
**APPROVAL FOR THE RENAMING OF PART OF TAKAPU ROAD
AND A NAME FOR A NEW CUL-DE-SAC IN TAWA**

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to change the name of part of Takapu Road so it becomes an extension to the current Main Road, Tawa, and to name a new cul-de-sac off it, as shown on Plan F 3048.

2. Executive summary

This proposal has two parts. Before the motorway was built, Takapu Road started at the old main road which is now Willowbank Road. The first part is to rename the road from the motorway so it becomes an extension of Main Road Tawa rather than remaining as part of Takapu Road. The second part is to name the new cul-de-sac that leads to the new supermarket in Takapu Island, Tawa.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Regulatory Processes Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to give approval to rename part of Takapu Road as Main Road Tawa. (This is the section of road from the corner of Main Road Tawa /Willowbank Road to the motorway as shown on Plan F 3048 (Appendix 1)).*
- 3. Agree to give approval for the name Patukawenga Place to be allocated to the new cul-de-sac, built as a result of redevelopment of Takapu Island, as shown on Plan F 3048 (Appendix 1).*

4. Background

4.1 Main Road Tawa

It has been observed that a section of road from Willowbank Road to the motorway is often labelled as Takapu Road. This can be confusing for the public and emergency services. The reference to Takapu Road is from the time before the motorway was built. Since this section of road is the entrance to Tawa, officers think that it would be appropriate to rename it “Main Road Tawa” as shown on the F Plan 3048.

Takapu Island Developments Ltd has been redeveloping Takapu Island for the creation of industrial allotments. These allotments will be accessed from the new cul-de-sac leading off the adjoining main road leading into Tawa. While investigating road names we realised there was confusion about the correct name of the adjoining main road so it is being updated at the same time.

5. Discussion

5.1 Names Considered

Road names are assigned to all new roads and naming is generally completed before any buildings are constructed. A large supermarket is nearing completion on part of Takapu Island.

The developers, Takapu Island Development Ltd, were approached and invited to suggest a name for the new road to this development. They decided to leave the naming process in the hands of Wellington City Council.

Liz Mellish, Resource Manager from Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust proposed the name Patukawenga for the cul-de-sac. She, on behalf of the Trust, advised that land in the north, adjacent to the Takapu Stream, was a cultivation area for a chief called Te Patu-Kawenga. It is understood that it might have been Patukawenga who said “Ko taku takapu tenei” meaning this is my belly, i.e. place of food supply. The renaming of part of Takapu Road was supported.

Reina Solomon, representing Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira Inc, has said they have no objection to the name Patukawenga Place, provided there is sufficient acknowledgement of Patukawenga’s association with Ngāti Toa as a chief of Ngāti Mutunga and a participant in the first wave of great migrations of Ngāti Toa to this area. This report will be filed as evidence of the reason for selecting a name, so their comments will be available for anyone asking about the reason for a name, in the future. The renaming of part of Takapu Road was supported.

The suggestions were presented to the Tawa Community Board to receive their views on the suggestions from both iwi and to see if they had any alternative suggestions.

Tawa Community Board support the proposal to rename part of Takapu Road. The Board likes to see recognition of people who have contributed to the success of Tawa Flat. In order of priority, they have proposed the following names:

William Earp
Patukawenga
Graeme Sutton

Officers have contacted the members of the Earp & Sutton families, to seek their views on this proposal.

William Earp

It has not been practical to locate all descendants of William Earp, but feedback from those located has been that they are proud of their heritage and would support recognition of William. However, there is already an Earp Street in Johnsonville. The earliest reference to it is in 1881. It might have been named after William but we cannot find any evidence. We know that he lived at his farm in Tawa. In Wellington, we already have a William Street and a Williamson Way. To avoid confusion, in this case we recommend adoption of the Board's second recommendation. This is also the preferred choice for both iwi.

Graeme Sutton

The Sutton family have indicated that it would be an honour to have a street named after Graeme, but they would prefer it not to be this cul-de-sac for personal reasons. There are already several Graham streets in the Wellington area and use of the name Graeme could be confusing. The use of the name Sutton could be considered for another location in Tawa, in the future.

These names were checked with the Wellington Regional Council for suitability, who has advised that there are existing streets similar to the proposed names, used in the Wellington region.

William Earp

Existing streets with words William & Earp

Earp Street - Johnsonville

William Bligh Place – Whitby

William Booth Grove – Trentham

Patukawenga

Not yet used.

Graeme Sutton

Existing street names:

Graham Grove - Waikanae

Graham Street - Trentham

5.2 Recommended Names

Council officers recommend **Patukawenga Place** be approved for the road to the newly developed industrial site. This name seems to be appropriate for access to a supermarket.

Council officers recommend that part of Takapu Road re renamed Main Road Tawa as shown on F Plan 3048.

5.3 Consultation and Engagement

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the developer, Mr R Dixon of Takapu Island Development Ltd.

Consultation has occurred with Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira Inc.

The names have been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council

Consultation with the Tawa Community Board has taken place.

6. Conclusion

Officers recommend that approval be given to rename a section of Takapu Road as Main Road Tawa and the name Patukawenga Place be approved for the new cul-de-sac.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

No relevant annual plan project reference.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no obvious Treaty of Waitangi implications in this proposal.

4) Decision-making

The proposal to name is in accordance with Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

Consultation with the developers, Takapu Island Development Ltd, has taken place.

Consultation has taken place with Regional Council as to the suitability of the name.

Consultation has taken place with the Tawa Community Board, who have proposed three names.

b) Consultation with Maori

Consultation with Liz Mellish and Reina Solomon, representatives of local iwi, has taken place. There has been no objection expressed to the proposal.

6) Legal implications

n.a.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with the Council's Road Naming Policy.