
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

ANNUAL PLAN/LONG-TERM PLAN COMMITTEE

ORAL HEARINGS

AGENDA

Time: 9:30am
Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2020
Venue: Virtual meeting

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Councillor Free (Deputy Mayor) (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Have your say!

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AREA OF FOCUS

The Long-term Plan and Annual Plan give effect to the strategic direction and outcomes set by the Strategy and Policy Committee by setting levels of service and budget.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the development of the draft Annual Plan and Long-term Plan for consultation, determining the scope and approach of any consultation and engagement required, and recommending the final Long-term Plan and Annual Plans to the Council.

To read the full delegations of this Committee, please visit wellington.govt.nz/meetings.

Quorum: 8 members

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson will open the meeting with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

At the appropriate time, the following karakia will be read to close the meeting.

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana,	Draw on the supreme sacredness
te wairua	To clear, to free the heart, the body
I te ara takatū	and the spirit of mankind
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

1.2 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.4 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows.

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee for further discussion.

1.5 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 3.23.3 a written, oral or electronic application to address the meeting setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

Requests for public participation can be sent by email to public.participation@wcc.govt.nz, by post to Democracy Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington, or by phone at 04 803 8334, giving the requester's name, phone number and the issue to be raised.

2. General Business

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Purpose

1. This report asks the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee to recognise the speakers who will be speaking to their submissions regarding the Annual Plan 2020/21.

Recommendation/s

That the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Hear the oral submitters and thank them for speaking to their submissions.

Background

2. Consultation on the Annual Plan 2020/21 was open between 8 May and 8 June 2020.
3. During the consultation, every submitter was provided the option to speak to their submission at a Committee hearing.
4. Submitters who indicated that they wished to speak at oral hearings are scheduled to speak to elected members on 10 June 2020.

Discussion

5. Attachment 1 is the submissions of the submitters, confirmed at the time of publishing the paper, who have indicated that they wish to speak to the Committee, in speaking order.

Options

6. The Committee has one option, to hear the oral submitters.

Next Actions

7. Following the Annual Plan oral hearings, the Committee will consider information received on the Annual Plan and deliberate on 17 June 2020, before making a recommendation to Council.

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Attachments

Attachment 1. Written submissions [↓](#) 

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Engagement and Consultation

This report provides for a key stage of the consultation process – the opportunity for the public to speak to their written submission.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Not applicable.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report. Submitters may speak to matters that have financial implications.

Policy and legislative implications

There are no policy implications arising from this report. Submitters may speak to matters that have policy implications.

Risks / legal

Not applicable.

Climate Change impact and considerations

Not applicable.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Health and Safety Impact considered

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made to hold virtual meetings via Zoom. Virtual meetings have been a successful alternative to in person meetings. Democracy Services staff will offer assistance to submitters in case of any unfamiliarity with using Zoom.

Draft Annual Plan 2020/21

Submissions for Oral Hearings

Submissions received 8 May to 8 June

10 June 2020



1) List of oral submitters

Nick Ruane	13
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Nick Ruane

1) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?

I agree with the Council's overall approach to the Annual Plan	Somewhat disagree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

2) How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Somewhat disagree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

I'm not fully convinced that the Council didn't look at Debt financing in this low interest rate environment to finance long term infrastructure spending.

3) How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Somewhat agree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

The Govt is currently arguing that the current time is the cheapest time to borrow money to Debt finance, Why isn't this a Good time to Debt finance future infrastructure spending?

4) How much do you support these new initiatives? (Tipu Toa)

I support or oppose the new funding for these initiatives	Somewhat support
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

I am very dissapointed that WCC has for a long time failed to support, as many other Councils have supported building Accessible infrastructure such as Universal Design compliant Council Housing, improvements to roads and footpaths to make them accessible to people in wheelchairs and for parents with prams.

5) How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
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I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives

Definitely support

a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

I definitely support increasing charges at the Landfill as I think that the creators of waste should shoulder the cost of at least a partial solution to the storage of that waste. I'm not happy with the increase in user charges as they disproportionately impact those Wellingtonians who have the least ability to pay, namely those on low incomes, Disabled people, Maori, & Pacifica peoples.

6) Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?

