, the Cawthron Institute and the Ministry for the Environment.

4. Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA)

The Chair, Deputy Chair and I met with representatives of a local group opposed to the direction of the proposed TPP negotiations. A petition urging ORC to lobby government has been signed by 600 people. Ms Jolsen and Sir Alan Mark have requested a public forum discussion and this has been granted.

5. Colin Walker

It is noted with sadness the passing of Colin Walker who died August 25.

Colin was a staff member of ORC for 21 years, holding the position of Senior Resources Officer in Queenstown.

His position covered a wide range of activity from consent work through to initial investigation and reporting of incidents. Prior to his role with ORC, Colin had worked as Regulatory Services Manager for QLDC and prior to that various roles with Queenstown Borough and Lake County Council. As a result of Colin's long residency in Queenstown he was recognised by life membership in his local rugby club and Swimming Otago, and was also involved in amateur dramatics.

Colin was farewelled on the 29th of August by family and friends, including a number of ORC staff.

Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive

REPORT

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Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Finance Manager

Date: 11 September 2015

Subject: **Financial Report for the month ended 31 July 2015**

The following information is provided in respect of the overall Council finances for the month of July 2015.

1. Activity Expenditure

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

		Annual Budget to June 2016 \$000's	July 2015 Budget \$000's	July 2015 Actual \$000's	Variance (unfav) \$000's
Environment	Note 1	12,563	1,117	846	271
Community		4,043	330	318	12
Regulatory		4,114	343	264	79
Flood Protection and Control Works	Note 2	8,891	741	200	541
Safety and Hazards		2,051	173	76	97
Transport	Note 3	14,163	1,320	756	564
		45,825	4,024	2,460	1,564

Significant variances are commented upon in the notes below.

Note 1 - Environment

The most significant variance in this activity relates to the Water group of projects, with expenditure amounting to \$377,000 against a budget of \$629,000, resulting in a favourable variance of \$252,000. The variance is mainly as a result of timing issues and the diversion of resources from Water to other projects, including the Regional Policy Statement.

Note 2 - Flood Protection and Control Works

The favourable variance in this activity is largely due to the effect of capital expenditure.

Capital expenditure budgeted to occur in the month of July amounts to \$427,000 however only \$22,000 was actually incurred – a variance of \$405,000.

The capital and operating expenditure variance in the Leith Flood Protection Scheme amounts to \$350,000 against a budget of \$411,000.

Note 3 - Transport

The favourable variance of \$564,000 primarily arises from the Public Passenger Transport project with a variance of \$561,000, arising largely from timing differences.

The larger individual favourable variances were the Electronic Ticketing System Replacement job with actual expenditure of \$21,000 and a variance of \$234,000, the Bus Hub job with actual expenditure of \$4,000 and a variance of \$76,000, the Dunedin Bus Services activity with expenditure of \$427,000 and a variance of \$70,000, and the Dunedin Timetable Information job with expenditure of \$9,000 and a variance of \$29,000.

2. Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position

An Income Statement for the month of July 2015 and a Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2015 are attached.

3. Recommendation

That this report be received.

N. Donnelly
Director Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer

Otago Regional Council

 Income Statement
 For the Month of July 2015

	Annual Budget to June 2016 \$000's	July 2015 Budget \$000's	July 2015 Actual \$000's	Variance (unfav) \$000's
Income:				
Rate income	14,446	1,204	1,196	(8)
Subsidy income Note 1	8,258	764	421	(343)
Interest received	2,086	174	140	(34)
Other income	4,600	383	374	(9)
Dividend income	7,300	608	608	-
Rental income	1,100	92	100	8
Gain in value of investment Property Note 2	310	0	0	-
Other gains Note 3	0	0	325	325
Total Income	38,100	3,225	3,164	(61)
Less Expenditure:				
Operating expenses Note 4	38,731	3,423	2,461	962
Finance costs	1	0	0	-
Depreciation expense	1,751	146	150	(4)
Total Expenditure	40,483	3,569	2,611	958
Surplus/(deficit)	(2,383)	(344)	553	897

Note 1 – Subsidy Income

The budgeted subsidy income is directly related to the associated budgeted expenditure. The unfavourable subsidy variance is a direct result of transport activity expenditure eligible for subsidy being lower than the budgeted level, as referred to in the notes to the transport activity in the previous section of this report.

