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## Horowhenua Lake Domain Board

### OPEN MINUTES UNCONFIRMED

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Minutes of a meeting of the Lake Domain Board held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Thursday 28 November 2024 at 10:00 am.

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#### PRESENT

##### Chairperson Members

Mr Kevin O'Connor  
Mr Charles Rudd  
Mr Adrian Henare  
Ms Deanna Rudd  
Mr Tama-i-uia Ruru  
Cr Nina Hori Te Pa  
Cr Jonathan Procter  
Mayor Bernie Wanden JP

Apology

#### IN ATTENDANCE

##### Board Secretary

Lacey Winiata  
Brent Harvey  
Grayson Rowse

Parks and Property Manager  
Group Manager – Community Experience and Services  
Principal Advisor - Democracy

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**1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2 Late Items**

There were none

**3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**4 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolution Number HLDB/2024/1**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Lake Domain Board held on Tuesday, 17 September 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**5 Reports**

**6.1 Ratification of 24 October Meeting Actions**

This report noted the content and actions of the informal meeting of the Board on 24 October 2024, and sought the Board's ratification the actions taken

**Resolution Number HLDB/2024/2**

MOVED by Cr Hori Te Pa, seconded Mr Henare:

- A. That Report 24/890 Ratification of 24 October Meeting Actions be received and noted.
- B. That the Board accepts that actions taken as a result of the meeting on 24 October 2024 were necessary in the circumstances and so ratifies those actions.

**CARRIED**

The Board noted the need urgent need to take action following the recent events at the Lake Domain, and so ratified the actions taken. The Board noted and requested the meeting notes to be updated to reflect the family members of the deceased, Ngati Huia.

## 6.2 Financial Reports - 2021- 2024

This report presents recent financial reports to the incoming Board for their information and discussion.

### Resolution Number HLDB/2024/3

MOVED by Mr Rudd, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

- A. That Report 24/882 Financial Reports - 2021- 2024 be received and noted.
- B. That the Board reimburse the Horowhenua District Council \$33,000 for works undertaken at the Domain Board to secure the recently razed building.

**CARRIED**

The financial reports for the previous four years were presented to the Board for their information and further discussion.

The financial reports reflect that Board not being active for the past four years. The Board had not invoiced the department of Conservation for the full contribution to Board administration costs because the Boards had not been active.

Officers advised that the annual cost for maintenance at the park was \$33,000 which was funded by Council, and that separately, the demolition and disposal of the burnt out building would cost \$31,000.

Council were asking for reimbursement of the demolition and disposal costs.

Discussion followed over whether the Better-Off funding for beautification of the park could fund the demolition and disposal.

Officers confirmed that Better-Off funding for beautification of Mauapoko Park this could be used for building demolition.

It was noted that Better-Off funding was time limited so the Board would need carefully consider, alongside Council, the best use of Better -Off funding and Board reserves for the Domain development.

Lacey Winiata presented an overview of the draft development plan that she and Dean had put together, which included:

- Short-term goals like applying for external funding, community clean-up efforts, and improving park amenities
- Longer-term goals like riparian planting, hiring a full-time kaitiaki, and creating event spaces

There was general support and enthusiasm from the board members for the development plan.

The board agreed to circulate the draft development plan to both the Domain Board and Lake Trustees, so they could review it and provide feedback at the next meeting.

It was suggested the board members take some time to review the plan and come back with ideas and considerations, rather than providing feedback immediately.

There was discussion about ensuring the plan aligned with the aspirations of the Lake Trustees, and the need to have a joint discussion with them on the development plan.

There was interest in reviving historical sports and community activities in the park as part of the development.

The board agreed to make the development plan a formal agenda item for the next meeting, so they could continue discussing and refining it.

### 6.3 Procedure for Changing or Updating Bylaw

This report advised the Board on its bylaw making powers and the process to be followed.

There various views expressed. Some members thought the by-law was adequate as it was, noting it followed the model by-law framework. Others wanted to a more deliberate and detailed look into the provisions of the bylaw and whether they remained fit for purpose.

It was generally agreed that the views of the Lake Trustees would be important in the future development and operation of the bylaw.

The board agreed to keep the bylaw review and potential changes as an agenda item for future discussions, to allow time further discussion by Board members with their constituent groups.

### 6.4 Calendar of Board Meetings for 2025

This report presented proposed meetings dates for 2025 for the Board's consideration and adoption.

#### Resolution Number HLDB/2024/4

MOVED by Mr O'Connor, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- A. That Report 24/889 Calendar of Board Meetings for 2025 be received and noted.
- B. The that Board adopt the meeting schedule noting that the Board may decide to hold a workshop instead of a formal Board meeting on any of the adopted dates.

**CARRIED**

The board agreed with the following dates, with the meetings stating at 3.00pm

- 20 Thursday February 2025
- Thursday 3 April 2025
- Thursday 29 May 2025
- Thursday 17 July 2025
- Thursday 28 August 2025

The option to change the venue if needed for each meeting was left open.

Some board members noted there may be a need to hold more meetings for particular reasons, or to allow for faster progress on some issues. The board noted

that adopting these dates did not prevent other meetings or workshops being called if necessary, but that setting dates now allows for managing calendars in the new year.

In addition to the planned dates, the Board requested a meeting be arranged in February with Horizons to discuss the issue of Canada Geese, and a workshop with the Lake Trustees in March/April to jointly discuss the Development Plan.

## 6.5 Geese Control Options

The board acknowledged that the geese control issue was an important one that needed to be addressed, particularly given the issues that arose the previous year.

The board recognized that the primary responsibility for geese control likely lies with Horizons, the regional council. However, the board wanted to take a proactive role in addressing the issue.

The board agreed that they should write to Horizons to:

- Clarify Horizons' accountabilities and responsibilities regarding the Canada geese
- Invite Horizons to the February board meeting to discuss their plans for addressing the geese issue.

There was discussion about the timing, as the board recognized that by the time they met with Horizons in February, the peak geese season may have already passed.

The board members shared some historical context and personal experiences around managing geese, but acknowledged that a coordinated approach with Horizons was needed.

Board members emphasised the importance of understanding the board's legal and technical responsibilities, so they could effectively advocate and support Horizons' efforts, rather than trying to directly manage the geese control themselves.

## 6.6 Identification of Potential Funding Sources to Support Board Priorities

The board acknowledged the need to further discuss and identify potential funding sources to support their board priorities.

However, the board agreed that it would be better to first have the discussion around the development plan, and then come back to identifying potential funding sources to support those priorities.

Overall, the board decided to postpone an in-depth discussion on funding sources until after they had finalised the development plan and aligned with the Lake Trustees on priorities.

## 6.7 General Business

### Rahui and Working Bee Considerations

Concerns were raised about the perception of the community doing work in the park during a period of Rahui.

The board discussed the need to communicate transparently with the community about any work done during Rahui, and its alignment with kawa and tikanga. People participating in the working bee would be doing so under the mana whakahaere of iwi.

4.55 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF HOROWHENUA LAKE DOMAIN  
BOARD HELD ON

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRPERSON:**