

Wanaka Community Board**19 August 2015****Report for Agenda Item: 2****Department: Infrastructure****Temporary Road Closure – Upper Clutha A & P Show 2016****Purpose**

- 1 The purpose of this report is to consider a temporary road closure for the Upper Clutha A & P Show scheduled for 10-13 March 2016.

Recommendation

- 2 That the Wanaka Community Board:

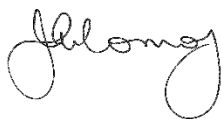
1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Approve** the road closure application for the Upper Clutha A & P Show 2016 subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Infrastructure and Assets Department.
 - (ii) Radio advertising two days prior and on the morning of the event.
 - (iii) The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.
 - (iv) The applicant notifying all affected parties via the submitted affected party notice, of the extent of the temporary road closure; this notification is to be undertaken five working days prior to the closure occurring.
 - (v) A copy of this notice is to be supplied to QLDC Infrastructure and Assets Department.

3. **Authorise** the following schedule of road closures:

Road to be Closed: McDougall Street between Brownston Street and Ardmore Street

Period of Closure: 0800 on Thursday 10 March 2016 to 0900 on Sunday 13 March 2016

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Background

- 3 An application has been received from the Upper Clutha A & P Society to temporarily close part of a road in order to hold the annual Upper Clutha A & P Show in March 2016.
- 4 The road closures for the 2016 event are outlined within the recommendation and a map of the proposed road closure is provided in Attachment A. The closure extent is the same as in 2015 but for a shorter duration, ending at 0900 on the Sunday morning rather than at 1000.
- 5 The Council can close roads to vehicular traffic for events by using provisions of the Local Government Act 1974. The Wanaka Community Board is delegated to consider and decide on applications to close roads temporarily under this legislation.

Comment

- 6 The Upper Clutha A & P Show is an annual event. Event organisers apply to close temporarily part of McDougall Street on an annual basis to vehicular traffic to manage traffic and for the safety of exhibitors and the public.
- 7 The road closure will enable safe set-up of the event on the Thursday, safe access across the road during the event on Friday and Saturday and safety during the dismantling of the event on Sunday.
- 8 The closure enables exhibitors and competitors to enter and exit the grounds with the applicants utilising the road closures to control the entering and departing traffic and public. It takes a considerable number of staff to control this area and ensure the safety of assembling and disassembling of the show for the public, trade exhibitors and competitors and through traffic would have a considerable impact on the safety of event participants.
- 9 The applicants have suggested an alternative route either through Meadowstone Drive to Mt Aspiring Road or along Brownston Street, down Dungarvon Street and along Ardmore Street to Mt Aspiring Road.

- 10 The Contract Manager for Infrastructure has been consulted and he advises that there are no issues with the temporary road closure with a correct Traffic Management Plan and detour in place.
- 11 The Roding Corridor Engineer has also been consulted and he also advises that there are no issues with the proposed road closure.
- 12 The road closure has been well managed in the past, there are no residents or businesses on the closure route and there is a traffic management plan in place to deal with the usual flow of traffic.
- 13 No issues or complaints have arisen from this road closure when it has occurred in previous years and no submissions have been received relating to the proposed closure in 2016. The recommendation is for approval of the application, subject to the same conditions which have been applied in previous years.
- 14 A standard requirement of all temporary road closure approvals is that a traffic management plan is approved before the roads are closed. This will ensure that all traffic and pedestrian flows are managed with appropriate signage, barriers and wardens.

Options

- 15 This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002:
- 16 **Option 1** That the Wanaka Community Board approve the application for temporary road closure for the Upper Clutha A & P Show 2016 as detailed above.

Advantages

- 17 Would be consistent with previous years road closures for the event and the event will be able to be run as proposed.
- 18 The road closure will enable safe set up of the event, safe access across the road during the event and safety during the dismantling of the event.
- 19 An alternative route is available allowing traffic to still move freely around the surrounding area.

Disadvantages

- 20 Road closures affect the normal flow of traffic which can affect businesses and can inconvenience the public.

- 21 **Option 2** That the Wanaka Community Board decline the application for temporary road closure for the Upper Clutha A & P Show 2016 as detailed above.

Advantages

- 22 There would be less inconvenience for the public that use the road with it remaining open to normal vehicular traffic.

Disadvantages

- 23 Would be inconsistent with previous road closures allowed for the event.
- 24 May mean the event will not be able to be run as planned or not at all.
- 25 It could create an unsafe environment for the set up and dismantling of the event and for the general public during the event.
- 26 **Option 3** That the Wanaka Community Board approve the application for temporary road closure for the Upper Clutha A & P Show 2016 as detailed above with additional conditions to those recommended in the application.
- 27 There are no specific advantages or disadvantages to this option but the Board may recommend additional conditions to the closure should it wish.
- 28 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter.

Significance and Engagement

- 29 This matter is of medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because it relates to closing a strategic asset (part of the roading network) for a short period of time.
26. The proposal for closure temporarily and on conditions to minimise the impact on traffic and pedestrian flows is in line with the policy's recommendations.

Risk

- 30 This matter relates to the strategic risk 'SR3 Management practice – working within legislation.' The risk is classed as moderate. The matter relates to this risk because the options highlighted require the Council to follow a regulatory process in order to notify the temporary closure of parts of the roading network. A variety of operational risks (such as meeting levels of service, regulatory compliance and the health and safety risks associated with parties using roads) are triggered when the Council considers whether or not to grant the temporary road closure. This report therefore recommends that risk SR3 is treated (measures are put in place to directly impact the risk) by notifying the temporary road closure, and that the operational risks associated with granting the application are considered at the time a traffic management plan is agreed with the event organiser.

Financial Implications

- 31 There are no cost implications resulting from the approval of this temporary road closure application. The applicants will cover the administration costs associated with the processing of the road closure applications and pay for any advertising that is required as part of the process.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 32 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by ensuring that the Upper Clutha A & P Show 2016 can continue in the preferred format.
- Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year Plan; and
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

Consultation: Community Views and Preferences

- 33 The temporary road closure has been advertised in the Wanaka Sun and will be advertised again before the closure takes place. This is statutory requirement under the Local Government Act 1974. No objections to the road closures have been received.
- 34 The Upper Clutha A & P Society itself promotes the event widely throughout the district and advertising appears in local newspapers.
- 35 The Chief Engineer and Roading Corridor Engineer have been consulted in the preparation of this report and they concur with the recommendations and conditions proposed in this report.
- 36 A standard condition of any temporary road closure application is that the applicant provides an affected party notification to any businesses and residences within the road closure area prior to closing the roads. As mentioned earlier in this report, there are no residences or businesses on the portion of the road to be closed.

Criteria for Closing Significant Roads

- 37 McDougall Street is listed in the 'Criteria for Closing Significant Roads Policy' as a significant road. However, routes in and out of Wanaka are not disrupted by the closure with alternative detours available. We have publicly notified the intent to close the road, advised Emergency Services, NZ Police, Council contractors and Council staff who would have an interest in the road closures and followed the statutory administrative requirements of the Local Government Act 1974.

Legal Considerations and Statutory Responsibilities

38 Temporary road closures are controlled by Section 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974. As authority for approval of road closures is delegated to the Wanaka Community Board and considering Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 2002 the advice recommends a decision that is efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

Attachments

A Map of proposed road closure

Lake Wanaka

A&P Show KEY

- DT Disabled Toilets
- T Toilets
- Eft Eftpos Entrance
- Trade Stalls
- Security Fencing