I'm not happy with the way that WCC engages with communities when formulate policies such as the Annual Plan. The way that the Council has engaged with, for example disabled people, for years has left the community feeling talked to and at by Council staff and Councillors.

7) How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)

I have called the Council call centre before

I use Council rubbish bags

I use Council swimming pools

8) How did you hear about this consultation?

Through a Ward-inar

Word of mouth

Scott Russell

1) **How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

I agree with the Council's overall approach to the Annual Plan	Somewhat agree
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a) **Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with the approach of maintaining a limited rate increase this year, to avoid placing unnecessary burden in the outyears. However there are several places where I think the council needs to give further consideration to delaying or reducing expenditure in the current fiscal year to offset some of the rates increase this year.

2) **How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Somewhat agree
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a) **Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The economic impact of COVID-19 should not interrupt the communities long-run development too significantly. However, the Council should maximise the utilisation of it's balance sheet over several years to reduce the need for immediate cost increases. It is unclear to me why the alternative proposal (with a significant rates rise in 2021/22) is the only way to structure borrowing / rates increases. The council also needs to consider it's ability to defer projects that are not a) already past the point of sensible deferrals (i.e. really significant sunk costs are incurred), or b) critical enablers of other strategically important projects.

3) **How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Somewhat disagree
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a) **Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See answer above to 5 (effectively I would like to understand whether there is a middle ground between the two alternatives).

4) **How much do you support these new initiatives? (Tipu Toa)**

I support or oppose the new funding for these initiatives	Definitely support
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

5) How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

The polluter pays model of landfill fees increases could probably be even more significant, and staggered across the year to avoid massive price shock.

6) Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?

7) How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)

I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

I play sport on Council fields or courts

I use Council libraries

I use Council rubbish bags

I use Council recycling bags

I use Council swimming pools

8) How did you hear about this consultation?

Online

Jane Budge, New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust



Annual Plan Submission 2020/21

I am writing regarding an annual plan submission and budget bid for \$5,000 to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) being held across New Zealand 20-26th September 2020. We acknowledge this may be a late submission and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Background

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust was established in 2015 to enhance New Zealanders' understanding of Chinese language and culture. Since then New Zealand Chinese Language Week has grown in reach and exposure year-on-year and had strong support from current and previous governments, as well as many Councils, schools and businesses.

Building linguistic and cultural skills of New Zealanders not only provides a crucial underpinning of our educational and social strength as a country and community, but will increasingly be a necessary foundation for New Zealand business, government and society to engage with China. Such skills will be needed to rebuild our tourism industry, to support local governments and their sister city initiatives, and to promote trade and investment.

As acknowledged already through Sister City relationships and the China New Zealand Mayoral Forum the relationship with China is an important one. Many local businesses have found the support of their council has helped them to do business in China. Supporting NZCLW is another practical way to get more local businesses and communities exposed to Chinese language and culture leading to more trade and exchanges. The week is growing in popularity and becoming an annual fixture on the calendar, however we require sponsorship and partnerships to deliver the initiative – hence we are asking for your financial support.

NZCLW 2020

This week NZCLW will build on its past successes engaging schools; government and local government; local communities and commercial enterprises. We do this through supporting

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the delivery of a range of fun and practical activities – exposing Kiwis to Chinese culture and encouraging Kiwis to “give Chinese a go”. Planned activities include:

- Events to promote Chinese learning in schools, including activities with schools in China
- Publishing a trilingual children’s book for distribution to schools and libraries across NZ
- Community-based activities including National Dumpling Day
- Challenges to promote basic Chinese skills in business and the community, with supporting printed material
- High level promotion of the importance of building Chinese language capacity – from the Prime Minister, Mayors, Ministers and business leaders
- Media promotion
- Ongoing engagement and activities via social media

In terms of council involvement, previously many Mayors have taken up the #5Days 5 Phrases Challenge; libraries have held a range of activities including book readings in Mandarin, China themed displays and dances, calligraphy demonstrations and other events.

We believe supporting New Zealand Chinese Language Week is an investment in New Zealand’s future and its prosperity. It is a means of acknowledging our multi-cultural character and the contribution made by New Zealanders of Chinese ethnicity to our business and society. As we emerge from Covid-19 having a society that has enhanced linguistic and cultural capability to engage with China will become ever more important. All parts of our community – government and business in particular – need to build knowledge and understanding of China and its language and culture.