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 2015.

Note 3– Other Gains

The gain recorded of \$325,000 reflects the increase in the value of the BNZ Managed Investment Portfolio for the month of July 2015.

Note 4 – Operating expenses

Operating expenses are down \$962,000 on the budgeted amount, mainly attributable to favourable project variances reflected in the activity expenditure section above.

Otago Regional Council

 Statement of Financial Position
 As at 31 July 2015

		31 July 2015 \$000's	30 June 2015 \$000's
Public Equity			
Public equity		138,282	140,424
Available-for-sale revaluation reserve	Note 1	387,293	387,293
Asset revaluation reserve		8,063	8,063
Asset replacement reserve		4,883	4,865
Building reserve	Note 2	10,611	8,072
Emergency response reserve		3,753	3,739
Water management reserve		1,538	1,532
Kuriwao endowment reserve		6,190	6,167
		560,613	560,155
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals		5,028	5,604
		5,028	5,604
Total Equity and Liabilities		565,641	565,759
Non-Current Assets			
Operating assets		83,699	83,850
Intangible assets		1,559	1,553
Investment Property		10,124	10,124
Deferred tax asset		101	98
Shares in Port Otago Ltd	Note 1	407,293	407,293
		502,776	502,918
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	Note 3	2,065	4,228
Other financial assets	Note 3	53,234	52,560
Receivables		4,269	3,461
Other current assets		260	162
Inventories – stock and property held for sale		2,429	2,430
Dividends Receivable		608	-
		62,865	62,841
Total Assets		565,641	565,759

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

The Shares in Port Otago Ltd are included at the June 2015 valuation, and the available-for-sale revaluation reserve reflects the revaluation amount of the shares.

Note 2 – Building Reserve

The Building reserve includes a transfer from Public Equity of \$2,500,000 during July 2015 as provided for in the 2015/16 Annual Plan.

Note 3 - 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 4 - Comparative Amounts for June 2015

At the time of preparation of this financial report for the month of July 2015, the comparative amounts shown in Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2015 remain subject to audit clearance.

REPORT

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Prepared By: Director Corporate Services
Date: 10 September 2015

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

- Plan Change 4B (Groundwater Allocation) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago
- Plan Change 4C (Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago
- Regional Plan: Water for Otago as amended by Plan Changes 4B and 4C.

3. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

Report back from Councillors



Minutes of a meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees held in the Otago Regional Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Tuesday 1 September 2015 commencing at 10.35 am

Present: Otago Regional Transport Committee

Cr Trevor Kempton (ORC)
 Cr Kate Wilson (DCC)
 Cr Lyal Cocks (QLDC)
 Cr Alexa Forbes (QLDC – Alternate)
 Cr Guy Percival (WDC)
 Cr Hamish Anderson (CDC)

Southland Regional Transport Committee

Cr Ali Timms (ES, Chair)
 Cr Brian Dillon (SDC)

NZTA

Mr Jim Harland (NZTA)

Apologies:

Cr Barrie Wills (CODC)
 Cr Graeme Bell (ORC)
 Cr Peter Jones (ES)
 Cr Lindsay Thomas (ICC)
 Cr Nicky Davis (GDC)
 Ms Tania Baron (NZ Police)
 Mr Peter Bodeker (ORC)
 Cr Kate Wilson (from 1.00 pm)
 The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Dillon and Wilson.

In attendance: Mr Fraser McRae (ORC)
 Dr Jane Turnbull (ORC)
 Ms Janet Favel (ORC, Committee Secretary)
 Mr Russell Hawkes (ES)
 Mr Dennis Mander (QLDC)
 Mr Chris Bopp (CDC)
 Mr Tony Sizemore (NZTA)
 Mr Joe Bourque (SDC)
 Ms Jo Robinson (CODC)
 Mr Neil Campbell (KiwiRail)
 Mr Murray Hasler (GDC)
 Mr James Newton (NZTA)
 Mr Russell Pearson (ICC)
 Ms Sarah Connolly (DCC)



Confirmation of agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes of the Combined Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees meeting held on 13 April 2015, having been circulated, were accepted on the motion of Crs Cocks and Wilson.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Item 1

New Zealand Transport Agency Project Update.

