

QLDC Council**24 March 2015****Report for Agenda Item: 16****Mayor's report****Purpose**

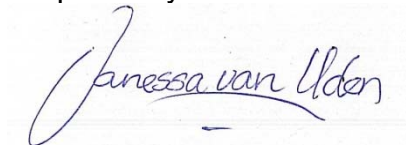
To summarise the Mayor's activities since the date of the last report and to raise other items of democratic and general interest, including a summary of actions taken in response to the decisions made at previous Council meetings.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a. **Note** the report;
- b. **Direct** officers to seek third-party funding for Stage One of the Wanaka Sports Facility project.

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Mayor's Activities

The following is a summary of the principal functions and meetings attended by the Mayor over the period 1 – 23 March 2015:

- Briefing with representatives from Productivity Commission
- Meeting with representatives from Wakatipu Aero Club
- Meeting with Dave Beeche CEO of Lagardere Unlimited Oceania
- Strategy Planning meeting with QAC Board
- QAC Board meeting
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Meeting with Associate Transport Minister, Hon Craig Foss re visiting drivers
- Meeting with Hon Paula Bennett (Minister of Local Government; Associate Minister of Tourism), Hon Michael Woodhouse (Minister of Immigration; Minister of Police; Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety) and Todd Barclay and representatives of various business sectors
- Attendance at official registration and opening of Mahu Whenua covenants

- Attendance at Scoop's 30th anniversary celebration
- Attendance at Motatapu Sponsors and Patrons function
- Meeting with Polish ambassador, Mr Gniatkowski
- Radio interview, More FM
- Meeting of Chief Executive Performance Group
- Attendance at the presentation of the 'keys to Arrowtown' to Sir Michael Hill and Mr Ishii
- Meeting with LGNZ representatives
- Official opening of Cancer Society (Otago and Southland Division) CanShop
- Meeting with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment representatives and sector representatives from Queenstown to discuss immigration policy
- Attendance at first birthday celebration of Jean Malpas Community Nursery, Jardine Park
- Affordable Housing Workshop with members of Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust followed by Suffolk Street walk-through with trust members

Wanaka Sports Facility Stage One: fundraising

Charitable and community funding has played a significant role in delivering a number of Council projects including the Queenstown Memorial Centre and Queenstown Aquatic Centre. Staff believe that there would be value in seeking external funding to assist with certain aspects of Stage One of the Wanaka Sports Facility and intend to approach organisations such as the Central Lakes Trust for funding support. Such funders require a resolution from the parent body approving the submission of funding applications and I am recommending that the Council resolve to pursue this course of action.

Portfolio Leader reports

Operations

Wanaka Sports Facility construction work is underway. It is anticipated that a decision on the addition of pools will be made by mid-year.

Delays with the Arrowtown Community Building on Jack Reid Park and the community sports hall at Shotover Country School are being worked through. The Arrowtown Community Building has experienced ongoing issues including the positioning on the Park, changes to the plan (particularly in relation to the size and to a lesser extent the design), challenges from potential neighbours and access. There have also been problems finalising the funding arrangements with the Ministry of Education for development of the Shotover Country School Gym. Staff are optimistic that a positive result will emerge but at this stage the outcomes on both projects are not yet known.

A hearing held in Wanaka in late February to consider an application from a local commercial operator for a Waterway Commercial Activities permit to use the Council jetty on Lake Wanaka has highlighted on-going issues with lack of jetty space in Wanaka. Approval has been granted and will be the first of several similar applications, as the new Waterways and Ramp Fees Bylaw requires all craft using maritime structures to have a permit. Wanaka Councillors are aware of the problems with pressure on water structures and needs.

Downtown Queenstown reserve maintenance is under scrutiny. St Omer Park in particular, with Earnslaw Park and Marine Parade are in need of consideration. Tree issues, particularly street trees, are being dealt with as they arise. A meeting about street trees on Sledmere Drive has been held with residents at Quail Rise.

Provisional consent has been granted for a Frankton Marina. Negotiations on consent conditions are being worked through but regardless of agreement being reached, the consent is still subject to appeal. If there are no appeals or other holdups, work will start in about four months.

Planning and Development

Drop-in sessions were held in Wanaka, Arrowtown and Queenstown over this past month where Councillors and staff met with residents to gauge preliminary feedback on the draft residential chapters of the district plan review. Some wanted greater density to stop urban sprawl, while others preferred urban sprawl to greater density: a salutary reminder that change is challenging and no policy will please everybody.

