

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Regulatory Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 9 March 2016 commencing at 1.24 pm**

Present:

- Cr Sam Neill (Chairperson)**
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Deputy Chairperson)**
- Cr Graeme Bell**
- Cr Doug Brown**
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM**
- Cr Michael Deaker**
- Cr Gary Kelliher**
- Cr Trevor Kempton**
- Cr Gretchen Robertson**
- Cr Bryan Scott**
- Cr David Shepherd**
- Cr Stephen Woodhead**

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Nick Donnelly**
- Fraser McRae**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Scott MacLean**
- Caroline Rowe**
- Janet Favel**
- Lauren McDonald**
- Suzanne Watt**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Eckhoff

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2016/0623 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report. DEMO, 23/2/16**

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 19 December 2015 to 19 February 2016.

Mr MacLean confirmed progress was still being made on water metering compliance.

Mr MacLean updated Councillors on a Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) biosecurity response to a reported sighting of the pest weed Velvetleaf in the Tarras area this week. Mr MacLean confirmed Council staff visited the site on 9 March. Council staff had attended the Strath Taieri A&P Show and would attend the Wanaka A&P Show this month also. Councillors noted their appreciation of staff efforts to date on this matter.

A question was raised in regard to lake snow in Lake Wanaka. Mr MacLean confirmed lake snow is a water borne microbe which may have caused problems blocking the town's water supply filters. Causes of lake snow were not widely understood.

Mr Bodeker confirmed it is a Council role to monitor these iconic lakes and Annual Plan submissions received contain a large expectation of research and development activity by this Council for Lake Wanaka. Mr Bodeker advised he intended to invite Guardians of Lake Wanaka to attend a meeting to discuss the ORC role.

It was agreed clarification is required from Minister Louise Upston's office on the legislation (terms) for the Guardians of Lake Wanaka. It was noted that the Minister had previously confirmed a review of the legislation was in place for the Guardians of Lake Wanaka. It was agreed discussions should be held once a clear direction had been given from the Minister's office.

Councillors were advised that the University of Otago has been successful in obtaining funding for research on integrated catchment management, and 35 research departments will be participating. This was seen as an opportunity to align the community's desires for research with the planned work being undertaken by the University on selected lakes. It was understood the research work is to be launched in April.

Cr Robertson moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be received

Motion carried

Item 2
2016/0668

Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update 11 January to 19 February 2016, DPPRM, 23/2/16

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 11/1/16 to 19/2/16.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be received

Motion carried

Item 3
2016/0644

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities, DPPRM, 22/2/16

The report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1992 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period of 9 January to 19 February 2016.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be received

Motion carried

Item 4
2016/0669

Progress Report on Implementation of Rural Policy Water Plan Change 1C, DPPRM, 25/2/16

The report noted progress on Project 1C implementation of the Rural Policy Water policies.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be received

Motion carried

There was discussion on distribution of a user manual for deemed permit holders. Mr McRae confirmed the manual will include a step by step process for consent replacement. The intention is to promote early processing with permit holders to encourage action on deemed permits and ensure applications are received at least six months prior to expiry date of the permit. Ms Rowe confirmed information would be distributed to all deemed permit holders.

The meeting closed at 1:44pm



Chairperson