

**Wanaka Community Board
21 February 2019**

Report for Agenda Item: 4

Department: Property & Infrastructure

Temporary Road Closure Application – Wanaka A&P Show 2019

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider a temporary road closure application for the Wanaka A&P Show from Wednesday 6th to Sunday 10th March 2019.

Executive Summary

The Wanaka A&P Society have applied to close the portion of McDougall Street between Ardmore and Brownston Streets to allow their annual event to take place in a safe and efficient manner due to the large number of participants and attendees.

The recommendation is for approval with similar conditions that have been applied to the temporary road closure in prior years.

Recommendation

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Approve** the road closure application for the Wanaka A&P Show 2019 subject to the following conditions.
 - a. Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Planning and Development.
 - b. Radio advertising two days prior and on the morning of the event.
 - c. The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.
 - d. The event organisers ensure access is available for emergency services and maintenance contractors if required;
 - e. The event organisers encourage alternative transport modes to the event such as adequate bike parking and Park and Ride option.
 - f. The applicant must advise of the closure and the alternative transport modes through their own social media and contact QLDC Communications to arrange the closures to be further shared through Council social media.
 - g. The applicant must notify all affected parties of the extent of the temporary road closure; this notification is to be undertaken at least

ten working days prior to the closure occurring. A copy of this notice is to be supplied to APL Property Limited.

- h. All reasonable concerns raised by affected parties shall be addressed by the applicants to the satisfaction of Council. In addressing such concerns, the applicants shall nominate a responsible person to liaise with Council.

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

Road to be Closed: McDougall Street from Ardmore Street to Brownston Street

Period of Closure: 0800 on Wednesday 6 March 2019 to 0800 on Sunday 10 March 2019

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Background

- 1 An application has been received from Southern Safety Services Limited on behalf of the Wanaka A&P Society to temporarily close part of a road in order to hold the annual Wanaka A&P Show in March 2019.
- 2 The road closures for the 2019 event are outlined within the recommendation and are shown in Attachment A. The closure extent is similar to those approved for the 2018 event however it is proposed to close the road a day earlier on the Wednesday to cater for the growth that the event is experiencing and to allow more time to set up.
- 3 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 applications to close roads temporarily under this legislation.

Comment

- 4 The Wanaka A&P Show is an annual event and over the past years approval has been granted to close part of McDougall Street to vehicular traffic to allow for set up and set down for the event, manage traffic and ensure safety for exhibitors and the public.
- 5 The closure enables exhibitors and competitors to enter and exit the grounds with the applicants utilising the road closures to control all traffic in and out of the area and public attending the event. 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. 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.
- 6 The applicants have suggested alternative routes for traffic during the closure via Ardmore, Dungarvon and Brownston Streets.
- 7 In the past the Wanaka Community Board has requested alternative transport modes be encouraged in relation to this event. An extended overflow and oversize parking area will be provided for on Golf Course Road and, as has occurred in previous years, a Park and Ride option will again be made available. The availability of this will be widely advertised by the applicant and notification of this Park and Ride option will be incorporated with the final advertisement in the Wanaka Sun QLDC Noticeboard notifying the road closures for the 2019 event. Suitable bike parking areas will also be provided for and cycling to the event encouraged.
- 8 As occurred in 2018 the event will again coincide with the Motatapu sporting event which is to take place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March 2019 however both events managed to run without incident in 2018 on the same weekend and again Southern Safety Services will be preparing the Traffic Management Plan for both events and they are confident they can be managed efficiently. Historically both events have been held on the same date and the majority of the athletes heading towards Glendhu Bay for the Motatapu event will be going well before the show opens their gates with all participants in Motatapu being made aware of the road closures for the Wanaka Show and the alternative routes available.
- 9 Council Engineers have been consulted and they advise there are no concerns with the recommended conditions in place for any road closure approved.
- 10 The road closure has been well managed in the past and there are no residents or businesses on the closure route. A standard requirement of all temporary road closure approvals is that a Traffic Management Plan is approved before the roads are closed. This will be in place to deal with the usual flow of traffic and will ensure that all traffic and pedestrian flows are managed with appropriate signage, barriers and wardens.

