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Report 01.431

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Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 19 June 2001 at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.

Matters for Information of Council are in italic type

Present

Councillors Buchanan, (Chairperson), Allen, Gibson, Macaskill, McDavitt and Turver and Mr Morrison

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, McLay, Pryce, Skene, Van Schalkwyk and Waddy and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 379 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the apologies from Councillor Shields and Mr Earl and the apology for lateness from Councillor McDavitt, on other Council business, be confirmed.

E 380 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

E 381 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Gibson)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2001, Report 01.334, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There are no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

Matters for Decision

E 382 Report on the Amendment to the Lower Hutt Civil Defence Plan

Report 01.368

File: Z/3/2/4

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Macaskill)

That the changes to the Lower Hutt Civil Defence Plan be approved.

E 383 Porirua City Council Emergency Management (Civil Defence) Plan

Report 01.373

File: Z/3/2/4

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Macaskill)

That the current Porirua City Council Emergency Management Plan to 10 March 2002 be extended.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 384 Review of Commissioner Appointments

Report 01.262

File: K/3/2/3

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Allen)*

That the report be received and the approach outlined above for the future selection of individuals to act as commissioners be endorsed.

E 385

Application for Resource Consent by The Hutt City Council for the Discharge of Sewage Overflows to the Black Stream, Wainuiomata**Report 01.360**

File: WGN0110101

*Resolved**(Cr Allen /Cr Gibson)*

That the Committee, under the delegated authority of the Wellington Regional Council, in accordance with sections 104, 105, 108, of the Resource Management Act 1991, grant discharge to Water Permit with conditions as follows:

- 1. The location, implementation, design and operation of the discharge shall be in accordance with the resource consent application lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 16 November 2000 and in accordance with the further information lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 11 December 2000.*

Note: Any change from the location, design, implementation and/or operation of the discharge may require a change in permit conditions pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

- 2. No overflows shall discharge into the Black Stream during dry weather flow.*
- 3. The permit holder shall notify the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council, and the Medical Officer of Health, Regional Public Health, within 24 hours of any overflow occurring.*
- 4. The discharge shall remain the responsibility of the permit holder and shall be operated and maintained to the satisfaction of the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council.*
- 5. The permit holder shall design and install a course screen at the upstream end of the overflow discharge pipe to the satisfaction of the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council. The screen shall be designed and installed in such a way to minimise overtopping of the screen as a result of blocking or binding during an overflow event.*
- 6. The permit holder shall place and maintain signs on the banks of the Black Stream identifying and outlining details of the discharge. The signs shall:*

- (a) *Provide clear identification of the location and nature of the discharge and the risk to public health from contact with the stream and/or collecting food in the vicinity of the discharge;*
- (b) *Be visible to the public visiting the area; and*
- (c) *Conform generally to the wording contained in the Response Manual For Sewage Discharges prepared by the Public Health Service, Wellington Region (Regional Public Health).*

The wording, placement and maintenance of the signs shall be to the satisfaction of the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council. The signs shall be placed within one month of the date of commencement of this permit.

7. *The permit holder shall undertake monitoring to determine the time, duration and approximate volume of each overflow event. The permit holder shall report the results of this monitoring to the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council, within six months of the date of commencement of this permit, and six monthly thereafter, or on request.*
8. *The permit holder shall appropriately maintain the Black Stream for the purposes of reducing the risk of property flooding adjacent to the stream during an overflow event. The permit holder shall monitor the Black Stream from bank to bank, from the discharge point to the confluence with the Wainuiomata River at least twice a year, to the satisfaction of the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council. The maintenance of the stream shall include but is not limited to, clearing the stream of obstacles and maintaining a clear flow path.*
9. *The permit holder shall prepare and submit an Overflow Contingency Plan outlining procedures that will be adopted during an overflow event. The plan shall be developed in consultation with Regional Public Health. The plan shall be prepared to the satisfaction of the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council and shall be submitted within six months of the date of commencement of this permit.*

The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following considerations:

- (a) *Procedures the permit holder will adopt during and following an overflow event to ensure that the potential adverse effects of the discharge minimised as much as practicable;*

- (b) *Procedures for the notification of potentially affected parties and regulatory authorities in the event that any overflows present a potential risk to human health;*
- (c) *Procedures for recording and reporting the time, duration and approximate volume of each overflow event as required under condition 7; and*
- (d) *Procedures to ensure that the conditions of this permit are complied with at all times during and following overflow event.*

The permit holder shall operate in accordance with this plan once prepared and submitted to the Wellington Regional Council.

