

**Minutes of the Executive Committee
Meeting of the Taranaki Regional
Council, held in the Taranaki Regional
Council Committee Room, 47 Cloten
Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 28 October
2008 at 10.00 am.**

Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod D L Lean R F H Maxwell N W Walker	(Chairperson)
In attendance	Messrs	M J Nield A W Young G C Severinsen C Clarke P Ledingham	(Director-Corporate Services) (Financial Services Manager) (Policy Manager) (Passenger Services Officer) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

1. Financial and Operational Report

- 1.1 The Committee received and considered the Monthly Financial Report for August 2008 outlining the operational and financial performance of the Council for the month and year to date.
- 1.2 There were no documents signed under the Council's seal during the period to 28 October 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and adopts the Monthly Financial Report for August 2008
2. notes that the Common Seal was not affixed to any documents during the period to 28 October 2008.

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2. Wetland enhancement, Lake Kaikura and Tongaporutu whitebait spawning and habitat protection

- 2.1 Members received and discussed the memorandum seeking the approval of proposals to enhance and protect the Lake Kaikura wetland and whitebait spawning and habitat areas on the Tongaporutu and Hutiwai Rivers and their tributaries.
- 2.2 Lake Kaikura is a coastal lake 24.67 ha in size that is classified as a regionally significant wetland. The wetland is in the process of formal protection by the QEII National Trust. The fencing cost of \$18,000 will be met by the QEII National Trust and the South Taranaki District Council. Funds from the Taranaki Regional Council are only for the enhancement planting. The Tongaporutu whitebait spawning and habitat protection areas adjoin the Tongaporutu estuary which has been identified in the Council's Coastal Plan as being an area of outstanding value and identified in the Inventory of Coastal Areas as an area of Local and Regional Significance.
- 2.3 Members discussed and approved the projects being granted and environmental enhancement grant. It was suggested that the Council further promote the protection and enhancement projects of significant wetlands in the Region.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Officers' reports attached to this memorandum relating to enhancement and protection of Lake Kaikura wetland and Tongaporutu whitebait spawning and habitat
2. approves environmental enhancement grants of:
 - (a) \$23,950 for the protection and enhancement of Lake Kaikura wetland
 - (b) \$10,152 for the protection of whitebait spawning and habitat areas on the Tongaporutu and Hutiwai Rivers and their tributaries.

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3. Port Taranaki Blue Highway Bridge Study application

- 3.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating members of an application to be made by Port Taranaki to the New Zealand Transport Agency for funding to undertake a feasibility study into a Blue Highway Sea Freight proposal and to seek support for such a funding application. The application is aimed at investigating opportunities for allowing ro-ro ships to berth at Port Taranaki allowing for the carriage of truck and trailer units/containers between New Plymouth and Nelson. Applications close 31 October 2008.
- 3.2 Councillor R F H Maxwell requested the application proposal be forwarded to next meeting of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee for their support and consideration.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the draft application prepared by Port Taranaki for funding assistance to undertake a feasibility study into a Blue Highway Sea Freight proposal to be sent to the New Zealand Transport Agency by the due date of 31 October 2008
2. supports the draft funding application by Port Taranaki as an opportunity to increase domestic sea freight transportation in New Zealand, as well as increasing rail and road transportation linkages within the Taranaki region.

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4. Trial Bus Services' Operational Report

- 4.1 Mr C Clarke, Passenger Services Officer, spoke to the memorandum providing members with an update on the Council's trial service's being the three South Taranaki bus services (collectively known as SouthLink) and the once-a-week Inglewood to New Plymouth bus service and information as to the decisions for the future of those services.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the update of the three SouthLink passenger service trials;
2. notes the update of the Inglewood to New Plymouth service trial;
3. notes that a report will be prepared and submitted to Council in early 2009 to decide the future of the services post 1 July 2009.

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5. SuperGold Card Scheme

- 5.1 Members received and noted the memorandum providing background information to the implementation of a national SuperGold Card Scheme, an assessment of the impact the Scheme will have on the Council's passenger transport services and the recommendation to endorse the Council's participation in the Scheme from 1 November 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the information provided on the SuperGold Card Scheme

2. endorses the Councils participation in the national SuperGold Card Scheme from 1 November 2008.

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6. 2007/2008 Annual report – Auditor’s Constructive Report to Management

- 6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider Deloitte’s Constructive Report Management arising from the audit of the 2007/2008 Annual Report.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives Deloitte’s Constructive Report Management arising from the audit of the 2007/2008 Annual Report.

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7. Civic Assurance – Half-year Director’s Report

- 7.1 The memorandum to receive Civic Assurance’s half-year Director’s Report was noted and discussed by the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives Civic Assurance’s half-year Director’s Report.

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8. 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 10.35 am.

Confirmed

Chairman _____

D N MacLeod

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Date:

4 November 2008