For more information don’t hesitate to visit the NZCLW website: www.nzclw.com

Thank-you for considering our Annual Plan 2020/21 late submission. If you have any further queries or information please do not hesitate to contact Jane Budge, NZCLW Project Manager, on email jane@silvereye.co.nz or phone (021) 393-112.

Warmest regards,



Jo Coughlan
Chair
New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust



Colin Stone, Sport NZ



07 May 2020

Tēnā koe

As a key stakeholder of ours, I wanted to update you on the impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector, and to seek your ongoing support as we collectively focus on the significant task ahead – that of the social and economic recovery of our country.

The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector

It is clear that the economic impacts of COVID-19 will be severe. We know that traditional income sources for many individuals and organisations, will be under unprecedented pressure for some time.

For sport and recreation organisations, one of the biggest impacts has been the significant disruption to income from Class 4 gaming. Community sport and recreation benefits from about 50% of the approximate \$300 million annual funding from this source. Disruption to Class 4 funding has had an immediate and significant impact.

If these organisations have no option but to succumb to COVID-19, the impact on the sector and on physical activity levels in our communities will be catastrophic. As we know, deprived communities are often the most fragile and hard hit by such events, and they are the ones that can least afford to lose access to play, active recreation and sport.

With this in mind, we would like to acknowledge and thank you for the immediate steps your organisation has taken, to support the play, active recreation and sport sector in your community, who are heavily affected by COVID-19.

Sport New Zealand's response to the crisis

Sport NZ has implemented urgent measures in response to COVID-19 to give immediate relief to a sector in crisis:

- An initial financial commitment of over \$70m was committed until 30 June 2021, with the investment intended to help sustain organisations and their networks;
- A second tranche of financial support to the value of \$25m has also been announced this week into four funds, the largest of which (\$15m), is the Community Resilience Fund to support local and regional organisations in dire need;
- A significant number of value in kind measures – capability support, technical advice and free business management services – have been offered to the entire system.

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New Zealand Government

In addition to immediate support, Sport NZ has been asked to help define a Recovery Package for the Minister of Sport and Recreation, for the play, active recreation and sport sector, as part of Budget 2020. We completed this process last week and are now awaiting the result.

The importance of rebuilding a sustainable sector

More so than ever we share a common and passionate interest, to ensure the wellbeing of all New Zealanders and using physical activity as a core building block of a healthy society, is sustained into the future.

The benefits of play, active recreation and sport on wellbeing domains, is well known and proven. Being physically active improves mental and physical health, quality of life and individual wellbeing. In contrast, disengagement and physical inactivity is associated with poor health, a rise in health costs, loss of productivity and associated costs, such as pain and unhappiness to individuals and families.

Play, active recreation and sport supports the social integration of whānau, friendship networks and communities. Whānau relationships and spiritual connections through whakapapa and tangata-whenua are particularly important for Māori and Pasifika. We know that healthier, happier individuals are more likely to do well in other areas of their lives, such as in social and professional situations. These social factors lead to robust community cohesion and resilience and contribute to social, cultural and economic development (WHO 2018).

Your critical role in the sustainability of a vibrant sector

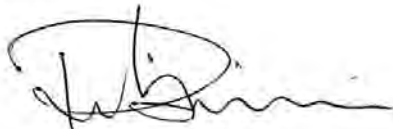
Sport and recreation contributes \$4.9 billion or 2.3% to our annual GDP, with the sector employing more than 53,000 New Zealanders. However, the downstream benefits of sport and recreation on our society extend beyond the numbers, to explain who we are as a nation, our tenacity, our spirit and at times like this, our courage.

Like all local and central Government organisations, you will be redefining strategy, re-evaluating priorities and grappling with funding pressures. Given this is a crucial time when many impactful decisions will be made, I wanted to make sure you are aware of how critical you are, as a territorial authority, to the play, active recreation and sport system.

Without sustained or increased investment, our sector and communities will suffer, and that will create significant consequences for New Zealanders into the future, resulting in much wider issues for us all to manage.