Some of those whose homes were in the proposed medium density zones were concerned about loss of sun and views, parking and privacy. People attending were asked to feed in ideas for how best to face the district-wide challenge of accommodating the people who want to move here – keeping in mind the costs of expanding water and roading infrastructure and impacts on the environment. Staff are now working on how to incorporate some changes as a result of feedback and further discussion.

These chapters came back to Councillors to workshop in mid-March, alongside the rural chapter that had also been out for preliminary comment. Once workshopped, these will come back to Councillors for further discussion and adoption for later notification. Notification will trigger full consultation.

Portfolio leaders have worked with staff on the natural hazards chapter – impressively short – which is in this month's agenda. Other main discussion points have been the proposed Special Housing Areas, which will come to Councillors in April, Otago Regional Council's Regional Policy Statement, affordable housing and the programme going forward for the district plan review.

Thanks to staff and Councillors for the extra time put in for the pre-consultation meetings which has been much appreciated.

Infrastructure

The following significant activities are underway:

- 3 Waters Contract is into the final negotiations stage;
- Initial 30 year strategy and Asset Management Plans will be finalised this month;
- Queenstown Transportation Strategy moves into consultation this month; and
- The Capital Works Programme for 2014/15 has been re-forecast.

Projects currently underway with contracts let:

- Malaghans Road road rehabilitation and shoulder widening: construction started in February and is due for completion by May.
- Eastern Arterial Road [EAR]/Glenda Drive: construction started in January. Road 2 (link between Glenda Drive and roundabout in EAR) is due for completion by May 2015; the roundabout on the State Highway and 350m of EAR are due for completion by November 2015. There will be a change in sequence whereby local roads and services are to be completed before roundabout and EAR but this does not affect overall programme.
- Hawea Water supply, new bore and UV treatment: Tender awarded, work will be started by the end of March.
- Edgewater Gravity Sewer, Stage 1 to commence and be completed this financial year (Wanaka Station Park to Mt Aspiring Road). A future section will be staged over the following years.
- Beacon Point Road/Mt Aspiring Road: currently in design and to be wrapped into one project. Design is due by the end of March along with tender documents.

In addition to these capital projects there are several minor works jobs being done eg. Footpaths.

Overall the team is stabilising although there is still a recruitment process underway to fill some gaps in the complement.

Recent Meetings

Audit and Risk Committee draft minutes (16 February 2015)

- Capital Work In Progress – Queenstown Wastewater 2014
- Gorge Road Premises
- Elected Members Pecuniary Interests (*See officer report on agenda*)
- Report on Exercise of Chief Executive's Financial Delegation
- Sensitive Expenditure Policies – Queenstown Airport Corporation and Queenstown Lakes District Council
- Enterprise project – Phase 2 status update
- Update on Council Property Compliance
- Update on Access to Infrastructure Assets
- Review of Property in Council Ownership
- Purchase-card Audit
- Risk Management update
- Treasury Update January

Wanaka Community Board draft minutes (18 February 2015)

- Launch of NASA Air Balloon
- Wanaka Sports Facility
- Chair's Report

Property Subcommittee minutes (26 February 2015)

- Lessor's Approval for New Laundry – Arrowtown Camping Ground
- Licence to Occupy Road Reserve – Skyline Limited, Corner of Marine Parade and Church Street, Lots 2-4 Deposited Plan 338525, Queenstown
- Temporary Road Closure Application – NZ Golf Open Welcome Party 2015
- Temporary Road Closure Application – 2015 Iron Run – Harley Owners Group Event Weekend
- Temporary Road Closure Application – Dirtmasters Downhill 2015
- Temporary Road Closure Application – National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Committee draft minutes (26 February 2015)

- Commissioner Appointment for Woodlot Properties (RM140923)

Property Subcommittee draft minutes (12 March 2015)

- Building Expansion – Queenstown Ice Arena
- Building Expansion – Kiwi and Birdlife Park
- Affected Owner Consent – Retaining Wall on Boundary – Shotover Park Limited

Attachments

- A Audit and Risk Committee draft minutes (16 February 2015)
- B Wanaka Community Board draft minutes (18 February 2015)
- C Property Subcommittee minutes (26 February 2015)
- D Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Committee draft minutes (26 February 2015)
- E Property Subcommittee draft minutes (12 March 2015)
- F Action list from previous Council meetings