

**QLDC Council**  
**26 November 2015**  
**Report for Agenda Item: 17**

## Mayor's report

### Purpose

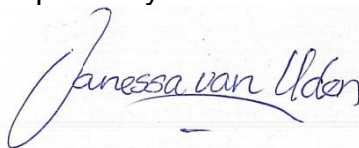
To summarise the Mayor's activities since the date of the last report and to raise other items of democratic and general interest, including a summary of actions taken in response to the decisions made at previous Council meetings.

### Recommendation

That the Council:

1. **Note** the report;
2. **Approve** making an application to the Central Lakes Trust for a grant of \$1,635 to assist in the purchase of a new defibrillator for the Queenstown Events Centre;
3. Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration  
**Agree** to the Mayor signing the Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration on behalf of the Queenstown Lakes District Council;
4. Request to Renew Reserve Licence, Liquid Expeditions Ltd (Flyboards)  
**Exercise** the Minister's consent (under delegation from the Minister of Conservation) to the granting of this licence over St Omer Park, Recreation Reserve Section 110 Block XX Shotover SD.

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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 30 October – 25 November 2015:

- Queenstown Airport Corporation Quarterly Liaison meeting
- Queenstown Lakes District Trust Power Awards function
- Gathering of Geezers 2015 Charitable dinner
- Host Otago Mayoral Forum meeting

- Shaping Our Future discussion on Tourism Taskforce recommendation paper
- Attendance at Shotover Jet 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration
- Film Otago Southland meeting
- Attendance at Queenstown Chamber of Commerce AGM
- Region Mayors Dinner with His Excellency, The Governor-General of New Zealand, Lt Gen the Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae and Her Excellency Lady Janine Mateparae
- Attendance at St John Ambulance Dedication
- Attendance at Their Excellencies Community Volunteers Luncheon
- Officiating at ground-breaking ceremony of Aspiring Enliven Care Centre
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Meeting with Ian Collier and Christopher Luxon, Air New Zealand
- Festive Season 2015 Planning meeting
- Attendance at Affordable Housing Forum
- Queenstown Airport Corporation Board meeting and AGM
- On leave 4-12 November

### **New Defibrillator for Queenstown Events Centre**

Staff at the Queenstown Events Centre are applying to the Central Lakes Trust for a new defibrillator to replace the centre's existing one which has now reached the end of its usable life. The application is for \$1,635 which is 50% of the total cost, with the other 50% to be funded from QEC internal budgets. As the application is being lodged under the Council's name, a Council resolution approving making this application is required.

### **Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration**

The attached declaration is a collective recognition by New Zealand Councils of the need for urgent action to address climate change for the benefit of future generations. LGNZ has endorsed the declaration, as have 17 other Councils from throughout New Zealand. The declaration stresses that New Zealand has much at stake and much to gain by adopting strong leadership on climate change.

By signing up to this declaration the Council's commitments are to:

1. Develop and implement ambitious action plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support resilience within our own councils and for our local communities. These plans will:
  - a. Promote walking, cycling, public transport and other low carbon transport options;
  - b. Work to improve the resource efficiency and health of homes, businesses and infrastructure in our district; and
  - c. Support the use of renewable energy and uptake of electric vehicles.

2. Work with our communities to understand, prepare for and respond to the physical impacts of climate change.

## **Portfolio Leader reports**

### ***Operations (From Portfolio Leader, Councillor Gazzard)***

- Shotover Primary School sports hall extension is well underway with structural steel and timber framing near completion and roofing installation commencing shortly.
- The Arrowtown Community Sports Centre is awaiting confirmation of grant funding before progressing. In the meantime the Rugby Club building has been demolished and removed.
- Turf rejuvenation has been carried out on Earnslaw Park and Arrowtown town centre and further planning is in progress to allow for maintenance of turf in urban grassed areas and sports fields across the district.
- A proposal for the logging/removal of the Coronet Forest has been received. There will be further discussions with the joint owners before a recommendation comes back to Council for consideration.
- A site and opportunity analysis is being undertaken for the Wanaka Lakefront Development Plan.

### ***Planning and Development (from Portfolio Leader, Councillor Gilmour)***

- The Queenstown Housing Accord's first year target has been significantly exceeded with over 500 dwellings or sections consented, versus a target of 350.
- District Plan Review Stage I submissions closed on 23 October with 839 submissions received. These are being summarised by a joint team of policy and resource consent planners and a big 'thank you' is extended to them for working a lot of extra time so that they can be published and sent out to submitters for a round of further submissions in December. Work at this stage is still on target for hearings taking place in February through July and decisions coming to Council before the end of this triennium.
- Considerable work has been undertaken over the past month on Special Housing Area proposals. Three of the four that had been earmarked for further investigations – confirming proponents' resourcing of infrastructural requirements and the proposals meeting council's lead policy and SHA requirements – will be brought to this month's Council meeting with recommendations that they proceed. Proponents of the fourth proposal have to date shown no enthusiasm to progress the SHA.
- 103 non-notified resource consent decisions were issued in September, up from 82 the same month the year before, and 71 the month prior. The median charge was \$1455 which is below the \$1500 target.