Mr Harland gave presentations on the Draft South Island Freight Plan, One Network Roads Classification Implementation, and the Visiting Drivers project. The presentations and Freight Plan were circulated at the meeting.

1. Draft South Island Freight Plan

Mr Hawkes commented that the large quantity of bulk product shipped through South Port was not mentioned in the Plan. Mr Harland advised that NZTA had made submissions on that aspect of the Plan, but South Port was not satisfied with the resulting changes. He commented that while it was feasible to dredge the harbour at Bluff to allow larger ships to berth, the basalt rock formation of the harbour made this too expensive. Port Chalmers and Lyttelton had capacity for the larger vessels.

Mr Harland noted the need to establish a governance group to ensure continued progress on the Freight Plan. He commented that Canterbury wanted to work with southern councils to co-ordinate cross boundary freight considerations.

Mr Campbell noted the references to tonnes in the Freight Plan, and asked if an analysis of the value of the relative export streams been carried out. Mr Harland advised that Southland District and Christchurch had done that work for their areas, but he was not aware of it being done nationally. He commented that value was incidental from a network perspective but was critical from a reliability perspective.

The usage of rail vs road was discussed. Mr Harland noted that the ports were in competition with each other, and this situation had not yet been resolved. The port companies were not able to influence customers' movement of freight by rail or road and it was necessary for the ports to have this discussion with their customers. He confirmed that work was being done to ensure the data in the Plan was kept updated.

Cr Kempton commented on the difficulty of encouraging more movement of freight by rail, and noted a suggestion that part of RUC income should be spent on rail. Mr Harland commented that maintenance of state highways was well organised, but queried how maintenance of railtracks could



be funded under a commercial model. He advised that NZTA and KiwiRail were working together on this matter.

Mr Campbell commented that in the past councils and road users had opposed continuing government subsidy of rail. He explained that KiwiRail was now a line haul provider and freight forwarders decided how to transport freight. He also noted that KiwiRail did not have a trucking division. Mr Campbell suggested that now railways were not perceived as a competitor, the trucking industry might be more interested in a review of railways maintenance funding. He commented that Mainfreight, NZ's biggest freight company, was KiwiRail's biggest customer. In response to a Government request for a 20 year asset plan, the company had analysed line segments individually; in places rail had to be used because local roads could not support the freight volumes currently carried by rail. The southern South Island was a viable part of the network, and was close to breaking even.

Mr Harland considered it would be advantageous to have the Chair of either Otago or Southland RTC on the governance group, and he noted that Geoff Plunket from Port Otago was a member. The progress of the group would be reported back to the combined RTC meetings, and would feed into the annual governance group meeting. He said that the governance group would meet two or three times a year, with one major annual meeting.

2. *Visiting drivers*

Mr Harland commented that media reports on crashes involving overseas drivers made the situation seem worse than it was. He advised that NZTA had asked the Rental Vehicle Association to provide access to their data which would give access to information on numbers of overseas drivers as a percentage of total crashes, and about the distances travelled by overseas drivers. This would enable the risk profile to be better understood.

Cr Dillon noted problems with GPS systems directing Te Anau-Dunedin drivers to rural roads, and Mr Harland was to follow this up with the Police. Mr Harland commented that the visiting drivers experience should be packaged better, including:

- the categorisation/identification of state highways;
- advice to visiting drivers that many roads in NZ, particularly rural roads, were only 2 lane, which meant that allowance needed to be made for longer travel times;
- the risk/danger being distracted by scenery.
- Also, educate New Zealanders to help visitors.

3. *One Network Roads Classification Implementation (ONRC)*

The presentation provided an update on the implementation of the ONRC system.