We sincerely look forward to continuing to work with you in partnership, to ensure access to play, recreation and sport remains within the reach of all communities across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Ngā mihi nui



Peter Miskimmin
Chief Executive

Nick Hogan, Cricket Wellington



CRICKET WELLINGTON SUBMISSION:

Introduction

Cricket Wellington is the regional sports organisation (RSO) for cricket in the greater Wellington region. We create outstanding cricket experiences! Chaired by experienced sports administrator David Howman and lead by CEO, Cam Mitchell and General Manager, Liz Green, Cricket Wellington was the first RSO in Aotearoa to achieve the Sport New Zealand Governance Mark (the gold standard for governance in sport).

Cricket is New Zealand's summer game. From the beach to the backyard to the Basin and due to the success and profile of the Blackcaps and White Ferns, cricket continues to grow in popularity. It's been a golden period for Cricket Wellington; the Wellington Blaze went undefeated in the women's Super-Smash, winning the competition for the third year in a row. The Wellington Firebirds lifted the two most sought-after domestic trophies, the prestigious Plunkett Shield and the Super Smash.

In February 2021, New Zealand hosts the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup. This is a global event with an audience reach of over 100 million. Wellington will host six games from 13 February 2021 to 27 February 2021, including the game of the tournament, the White Ferns vs Australia on Saturday 13 February. Wellington is the only region that will host two White Ferns pool games. What an opportunity to create a legacy for women's sport, for participants and for fans.

To maximise the opportunities created from international and domestic success, Cricket Wellington and our member clubs are focussed on community cricket. We are driven to create a vibrant, integrated and participant focussed environment that inspires. During the 2019-20 season, we;

- delivered our school awareness, Yeah! Girls and School Yard Smash programmes to 19,673 Tamariki and Rangatahi across 128 schools.
- developed and supported 95% of junior and youth team coaches through our coach education programme
- increased the number of games covered by umpires by 10%
- grew male and female participation with the highlight statistic, an 11% growth in college cricket teams

As measured by our voice of participant survey (which we conduct annually at the end of each season), overall member satisfaction is improving. What was identified from the feedback, is that to enhance satisfaction our participants would like to see the quality of facilities that they play on improved.

Therefore, in our submission we seek continued support from Wellington City Council with investment into ensuring the recommendations from our facilities strategy are achieved. In this submission we also seek Wellington City Council's support to ensure that community cricket is not adversely affected by COVID-19.

Cricket Wellington Facilities Strategy

Cricket Wellington developed a Facilities Strategy in 2018 to identify our sports facility requirements now and into the future. The strategy that was developed in partnership with Visitor Solutions and set out a series of recommendations that would help support our desire to grow the game and create outstanding cricket experiences.

We thank the Wellington City Council for your support in mobilising Cricket Wellington's Facilities Strategy and we ask that there is continued investment and collaboration in improving these community assets as great things have been achieved to date such as extending of the artificial wicket

at Kilbirnie Park to full length, the relaying of the worn carpets at Ian Galloway Park and the start of a new clubroom facility at Alex Moore Park. However, the impact of Covid-19 will be felt for many months ahead, so we strongly urge the council to consider the following in their long-term planning process.

COVID-19 OPPORTUNITY:

Our communities, and sport, are facing uncertain times due to the fragile situation and effects of COVID-19 and we have an opportunity to partner together to encourage individuals back into sport; we have a significant role to play. The impact is going to be felt for some time and sport is going to play an integral part in helping individuals, families and communities re-establish some normality in the future. Therefore, for sport to be able to play its role in this rebuild, it needs to be accessible and affordable.

We cannot ignore the financial implications of COVID-19 and this will be felt severely by sport through the expected reduction of class 4 grant funding. It is highly likely that our cricket clubs will have limited access to class four grant funding for 2020-21 and therefore we need to collaborate to find solutions to reduce costs. Cricket Wellington wants to proactively find ways to subsidise costs related to participating in our game over the next 12 months and as we spend \$142,500 on ground fees in our region, of which \$64,500 is paid to Wellington City Council. Cricket Wellington acknowledges and thanks Wellington City Council for proposing no increases to fees for the 2020-2121 season and providing a 3-month rent holiday for clubs who have leases on Wellington City Council land.