10. *The permit holder shall take all reasonable steps to investigate and implement ways and means of minimising infiltration and stormwater ingress into the sewerage system. In particular, the permit holder shall complete work by 2007 to reduce stormwater inflow in the Wainuiomata Catchment. The permit holder shall also provide the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council with an annual report detailing what progress has been made to reduce infiltration and stormwater ingress. The report shall be submitted to the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council within six months of the date of commencement of this permit, and annually thereafter.*
11. *The permit holder shall provide the Wellington Tenth's Trust and Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui with a report on the overflows entering the Black Stream. The report shall include, but is not limited to, details of the flow rates and duration of overflows and the measures to minimise infiltration and stormwater ingress recorded and reported under conditions 7 and 10 respectively. The report shall be forwarded to both groups within six months of the date of commencement of this permit, and annually thereafter.*
12. *The permit holder shall keep a record of any complaints that are received. The record shall contain at least the following details, where practical:*
 - (a) *Name and address of the complainant;*
 - (b) *identification of the nature of the complaint;*
 - (c) *Date and time of the complaint and of the alleged event; and*
 - (e) *Weather conditions at the time of the complaint.*

The permit holder shall notify the Manager, Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council of any complaints relating to the exercise of this permit, within twenty-four hours of being received by the permit holder or the next working day. The permit holder shall forward to the Manager,

Consents Management, Wellington Regional Council a copy of any complaints recorded on request.

13. *The Wellington Regional Council may review any or all the conditions of this permit by giving notice of its intention to do so pursuant to section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991, within six months of the first, third, fifth, tenth, and fifteenth anniversary of the date of commencement of this permit for the following reasons:*
- (a) *To deal with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of this permit.*
 - (b) *To review the adequacy of the reporting and/or monitoring requirements, so as to incorporate into this permit any modifications to the reporting requirements and/or addition of further monitoring requirements that may be necessary to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the discharge.*
14. *The permit holder may apply, at any time, pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991, for the change or cancellation of any condition of this permit, other than any condition relating to the term of this permit.*
15. *In terms of section 123(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the period for which this permit is granted is limited to 18 years from date of commencement of this permit.*

E 386 Environmental Education Annual Report

Report 01.410

File: ENV 15/1/1

Councillor McDavitt arrived at 9.45am.

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Buchanan)

That the Report be accepted as evidence of the Council's implementation of its environmental education programmes for 2000/01.

E 387 Draft Riparian Management Strategy

Report 01.397

File: ENV/5/1/12

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Allen)

That the draft Strategy for Achieving Riparian Management in the Wellington Region be released for public consultation.

Matters for Information

E 388 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 01.401

File: E/6/18/3

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the reports from the Divisional Manager, the Departmental Managers and the Divisional Accountant be received.

E 389 **Investigation of Contaminated Sites Owned or Occupied by WRC**

Report 01.365

File: K/9/0/1

Mr J Court, consultant, Montgomery Watson, was present for this item.

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted

E 390 **Annual Hydrology Report 2000**

Report 01.361

File: K/5/5/3

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be accepted.

E 391 **2000 Annual Groundwater Report**

Report 01.362

File: K/8/1/1

Kapiti Coast Area

In noting the growing concerns about the use of shallow groundwater in the Kapiti Coast area and whether action needs to be taken to ensure the sustainable use of this resource, members asked officers to report to the Committee again in 6 months time.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 392 **2000-01 Regional Plan Implementation Programme**

Report 01.375

File: X/32/1/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 393 **Natural Hazards Risks Associated with Storage and Transport of Non-Petroleum Hazardous Substances, Wellington Region**

Report 01.372

File: X/13/11/1

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 394 **Wellington Regional Tsunami Hazard Scoping Project**

Report 01.374

File: X/13/3/6

Resolved

(CrTurver]/CrBuchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 395 **Update on Wellington Regional Environmental Agency**

Report 01.384

File: ENV/8/1/2

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

E 396 **Incident Response Report**

Report 01.363

File: K/4/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 397 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 01.64

File: K/3/6/12

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 398 **State Highway 1 Upgrade Rural Section (Pukerua Bay to Plimmerton):
Compliance with Resource Consents**

Report 01.366

File: WGN970103

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 399 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 01.378

File: X/25/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 400 **Questions**

Councillor Gibson tabled the following written questions-

1. Has any research been done by or on behalf of the Regional Council regarding residues of Agent Orange in the Hutt Valley?
2. Is fluoride useful in countering the harmful effects of any toxic substances which might otherwise affect drinking water?

E 401 **General**

Environmental Matters Centreport Ltd

Councillor Gibson asked for a report from officers on how the new relationship with Centreport Ltd. on Environmental matters was working. Dr. Bradbury, Divisional Manager, said she will ask Dr Hastie, Manager Resource Policy, to report to the next meeting.

Bacteria

Councillor Gibson referred to a cartoon from the New Zealand Herald, dated 18/6/01, about the possible dangers of new bacteria which he would circulate in the next Councillors' Bulletin

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.

CR IM BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 10 July 2001

To be moved:

That the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 15 May 2001, Items E 379 to E 401 inclusive, be adopted.