4. *Kawarau bridge*

Mr Harland advised that the construction contract had been awarded and would be announced soon. NZTA had also committed to working with QLDC about transport for the area and another bridge further downstream. Cr Cocks commented that information needed to be provided to the community explaining the upcoming projects and how they were interlinked.

Traffic volumes on new bridge, and thoughts on BP roundabout:

- Current bridge carries 7,000 vehicles/day, 17,000 vehicles/day at roundabout.
- A lot of drivers were doing business at Frankton Flats.



- Eastern access road important.
- BP roundabout – concept designs being prepared – signals seemed the most likely solution.
- Eastern access road roundabout started, another to be located at Shotover Country. Noted roundabouts take up a lot of space.
- Double lane between BP and Frankton roundabouts, and plan to 4 lane that part of Glenda Drive.

The membership of the South Island Freight Plan governance and working groups was discussed. Mr Harland commented that RTC members could suggest names to him, and he considered that all South Island RTC chairs should be included in the governance group.

Cr Cocks moved
Cr Wilson seconded

That each Regional Transport Committee note the report.

Motion carried

Item 2

RLTP/NLTP Comparison Maintenance and Operations, Renewals, and Minor Works. Russell Hawkes, Environment Southland

The report provided the Committees with an update on the maintenance and operation, renewal and minor works allocations received by Otago and Southland Approved Organisations in the recently released 2015-18 NLTP.

Mr Harland was to circulate a table providing a comparison between funding for the past three years and the coming three years. He noted there was a 10-15% increase in the funding made available for these works.

Cr Wilson moved
Cr Anderson seconded

That each Regional Transport Committee note the report.

Motion carried

Item 3

NLTP Improvement Projects Update. Russell Hawkes, Environment Southland

The report provided an update on the current status of improvement projects included in the Otago and Southland Regional Land Transport Plans.

Mr Harland suggested that a basic business case was adequate for smaller projects, and also noted that projects could be submitted in parallel. He also observed that officers needed to ensure sufficient time was allowed for NZTA processes to be worked through. He advised that the Edendale



alignment planning processes had been completed, and the project now needed to be finalised between NZTA and Fonterra. Cr Timms requested advice of the date the preparatory work would be finalised, and Cr Kempton commented that provision of information on project progress would be useful.

Mr Harland advised that although specific finish dates were not given, all the projects listed in the report were expected to be completed within the next 3 year period. It was suggested that the table be expanded to include the expected timeframe, a status column using colour coding (red/orange/ green), and a column showing priorities. Cr Wilson suggested an addition to the recommendation 'and report on any variances to the timetable'.

Mr Harland advised that the Southland \$2.8m road safety project covered an extension of roadside improvements and other components. Mr Sizemore explained that the programme business case was virtually complete now, and some of the other business cases could be accelerated.

Cr Wilson moved
Cr Dillon seconded

That each Regional Transport Committee note the report and request all project owners provide details of their plans to complete the funding approval process to allow project monitoring during the next three years, and report on any variances to the timetable.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.29 pm and reconvened at 1.03 pm.
Cr Wilson left the meeting at 1.00 pm.

Item 4

Road Safety Update. Russell Hawkes, Environment Southland

The report provided the Committees with an update on the Safe System Approach to Road Safety and its implementation across the region's networks.

James Newton, NZTA Regional Road Safety Advisor, gave a presentation on the Safe System approach.

Mr Bourque commended the Safe Systems workshop run by Margaret Dugdale and encouraged the re-presentation of this workshop.

Mr Hawkes noted there was information on the road safety programmes run by a range of agencies and the RAG group would be interested to know what involvement the RTC would like to see.

Mr Newton commented that there was opportunity for greater collaboration and shared responsibilities across TLA road safety co-ordinators and with other agencies (eg Police, ACC), and for a high level working group to oversee the region and provide recommendations to the RTCs.



Mr Hasler noted the risk of ringfencing road safety to road safety co-ordinators only. Mr Newton considered that the title 'road safety co-ordinator' was too limiting as it appeared to be restricted to community campaigns only.