The Wellington Regional Sport and Active Recreation Strategy highlights how important regular participation in sport and recreation is for the physical, mental and social wellbeing in the community. This is more critical than ever as the financial impact of COVID-19 will have varying effects on our communities and will see the accessibility of sport become increasingly more difficult. This highlights the need for spaces and places to play a critical role in the success of sustaining a community sport system which enables more people to participate in sport generally. Fundamentally, keeping costs to a minimum will allow sport to be accessible for all who have been impacted economically and socially in this unprecedented time.

SUMMARY:

We would like to sincerely thank the Council for all the improvements that have been made to Wellington city grounds over the past 12 months and getting the Alex Moore Sports hub project off the ground and into action.

We look forward to discussing this further and understanding the Wellington City Council's approach in safeguarding our communities and working together to protect the responsibility that sport will play in bringing people back together.

Sincerely,

Liz Green

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Pauline and Athol Swann

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 20/21

1st June 2020

Submission from Pauline and Athol Swann and we wish to be heard.

Environment and Infrastructure (page 25) we support all the items to enhance Wellington's natural environment.

Our Changing City (page 5) closed the Central Library and set up temporary services....We consider the Wellington Central Library should be No 1 on priority list. We would refer you to Wellington Scoop to the following articles and the very obvious support from Wellingtonians TO save the library.

WHERE'S THE WILL TO FIX THE LIBRARY May 24th 2020 29 comments

CITY COUNCIL TOLD ITS ESTIMATES FOR STRENGTHENING THE LIBRARY ARE LUDICROUS – NOT ACCEPTABLE – May 27th 2020 24 comments

UNIQUE 7 IRREPLACEABLE SO WHEN WILL IT BE REOPENED May 28th 2020 16 Comments

We would refer you to Wellington Structural engineer Alan Thornton who challenged the estimates for strengthening the Central library and he acknowledged the Public desire to get the Central Library reopened. And Architect Roger Walker said that demolition of the Central Library would be unthinkable. He said the building was recognised throughout the world and was part of a category 1 Listed Heritage precinct.

Central Library Network (page 40) We closed the Central Library building to the public on the 19th March 2019 following an engineering assessment but we agree with Alan Thornton and Roger Walker.

Frank Kitts Park (page 42) decisions about the future of the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park will be made by the Council as part of the 2021/31 Long term plan....

WE OPPOSE THE UNNECESSARY REDESIGN OF THIS PARK. THIS WELL USED AREA IS THE HEART OF THE WATERFRONT AND ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE CBD MAKES IT A FAVOURITE DESTINATION FOR THE MANY OFFICE WORKERS, RESIDENTS, SMALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS AND SCHOOL PARTIES AND VISITORS. THE CURRENT AREA FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE SLIDE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT PROVIDE VIEWS OUT TO THE HARBOUR AND PLENTY OF SUNSHINE WHEREAS THE AREA PROPOSED IS IN THE SHADE AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY. ONLY MINOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED WITH PROVISION OF MORE SWINGS. OVER MANY YEARS WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH FAMILIES AND COMMENTS WERE 'AWESOME' AND THEY LOVE TO PICNIC UNDER THE TREES AND THE CHILDREN LOVE THE UNDULATING GRASS SURROUNDING THE PLAY AREA WHERE THEY ROLL AND TUMBLE DOWN THE SLOPES. AND ALSO VERY POPULAR IS THE 'BOUNCY' AND SMALL HIRED ELECTRIC CARS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

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THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE AMPHITHEATRE AND CAR PARK PROVIDES ELEVATED ADVANTAGE POINTS FOR EVENTS LIKE KICKING FOOTBALLS, PLAYING CRICKET AND WATCHING BOATS ON THE LAGOON AND KAYAKS IN THE HARBOUR.

CANCER SOCIETY'S RUN FOR LIFE AND MANY OTHER EVENTS AND FRANK KITTS PARK IS A SUPERIOR VENUE FOR WAITANGI DAY CELEBRATIONS AND THE AMPHITHEATRE PROVIDES AN INTIMATE AND RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WITH THE GRASSED AREA BACKED BY STEPS OR SEATS AND THE NATURAL STAGE PROVIDES A WONDERFUL SETTING (IN CONTRAST TO WAITANGI PARK STAGING AND SEATING ARRANGEMENTS]

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (Page25)

We support all the services and activities in this item.

