

**Minutes of the Executive Committee
Meeting of the Taranaki Regional
Council, held in the Taranaki Regional
Council Committee Room, 47 Cloten
Road, Stratford, on Monday 18 February
2008 at 10.00 am.**

Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod D L Lean R F H Maxwell N W Walker	(Chairperson)
In attendance	Messrs	B G Chamberlain M J Nield P Ledingham	(Chief Executive) (Director—Corporate Services) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)

One member of the media.

Apologies There were no apologies.

**Notification of
Late Items** There were no late items of business.

1. Financial and Operational Report

- 1.1 The Committee received and considered the Monthly Financial Reports for November and December 2007 outlining the operational and financial performance of the Council for the month and year to date.
- 1.2 The documents signed under the Council's seal during the period to 18 February 2008 were noted and confirmed.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum and adopts the Monthly Financial Reports for November and December 2007
2. notes the Common Seal has been affixed to the following documents:
2007/18 Renewal of Lease. Renew of Lease 336915 – Lot 2 DP 5364
Mangorei Road, New Plymouth

08/024

Walker/Maxwell

2. Capital Expenditure – 2008/2009 Annual Plan

- 2.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to obtain approval for the proposed 2008/2009 capital expenditure programme for inclusion in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. approves the capital expenditure programme for inclusion in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

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MacLeod/Lean

3. Flood and river control works projects

- 3.1 The memorandum providing information on some current flood and river control projects and to seek Council endorsement of actions taken and approval of expenditure for work to be undertaken outside of approved operational budgets was received and discussed by the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the information contained in the memorandum
2. approves and endorses actions taken
3. notes that there will be continuing expenditure to complete investigations into upgrading of the Lower Waiwhakaiho Scheme
4. approves expenditure of \$43,000 for priority new protection works in the Lower Waiwhakaiho River Scheme.

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Lean/Walker

4. Combined application for maintenance of six regionally significant wetlands

- 4.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval for funding from the Council's Environmental Enhancement Grant for maintenance works on six regionally significant wetlands of Taranaki.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the officers reports attached to this memorandum, relating to maintenance of Lake Kaikura, Spence Road, Umutekai Bush, Huiakama, Nowells Lake and Lake Taumaha wetlands

2. approves environmental enhancement grants of:

- (a) \$9,200 for Lake Kaikura
- (b) \$4,475 for Spence Road
- (c) \$4791 for Umutekai Bush
- (d) \$5000 for Huiakama Wetland
- (e) \$5757 for Nowells Lake
- (f) \$2375 for Lake Taumaha

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5. Wetland Enhancement: Lake Waiiau Wildlife Management Reserve, Huiakama Lagoon and Tongaporutu whitebait spawning and habitat protection

- 5.1 The memorandum seeking approval for funding from the Council's Environmental Enhancement Grant for protection of Lake Waiiau Wildlife Management Reserve and Huiakama Lagoon, which are classified in the Regional Freshwater Plan as regionally significant wetlands, and a proposal to protect whitebait spawning and habitat areas on the Tongaporutu and Hutiwai Rivers and their tributaries was received and discussed by the Committee.
- 5.2 Members discussed the issue of public access to areas protected by a QEII Trust Open Space Covenant. It was noted that where public funds have assisted in the enhancement and protection of regionally significant areas, the Council should investigate with the other agencies involved and landowners ways in which public access could be made available.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 1. receives the officers reports attached to this memorandum, relating to protection of Lake Waiiau Wildlife Management Reserve, Huiaka Lagoon and Tongaporutu whitebait spawning and habitat
- 2. approves environmental enhancement grants of:
 - (a) \$33,000 for the protection of the Lake Waiiau Wildlife Management Reserve;
 - (b) \$8,330 for the protection of the Huiakama Lagoon
 - (c) \$18,495 for protection of whitebait spawning and habitat areas on the Tongaporutu and Hutiwai Rivers and their tributaries.

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Lean/Maxwell

6. General Business

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D N MacLeod, declared the Executive Committee meeting closed at 10.40 am.

Confirmed

Chairman _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **26 February 2008**