Mr Harland suggested that the RTCs should endorse specific targets such as reducing the number of fatal crashes to a specific number by a specific date. He suggested that the RAG bring a target back to this table along with suggestions on how it could be addressed.

Components that RTCs could influence were control of roads and roadsides, influence government on vehicle specification; and influence government and TLAs in relation to speeds.

Mr Harland suggested that a RTC subcommittee be formed to take leadership on road safety issues, and report back to the RTCs quarterly.

Mr Newton expressed interest in seeing a copy of the deficiency database provided to Southland District Council by a safe systems engineer.

Cr Timms commented on the importance of safety in all transport activities, and agreed on the need to draw up an inter-regional project.

Cr Kempton considered that the effectiveness of the road safety co-ordinators' roles could be enhanced, with a high level of interaction/participation. Mr Hasler explained that in Southland the roading managers governed road safety co-ordinators. He considered that there was opportunity to have cross-boundary work.

Mr Hasler left the meeting at 1.57 pm.

It was agreed to add a recommendation directing the RAG group to develop a proposal based on the discussion at this meeting, including a reference to systems in place in other groups.

Cr Cocks moved
Cr Kempton seconded

1. *That each Regional Transport Committee resolve to note the report.*
2. *That the RAG group develop a proposal based on the discussion at this meeting, including a reference to systems in place in other groups.*

Motion carried

Item 5

Cr Timms drew attention to matters arising from submissions to the RLTP hearings. She suggested that the RAG to look at these, and the work arising from the strategic front-end of the RLTP, and propose an action plan to the RTC. Cr Kempton noted the amount of work to be done and suggested that the issues be prioritised into high, medium and low priorities.

**Item 6****Next Meeting**

The proposed agenda for the next meeting was noted, and the following additional items were suggested:

- Public transport – update on the Queenstown review
- Discussions around road-rail integration (for a later meeting)

Cr Anderson moved

Cr Cocks seconded

That the next meeting of the Regional Transport Committees be held on 10 November 2015 in Balclutha, or, if required, earlier at the discretion of the Committee Chairmen.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 2.06 pm

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 10.46 am**

- Present:**
- Cr Trevor Kempton** (Chairperson)
 - Cr Graeme Bell** (Deputy Chairperson)
 - Cr Doug Brown**
 - Cr Louise Croot MNZM**
 - Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**
 - Cr Gary Kelliher**
 - Cr Sam Neill**
 - Cr Gretchen Robertson**
 - Cr Bryan Scott**
 - Cr Stephen Woodhead**
- Apologies:**
- Cr Michael Deaker**
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Croot and Scott.
- Leave of absence:**
- Cr David Shepherd**
- In attendance:**
- Peter Bodeker**
 - Jeff Donaldson**
 - Nick Donnelly**
 - Peter Taylor**
 - Jane Turnbull**
 - Fraser McRae**
 - Gavin Palmer**
 - Lauren McDonald**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Cr Woodhead and Cr Neill

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1087 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 24/8/15

The report detailed community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff since the last meeting.

Councillors expressed interest in having more opportunity to attend upcoming events where their attendance would be appropriate. It was agreed that Councillor attendance was appropriate at public events and ORC lead events but not always for activities where ORC was not the lead agency.

Mr Bodeker confirmed a calendar list of upcoming management events would be provided to Councillors for their attendance as participants or observers as appropriate.

Water Quantity

Mr McRae and Dr Turnbull outlined the five options currently being assessed for working with groups, including timeframes, level of Council involvement in advisory role, and education of consent holders. Staff would report back to Council by December 2015 on the community's key messages, and seek feedback from Council on the staff evaluated options including the costs, risks and benefits of those options.

Cr Bell moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.20 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 Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 11.35am**

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

Apologies: Cr Michael Deaker.
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Kempton and Croot.

Leave of absence: Cr David Shepherd (Chairperson)

In attendance: Peter Bodeker
Jeff Donaldson
Scott Maclean
Nick Donnelly
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Charlotte Stickings
Sharon Bodeker (item 3)

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Bell.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1130 **WW1 Commemoration.** DCS, 28/8/15

The report presented costs for the proposed distribution to schools of books relating to WW1.

