

Item: 2 – Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan**Purpose – Decision Making**

- 1 To approve the draft Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan for public notification.

Executive Summary

- 2 In August 2013, the Wanaka Community Board endorsed officers beginning the preparation of a management plan under the Reserves Act 1977 for the Wanaka lakefront reserve areas from Glendhu Bay to the Outlet Camp.
- 3 Officers notified the intention to prepare a plan in August and suggestions were received. A number of substantive issues were identified through the suggestion and research phases and stakeholders were engaged throughout the preparation of the draft plan. Iwi input has also been sought.
- 4 The next stage in the process is public notification and the receipt of submissions. It is recommended the Wanaka Community Board nominate up to four people to sit on a hearings panel to hear those submitters wishing to speak in support of their submission and to finalise the plan for endorsement by the Board.
- 5 The Council has the delegation to adopt management plans at the completion of the statutory process.

Recommendation

1. ***That the Wanaka Community Board adopt the Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan dated March 2014 for public notification; and***
2. ***That the Wanaka Community Board nominate up to four people to comprise a Hearings Committee to consider submissions to the Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan dated March 2014 and finalise the plan for endorsement by the Wanaka Community Board.***

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Discussion

Background

- 6 A management plan under the Reserves Act 1977 for the reserve areas stretching from Glendhu Bay to the Outlet Camp is considered a pragmatic response to the increasing number of applications for various structures and activities along the Wanaka lakefront.
- 7 A number of individual reserve management or reserve development plans have been prepared, but if not out of date, deal with the lakefront in an inconsistent way.
- 8 Council has only recently held the lakefront as a contiguous reserve, with the only outstanding land a small area at the Waterfall Creek outlet remaining with the Department of Conservation, but planned to transfer to Council.

Intention to prepare a management plan

- 9 The first step in preparing a management plan is publishing the intention to prepare and inviting suggestions from the public on what should be incorporated or addressed within the plan. Officers notified this intention, following approval from the Wanaka Community Board in August 2013.
- 10 A number of suggestions were received and policies were drafted in response to these covering the areas of:
 - a General management
 - b Recreation and events
 - c Landscape
 - d Biodiversity
 - e Cultural values
 - f Reserve specific objectives and policies.
- 11 These policies all support the management plan vision “to protect and enhance the amenity value of the Lake Wanaka Reserves whilst providing opportunities for land and water based recreation” and its objectives, namely:
 - i Recognise the unique character of the Lake Wanaka lakefront reserves and reflect this in the design, maintenance and management of the parks and reserves along the lakefront
 - ii Manage and maintain the reserves as recreational areas for the enjoyment of the Wanaka community and visitors
 - iii Facilitate the use of the reserves for both active and passive recreational pursuits by managing and providing for appropriate built structures to support both passive and active recreation
 - iv Support and enhance the local economy by appropriate sustainable commercial use of the reserves
 - v Enhanced biodiversity of both the lakefront and the lake itself by managing access and use in an environmentally appropriate manner

- vi Manage the impact of built infrastructure on the natural amenity values of the reserves by minimising built facilities and appropriate alignment of facilities

12 Officers originally intended on preparing a draft for notification prior to Christmas 2013. However, given the range of topics raised and to enable sufficient time to enable iwi to comment, this timetable was delayed whilst additional research was conducted and stakeholder meetings held.

Next steps

13 The draft plan will be notified for public submission for forty working days and hearings held. It is recommended the Wanaka Community Board nominate up to four people, noting only three will be required for a hearings panel, to consider submissions and finalise the plan for the Board’s endorsement. The plan must then be forwarded to the Council for final approval.

14 Assuming notification in March, allowing for hearings and consideration, a final plan is likely to be reported to the Community Board in July.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose

The author has reviewed Section 10 of the LGA. This matter gives effect to the purpose of local government because:

Activity (local democracy, infrastructure, local public services, or performance of regulatory functions)	A Wanaka Lakefront reserves management plan enables the area to be managed in a consistent and holistic manner and provides certainty of development and use for local residents.
Quality (efficient, effective and appropriate to present and future circumstances)	
Economic (most cost-effective for households and businesses)	

Significance of Decision

15 The report author has reviewed the Significance Policy. The report recommendation is not significant under the Council's Policy on Significance, which includes the following thresholds:

- Moderately affects a large number of ratepayers;
- Substantially affects small number of ratepayers;
- History of generating wide public interest in district;
- Involves more than \$2 million of budgeted or \$200,000 of unbudgeted expenditure;

- Involves ownership, control, construction, replacement or abandonment of a strategic asset (as defined in the Act and/or Policy);
- Involves Council's shareholding in CCTO or CCO;
- Affects capacity to carry out, or the cost of carrying out, activity identified in the LTP.

Consultation - Interested or Affected Persons

- 16 The public has had, through the intent to prepare a management plan notification, the opportunity to provide suggestions. A table summarising the suggestions and where they are addressed within the draft plan is included as Appendix Four to the plan.
- 17 Iwi has been consulted separately and the feedback is also reflected in the policies contained in the draft plan.

Relevant Council Policies and Plans

- 18 Queenstown Lakes District Council Long Term Plan 2012-22
- 19 Queenstown Lakes District Council District Plan

Risk Management

- 20 The recommendations do not impact on the strategic risks identified in the Council's Risk Register.

Attachments

- A Draft Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan March 2014