- 11 No issues or complaints have arisen from this road closure when it has occurred in previous years and there are no concerns relating to the proposed closure in 2019.
- 12 The event has run successfully in the past and the recommendation is for approval of the application, subject to the same conditions which have been applied in previous years.

Options

- 13 Option 1 To approve the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

Advantages:

- 14 Council will remain consistent with previous years road closures approved for the event.
- 15 The event will be able to continue to run as proposed.
- 16 The road closure will enable safe set up of the event, safety for participants during the event and safety during the dismantling of the event.
- 17 Alternative routes are available allowing traffic to still move freely around the surrounding area.

Disadvantages:

- 18 Road closures affect the normal flow of traffic which can affect businesses and can inconvenience the public.
- 19 Option 2 To decline the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

Advantages

- 20 There would be less inconvenience for the public that use the roads with them remaining open to normal vehicular traffic.

Disadvantages:

- 21 Council would be inconsistent with previous road closures allowed for the events.
- 22 It may mean the event will not be able to be run as planned or not at all.
- 23 It could create an unsafe environment for the set up and dismantling of the event and for the participants during the event.
- 24 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter as the event will be able to proceed as planned in a safe, managed environment.

Significance and Engagement

- 25 This matter is of medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because it relates to Council's roading network which is identified as a significant asset.
- 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

- 27 This matter relates to the strategic risk SR3 Management Practice - working within legislation, as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as moderate. This matter relates to this risk because 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 approve a temporary road closure.
- 28 This matter also relates to strategic risk SR6a – assets critical to service delivery (infrastructure assets) with the risk classified as low. This is because the impact of the temporary road closure is minimal for the public and does not have a significant permanent impact on Council's infrastructure.
- 29 This matter also relates to operational risk SR27 levels of service, as documented in the Council's risk register. This risk is classed as moderate. This matter relates to this risk as it requires a decision from Council for a private activity.
- 30 The recommended option mitigates the risk by treating the risk – putting measures in place which directly impact the risk because conditions are included in any road closure approval which address the risks.

Financial Implications

- 31 There are no cost implications resulting from the decision. The applicant has paid a fee for the road closure application and will pay for any advertising that is required as part of the process.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

- 32 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
 - a. *Significance and Engagement Policy 2014* – providing clarity on Council's decision making processes and assessing the extent to which individuals, organisations, groups and sectors in the community are affected by the Council's decisions.
 - b. *Criteria for Closing Significant Road Policy* – Ardmore Street (from Brownston Street to Sargood Drive Street) is listed in the 'Criteria for Closing Significant Roads Policy' as a significant road and the proposed road closure comes within this portion of Ardmore Street. However, routes in and out of Wanaka are not disrupted by the closure with alternative detours available. Ardmore Street has been temporarily closed on other

occasions, without complaint or incident. This closure is often associated with key Wanaka events.

33 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

34 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 Wanaka A&P Show 2019 can continue in the preferred format;
- Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- 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

35 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the general public who may use the road and businesses on the closure routes.

36 The temporary road closure has been advertised in The Wanaka Sun inviting comment and will be advertised again before the closure takes place. This is a statutory requirement of the Local Government Act 1974. At the date of this report no issues or concerns have arisen from this notification.

37 Council Engineers have been consulted in the preparation of this report and they concur with the recommendations and conditions proposed.

38 We have publicly notified the intent to close the road, advised Emergency Services, NZ Police, Ritchies Connectabus, InterCity, QLDC Events office, 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

39 Temporary road closures are controlled by Schedule 10 Section 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974. As authority for approval of road closures is delegated to the Chief Executive 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 Road Closure Area