All were in agreement that the two books should be distributed to all Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools in Otago.

Councillors were pleased to see Council marking the WW1 commemoration and agreed that the books chosen were suitable. It was noted that further long-term Council commemoration was not mentioned in the report. Mr Bodeker advised that he was to meet with Ms Sue Bidrose, CE Dunedin City Council, and would discuss other forms of commemoration.

It was agreed that a note would go in with the books stating that it was a gift from the Regional Council to the community.

Cr Kempton moved

Cr Bell seconded

That Council proceed with the purchase and distribution of the two books as detailed above.

Motion Carried

Item 2

2015/1114 **Inactive Subsidiaries – Change of Director and Annual Return 2015.**

DCS, 21/8/15

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.

It was queried whether ORC need to retain these companies, and it was noted that it was only a \$45 annual fee and meant that ORC retain the company names. Mr Bodeker was to report back to Councillors to confirm reasons for retaining the name.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Croot 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 Nick Donnelly be appointed as Director of Regional Services Limited and Wayne Scott cease to be a Director of Regional Services Limited.*
4. *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.*
5. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Pest Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*
6. *That Nick Donnelly be appointed as sole Director of Regional Pest Services Limited and Wayne Scott cease to be a Director of Regional Pest Services Limited.*
7. *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.*
8. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Monitoring Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*
9. *That Nick Donnelly be appointed as sole Regional Monitoring Services Limited and Wayne Scott cease to be a Director of Regional Monitoring Services Limited.*

Motion Carried

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2015/1111 **12 month review to 30 June 2015.** DCS, 20/8/15

The report summarised project progress for the 12 months to 30 June 2015. The full report was circulated separately with the agenda.

Mr Donnelly noted that this information fed into the Annual Report.

It was commented that there was a high level of deferment in the report and the view was put forward that more care was needed in the planning process to avoid deferment where possible. Mr Bodeker added that the level of detail being seen on planning for 1C/6A was being done for that reason.

It was noted that different work relating to water and air from that consulted on in the LTP had been carried out and these changes should be discussed by Councillors in a public forum to ensure community awareness.

Clarification was made that capital works money unspent stayed in the project and would be spent the following year.

It was noted that there had been an overspend on environmental incidents, and Mr Donaldson responded that it was not possible to fully budget for hours put into investigations.

It was suggested that a workshop be held to look at Council's position for this year's work and what was planned for next year, noting that a workshop could assist the strategic approach. Mrs Bodeker advised that the four month review process could be completed in time for a 25 November workshop. It would be useful to carry out a comparison with the previous 12 month review.

Mr Bodeker commented that the 6A overspend was expected, as Council had made a commitment to do this work. The main focus of work was additional to what was initially planned; field days, drop in sessions, and fact packs were all successful and this model could be used again. He also noted that reports on project changes and budget effects could be brought to Committee meetings for Councillors' attention in future.

Mr Donaldson confirmed that prohibited and permitted activities, dairy, and forestry audits had been carried out:

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Eckhoff seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 4

2015/1113 **Director's report.** DCS, 21/8/15

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

It was noted that David Benham would be in Dunedin for the 9 September Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting, and would also attend the Council meeting on 16 September.

It was suggested that ratepayers be reminded through the website and social media that they could pay their rates in installments and/or online.

Cr Croot moved

Cr Kempton seconded

(1) *That this report be received.*

(2) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule, totalling \$8,432,090.80 be endorsed.*

Motion carried

PART C – PUBLIC EXCLUSION

Cr Neill 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 5</i>	<i>In Committee portion of the minutes of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015, for noting</i>	<i>To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority. (S72(f)(i))</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>
<i>Item 6</i>	<i>The Charter of Understanding between Southern Territorial Authorities and Te Ao Marama Incorporated</i>	<i>To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority. (S72(f)(i))</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 items 5 and 6,

Cr Kempton moved

Cr Croot seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion Carried

Councillors noted that this was Mr Donaldson's last meeting as Director Environmental and Monitoring Operations, and thanked him for his work in that role, and for his assistance particularly to Regulatory Committee meetings.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 11.20am**

Present: Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies: Cr Michael Deaker (Deputy Chairperson)
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Robertson
and Scott.