North Kumutoto - Page 47

We do not support the decision to approve a resource consent for another office building on the waterfront as the bulk and height will severely restrict the glorious open views from Waterloo/Customhouse Quays and also the views of the Harbour and Shipping activities and views of St Gerard's Monastery, Mt Victoria and the bush clad slopes of the Town Belt. The Geological Society has advised that Lambton Harbour has poor foundation conditions and has a risk of damage from tsunamis and abnormal storm surge. With the increase in Cruise ship passengers who walk along Aotea Quay what a disappointment to arrive at Kumutoto to be greeted by another office block. We can only imagine how they would prefer a recreation area with a variety of green spaces, seats, artisans workshops and access to the hiring of cycles, scooters, crocodile bikes etc to continue on to Te Papa and Oriental Bay. A single storey I-Centre would be more accessible than the Town Hall centre now closed. As the waterfront land was returned to the Wellington ratepayers by the Harbour Board and another quote from Paul Blaschke who lectures in environmental and health studies at Victoria and Otago Universities "PARKS AND GREEN SPACES ARE EASILY OVERLOOKED IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT URBAN RESILIENCE BUT IN FACT THEY CONTRIBUTE ENORMOUSLY TO CITY RESIDENTS WELL BEING AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

Town Hall –Page 47

Pleased this has commenced but should have been started at least six years ago!

CONVENTION & Exhibition Centre – Page 33

Like so many other Wellingtonians we do not approve of this venue with the current world situation and we question how much research has been done and refer you to an article in The Listener February 26th 2015 by Patrick Smellie where he quote an article by Texan academic Heyward T Sanders where he says "how limited and elusive the returns from convention centre investments have proven to be in the USA despite a kind of arms race among cities to build more of them.

BASIN RESERVE MASTER PLAN – Page 42

We are very supportive of the current work and the remaining plans will be completed during the off season.

CAR PARKING INCREASE

We do not support the weekend parking fees and especially Sunday as it will reduce the numbers who come in from the outer suburbs for shopping and functions. We have had a number of Sunday Concerts and theatres and museums patrons who live in the Hutt Valley and Kapiti who are seriously considering not renewing their bookings but will support similar events in their own communities. I would also like to quote from a letter in the Dompost...That's one CBD shopper lost...I was going to go into Wellington for lunch and shop for clothes, but remembered how expensive the parking is during the week and thought I would wait until Sunday because Saturday's two hour limit isn't long enough to eat and shop leisurely and now I understand WCC is to remove unlimited free parking on Sundays and decided to spend my money in the Hutt. I think many others will do the same.

Finally we are concerned about the ongoing decisions regarding Shelly Bay and the Airport Runway and we support Guardians of the Bay and Miramar Enterprise.

Yours sincerely

Pauline and Athol Swann

Chris Parkin

SUBMISSION ON COMMERCIAL RATES DEFERRAL.

My submission makes recommendations concerning commercial rates deferrals. My proposal has no cost to ratepayers generally. On the contrary it has a positive effect on Council's income. It, especially has a positive impact on Wellington's Economic Recovery. (My submission does not address the deferral of residential rates.)

Council's current policy is to allow qualified deferral of rate payment four from the 2020 year for six months, and the draft Plan considers deferring payments one and two from the 2021 year, for a yet to be determined period. Qualification for this deferral would be based on demonstrated hardship, or other inability to pay. No penalties for late payment would apply.

The proposed scheme is short sighted and does nothing to address the longer term problems of businesses affected by recent events. The scheme provides very temporary relief from financial pressure, and because it requires repayment so soon after allowing deferral it does nothing to assist Wellington's economic recovery. Such schemes need to be more substantial, and aim for a long term benefit to the city.

Proposal

I propose that WCC allows commercial ratepayers to **defer up to the entire amount** of their 2020/21 rates on request, subject only to:

1. Interest being levied on the funds outstanding at a rate of 1% more than the equivalent commercial lending rate at the time.
2. Repayment being by way of **an individually targeted rate** over a 5-10 year period.