Leave of absence: Cr David Shepherd

In attendance: Peter Bodeker
Jeff Donaldson
Scott Maclean
Nick Donnelly
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Charlotte Stickings

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated,
were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

Clarification was given that the submission was made by Council on the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry. Cr Woodhead noted that he was to meet with the minister on Friday and this matter was on the agenda.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1115 **Updating designation assessment.** DPPRM, 21/8/15

The report provided an update on ORC designations to be processed as part of the Dunedin City Council's district plan review.

A question was raised asking if the landowners in the Taieri had been updated on the designations. Mr McRae responded that they had not yet been fully informed but they were all being written to and invited to drop-in sessions where they would be able to look at maps and talk with staff. He also noted that following the decision made at the Extraordinary Council meeting of 22 July 2015, the request for designation of the Chute area of the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme had been removed.

In response to a question Mr McRae explained that ORC relied on the designation authority and the City Council would consult on the entire district plan which included designations. Members of the public could submit to the City on the plan, which would be notified 26 September 2015.

Mr McRae further explained in response to a question that a designation prevented a landowner doing work on their property which could have an effect on the designations purpose, such as affect ORC drains. Designations are used to protect public utilities such as roads, power lines, and flood schemes.

Cr Kempton moved

Cr Neill seconded

That the designation for the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme be altered in accordance with this report.

Motion carried

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1092 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 21/8/15

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

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 9.00 am

- Present:**
- Cr Sam Neill (Chairperson)
 - Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Deputy Chairperson)
 - Cr Graeme Bell
 - Cr Louise Croot MNZM
 - Cr Gary Kelliher
 - Cr Trevor Kempton
 - Cr Gretchen Robertson
 - Cr Bryan Scott
 - Cr Stephen Woodhead
- Apologies:**
- Cr Doug Brown (for lateness)
 - Cr Michael Deaker
- The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Eckhoff and Croot.
- Leave of Absence:**
- Cr David Shepherd
- In attendance:**
- Peter Bodeker
 - Jeff Donaldson
 - Scott MacLean
 - Nick Donnelly
 - Fraser McRae
 - Gavin Palmer
 - Lauren McDonald

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Kempton and Croot

Cr Neill welcomed Mr MacLean who has been appointed as Director of Environmental Monitoring and Operations effective from 7 September.

Cr Woodhead acknowledged the sad passing of long standing staff member Colin Walker. Mr Walker had worked in the Queenstown area for over 21 years and was widely respected for his experience and knowledge and will be sadly missed by Council.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1086 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report.** DEMO, 18/8/15

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 12 June to 24 July 2015.

Mr MacLean confirmed better communication was now in place with DoC in regard to identifying wallaby movements and sightings throughout the Otago region.

Councillors requested more insight into the details of the Audit & Inspection monitoring as it related to understanding the degree of non compliance. Mr Donaldson explained that the majority of non-compliance matters were minor in that data had either been received late or was incomplete. Mr MacLean advised that details of the levels non-compliance would be provided in future reports.

Mr McRae advised in regard to state of the environment monitoring that the Ministry for the Environment was now focusing on addressing one topic (air, land, water, coast) each year.

Cr Woodhead confirmed the National Policy Direction has recently been approved by Cabinet in regard to pest management. This outlined the national Pest Plan including the responsibility of the Crown to act as a "good neighbour".

Mr Donaldson confirmed there was a strategy in place for water metering and clarified that of the 152 meters still in the process of installation, verification of the data was the issue in that there was currently a limited number of companies able to verify data. Only those consent holders who are not taking any action in regard to installation of metering equipment would receive abatement notices.

Cr Eckhoff moved

Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 2
2015/1116

Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 21/8/15

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 1 July to 14 August 2015.

Mr McRae confirmed the Southern Clams Ltd resource application had been withdrawn by the applicant. 55 submissions were received on the application, the majority of which were in opposition.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3
2015/1093

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities. DPPRM, 12/8/15

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 2015.

Mr Donaldson confirmed 12 incidents were under investigation by staff at present prior to going through to the Enforcement Committee.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2015/1096

Appointment of Plan Change Hearing Commissioners. DPPRM, 1/9/15

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 1 September 2015.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 9.33am

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 9.37 am**

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

Apologies: Cr Doug Brown (for lateness)
Cr Michael Deaker
The apologies were accepted.

Leave of Absence: Cr David Shepherd

In attendance: Peter Bodeker
Jeff Donaldson
Scott MacLean
Nick Donnelly
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Michael Goldsmith
Ben Mackey
Lauren McDonald

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

Mr Bodeker confirmed that the Coastal Otago Flood Event report of 3 June 2015 had been provided to the DCC Councillors and Dr Bidrose.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1108 **Seismic Hazard in the Queenstown Lakes District.** DEHS, 19/8/15

The report illustrated the range of seismic hazards in the Queenstown Lakes District to local authorities, infrastructure managers, and other interested parties. The full report was circulated separately with the agenda.

Councillors thanked Drs Palmer and Mackey for a very interesting and detailed report.

A question was raised on the archiving of the Seismic Hazard report and if information was being shared with LTNZ and CDEM. Dr Palmer confirmed the integration of the report into the macro planning through the Lifelines Group, and the archiving of the report, maps and geotechnical data would be recorded in the Natural Hazards Database. Version 2 of the database was underway as capacity within the present database infrastructure had been reached.

A request was made to extend the report presentation beyond the QLDC and CODC Councils to include for example tourism operators. Mr Bodeker advised that a plan would be brought to Council for presentation of the information to the political level and then the wider community, including inter-regional.

The final paragraph of the Overview section of the main report stated that “the information would help reduce the seismic hazard to the Queenstown Lakes District ...” Dr Palmer agreed, that the reference should be to ‘risk’ rather than ‘hazard’. He advised that seismic hazard was covered in the Regional Policy Statement, risks would be noted on LIMs, and the Otago CDEM Group was to prepare a seismic event response plan.

Cr Brown joined the meeting at 10:01am.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Eckhoff seconded

That:

- 1. The report be noted;*
- 2. The report be presented to the Queenstown Lakes District Council and to the Central Otago District Council.*

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1088 **Director's Report on Progress.** DEHS, August 2015

The report discussed the climate situation, aerial geophysics survey, Leith Flood Protection Scheme, and Mosgiel/Taieri Community Adverse Events Response Plan.

A review of the low flow event of December 2014–February 2015 was requested as well as development of a protocol for a low flow event including identifying staff delegations. Mr Bodeker advised that this review had not been completed as yet and was being worked on currently across directorates.

Mr Donaldson advised that ORC was part of the National Drought Response and involved in the development of a strategic plan for across the South Island.

Councillors agreed they did not want ORC to be looked to or seen as the official predictor of drought, as this was not the role of this Council.

Dr Palmer advised a correction to a typographical error in the Aerial Geophysics Survey. The numbering of Stages 2 and 3 as stated in the text for geophysical survey should show Stage 2 as the portion that crossed into Southland, and Stage 3 as the portion in the Waitaki District. The labelling of figure 5 was correct.

It was agreed that the benefit from the Council investment made in the aerial geophysics survey needed to be maximised. Dr Palmer confirmed the information gathered during this survey had been secured, a review of the deliverables contracted by ORC was being conducted, and there was liaison with MBIE over the government's further work which would provide almost complete coverage of the Otago region.

Dr Palmer confirmed a site visit to the Leith Flood Protection Scheme was scheduled for 15 September for Councillors and a update report would be provided to Council following this visit. The intention was to award construction tenders for the Dundas to St David Street works by the end of October.

Cr Woodhead requested that the Leith Flood Protection Scheme project be entered in to the LGNZ infrastructure annual awards process for consideration. He noted the 2016 LGNZ conference was to be held in Dunedin.

Cr Eckhoff moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 10:30am.

Chairperson