Reason for proposal.

By undertaking this action, Council would make a significant contribution to Wellington's economic recovery. The deferral of rates is equivalent to a substantial cash injection into the immediate economy. Council would fund the immediate rates shortfall by borrowing. Council's borrowing and administration costs would be less than 1%, meaning the general rate payer would benefit by at least 3.5% of the amount deferred. This is not a gift, it is an enabler.

Who would qualify and why.

All commercial ratepayers would qualify, and they should be encouraged to take advantage of the scheme as its sole purpose is to inject funds into the local economy. Larger property owners, and those with firmer financial positions, will not take advantage of the scheme because at the interest rates I propose, they could borrow elsewhere for less. This scheme is designed and priced to help generally smaller commercial property owners who are under financial pressure. The first action those property owners will take to alleviate such pressures is to reduce repairs and maintenance expenditure. That is the last thing Wellington needs.

Repayment and Security.

The amount deferred by individual ratepayers, up to a maximum of one years rates, would be re-

paid over a long period, 5-10 years, by way of a targeted rate.

Because Council rates are a first charge against a property (ie they rank ahead of mortgages for example) there is no security risk. Council's funds are perfectly safe.

By requiring repayment in the form of an extra rate over a period, Council is sure of getting its money back, regardless of the financial health of the ratepayer. Even if the property changes hands the rates still apply as before.

Summary.

There are no negatives to this proposal. The Wellington economy stand to benefit as a result of funds remaining in the working economy. Ratepayers benefit from the extra funds generated by interest payments, and at the same time benefit from a more rapidly improving economy. Tenants stand to benefit from the greater flexibility of landlords to assist with rental difficulties.

This is a very simple scheme and should be able to be actioned almost immediately. In fact I could do it for you if you ask nicely.

I would like to present this proposal at the Annual Plan Hearing.

Chris Parkin

Barbara Wheeler

The annual plan/LTP estimates a fully connected cycling network by 2028. Why hasn't council used the level 4 lockdown to reclaim some road space for cyclists such as has happened in Auckland, Seattle and other cities with traffic congestion.

10 years is too long for this kind of action. The plan needs to be up front so it can be integrated into all public works business cases so no opportunity is overlooked to make the city more active and safe for vulnerable road users. The education required to make city roads safer is not adequate to even the goal if 2028.

When will an integrated approach be taken to active transport?

Christopher Fung, Wellington Chinese Garden Committee

1) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?

I agree with the Council's overall approach to the Annual Plan	Somewhat agree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?
seemed reasonable

2) How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Somewhat agree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

3) How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Somewhat disagree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

4) How much do you support these new initiatives?

I support or oppose the new funding for these initiatives	Somewhat support
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

5) How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

6) How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)

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- I use Council rubbish bags
 - I play sport on Council fields or courts
 - I use Council libraries
 - I have applied for a resource or building consent
 - I have called the Council call centre before

7) **How did you hear about this consultation?**

Newspaper

Curtis Nixon

1) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?

I agree with the Council's overall approach to the Annual Plan	Somewhat agree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

I support most of the operational spends but I do not believe it is the Council's business to stimulate economic growth by building a convention centre or funding WellingtonNZ to support business. Business needs to be exposed to financial realities and sink or swim on its own merits. I also oppose the Council supporting or owning shares in Wellington Airport. The Council should sell the shares and let the airport's bloated, carbon-heavy operations undergo a natural die back. For example the proposed extension of the airport onto Miramar Golf Course is now totally inappropriate. I don't believe any of the forecast GDP numbers in any of these projects are real in any way.

2) How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Neither agree nor disagree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

The Council needs to strike a balance between keeping the rate's increase to an affordable amount for ratepayers while recognising the Council is under heavy financial pressure from a number of extraordinary areas such as the library, sewage sludge pipe repairs, and Covid-19 effects.

3) How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?

I agree or disagree that this should be the preferred option	Somewhat disagree
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

4) How much do you support these new initiatives? (Tipu Toa)

I support or oppose the new funding for these initiatives	Definitely support
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a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

Going away from a 'rubbish' dump system to a resource recovery system makes sense in many ways, especially from an environmental one, but including for major financial reasons. All plastic waste including car tyres can be recycled using catalytic pyrolysis. All burnable wood/pare/cardboard waste can also be treated this way. Sewage sludge and all organic green waste can be processed in a waste digester to make methane gas, which can be burnt to make electricity.

The current problems with these methods is that they aren't supported by business. The syn diesel needs a distribution system but since it is in direct competition with fuel companies the only way forward is for councils and government to use this fuel in its vehicle fleet, bypassing the fuel companies. The methane digester method needs to be setup by Council and shown to be viable

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when it can be taken over by private business in the same way the existing landfill methane capture and use as a fuel was developed by Council before being handed over to Nova Energy. The weed program is extremely important to recover lost biodiversity values in the cities parks and reserves.

Council has done great work replanting areas with natives but there is a serious issue with invasive weeds, mainly tree and vine weeds that have the growth habit of forming impenetrable mono-cultures. This is undoing the good work of replanting, and is detrimental to native bird and animal life in the city. I suggest leveraging off the predator-free volunteer trapping initiatives with Council supplying equipment, materials, training and leadership as required.

5) How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

a) Why did you indicate the level of support above?

While increasing landfill fees has the upside of creating funds for waste reduction initiatives it has the downside that the more people have to pay for rubbish disposal the large the degree of fly tipping or rubbish building up in the urban environment.

6) Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?

7) How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)

I have called the Council call centre before

I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

I use Council libraries

I play sport on Council fields or courts

I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

I use Council recycling bags

I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

I use Council swimming pools

I use Council recreation centres

I use the city's cycleways

8) How did you hear about this consultation?

Word of mouth

Additional information:

Work Program

Waste Diversion: Home composting needs to be prioritised. As a flat dweller who has no private backyard I have been researching the most unobtrusive and least smelly method of composting, since I need to use the common garden area of my flat complex. The method that I have decided is

optimal is a buried wheelie bin system that is promoted elsewhere as a method of disposing of pet faeces. A wheelie bin has the bottom cut out and holes drilled in the sides from the bottom to halfway up. The bin is buried with about 10cm above ground. This has the advantage that it is animal proof, with a tight fitting lid that has a handle for easy access. It is also fly-proof and smell-proof. As the food waste builds up soil, coffee grounds, or sawdust can be layered in to further prevent smell.

Wellington Zoo: Snow leopards. I totally reject the concept of keeping large animals such as big cats, giraffes and chimpanzees in confined enclosures such as at Wellington Zoo as a cruel, unethical and outdated practice. If they are to be kept in captivity they need to be in open-range game reserves. Wellington Zoo should phase out its large animals and focus on small animals that can be kept in limited space in a reasonable simulation of their natural environment. Wellington Zoo should also focus much more on New Zealand birds and reptiles.

Basin Reserve: As part of the toilet refurbishment can I ask that these toilets be open for the public at times when there is no scheduled event at the Basin, for the standard times WCC opens its other public toilets. At present they are closed when there is no event there.

Cycle network: With the Covid-19 outbreak and ongoing social distancing on public transport cycling and walking need to be prioritised immediately. I have quoted from the Annual Plan below, in italics, with my critique following:

"By 2028 the cycle network is expected to see connections developed to the south through Newtown, Berhampore and Island Bay; to the outer eastern suburbs, including Miramar, and Strathmore Park. This year work will continue on Evans Bay and Cobham Drive projects, and on developing the business case for the Southern Connections cycleway. This work will include the investigations on the Berhampore Village upgrade improvements following the engagement that occurred with the community during 2018. It will also enable the consideration of appropriate budgets to be allocated in the upcoming Long Term Plan."

2028 is forever away for this work. It needs to happen within two years. In Berhampore we have been consulted for so long people have given up trusting anything WCC says about the cycleway/village upgrade. I doubt that WCC will be able to find any locals willing to participate in the next consultation about this, which inevitably will come, instead of getting on with the work. It is galling that the Island Bay upgrade is on the Council's list of ten shovel-ready projects for central government funding. Any other part of the cycleway network is a higher priority than that. The fact that it is NZTA money, not WCC funds is irrelevant to the perception that Island Bay has a high quality, functioning cycleway but WCC wants to spend more money there under cover of a village upgrade project.