- The percentage of resource consents issued within the statutory timeframe continued to decline: 87% this month down from 93% in September and 100% the same month last year. 94 applications were received in October, up 10 from September, and 76 decisions were issued. Three additional staff members have been recruited over the past month and it is expected that decisions will be made within statutory timeframes from now on. The average number of working days for a non-notified consent remained at 17.
- There was a record number of building consent applications received during October: 163, up from 125 the same month in 2014. The percentage issued within statutory timeframe dropped to 81%, down from 99% in October 2014. 159 building consents were issued in October, up from 142 the same month the previous year. Average processing time was 16 working days, up from 10 in October 2014 and 14 last month.
- A new Building Services Manager has been appointed and a Senior Building Manager is on secondment from Auckland City Council. Two new Building Control Officers have also started recently. This should improve the above metrics.
- LIM applications are still very high: 149 up from 118 in October 2014, but all have been processed within the statutory 10 working day limit, with an average processing time of just five days.

### ***Infrastructure (from Portfolio Leader, Councillor Cocks)***

#### **Capital Works**

1. Roundabout State Highway and 350m of EAR: Completion still on track for early December. Work at Hardware Place will be done after Christmas.
2. Hawea Water supply, new bore and UV treatment: Currently investigating potential issues with surge should pump failure occur. Pump shutdown is part of the commissioning.
3. Beacon Point Road/Mt Aspiring Road: Beacon Point Road scope will include water and stormwater pipe upgrades at Bremner Park Road.
4. Brownston Street Parking: Complete except for repositioning of chain fence around the edge of the build-outs.
5. Plantation Road reservoir pipe work upgrade is complete. A quotation received from Veolia to upgrade and reconfigure pipe work between the reservoir and Link Way booster is being reviewed along with their programme and timing for the start of the work.
6. Ardmore Street water and wastewater main upgrade: The project is on hold due to budget constraints.
7. New sewer line along Aubrey Road (East): Completion is due by end of November 2015.

8. Reseal contract is out for tender and will close on 17 November with award by early December.
9. Eastern Access Road Trunk Infrastructure design project: Design work is underway.
10. Veolia has finished sewer main pipe cracking work on Melbourne Street to Hobart Street and has now commenced on Stanley, Henry and Hallenstein Streets. This work will take approximately one month.
11. Lake Hayes Estate water supply falling main renewal contract has been awarded to Fulton Hogan.
12. Professional services contract has been awarded to Fluent Solutions for Mount Aspiring Booster pump station upgrade and Wanaka Yacht Club bore injection.

### **Other Projects**

1. Queenstown Town Centre Transport Strategy: The report is due to be presented to the Council meeting in December 2015.
2. Wanaka Transport Strategy: A report to the Wanaka Community Board has been deferred to December 2015 as currently consulting over parking changes.
3. Cardrona wastewater: Veolia will connect the Baxter 2009 WWTP to our Scada system. Design work for reticulation has been awarded to Harrison Grierson.
4. AMPs: AMP documentation update/refresh is work in progress. Updated population projections will be finalised in the next two weeks along with demand data. Financials to include 16/17 Annual Plan updates.
5. TechOne: Still pushing for traction with TechOne on their outstanding cases. The first round of contract workflow reports have been given to finance.
6. Queenstown Wastewater flow survey: Queenstown facilities verification is nearly complete. Final data and report has been received from flow contractor. Next steps are to model the build and calibration. Queenstown model build and calibration on track to be completed by Christmas. Wanaka model build and calibration to take place in the new year after facilities verification is undertaken there.

Water Supply pressure and flow survey: Water field survey contractor has been confirmed (Detection Services from Alexandra) and we are working through finalising locations for pressure sensors. Locations are to be finalised in the next 1-2 weeks with hydrant locations being tested before installation on 14-18 December. Field survey will continue through to the week commencing 11 January 2016. Water models to be built and calibrated in the new year.

7. The ILM session was held on the Waste Minimisation Strategy review and problem statements are being finalised.

8. The engineering team has done various reviews on infrastructure implications for the SHA areas (Arthurs Point, Lake Hayes Estate and Shotover Country).

### **Regional Transport Committee**

The latest meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees was held in Balclutha on 10 November 2015. Items addressed included:

- a. Update on the Visitor Drivers Project and actions completed and underway. Significant progress has been made.
- b. Proposal for the governance and delivery of road safety was debated. More work is sought to get a consistent approach for both regions.
- c. Project updates.
- d. Regional Cycling discussion with presentations by Dougal List (NZTA) and Robert Thompson (Spokes Dunedin).

### **Recent Meetings**

#### **Wanaka Community Board draft minutes (21 October 2015)**

- 1 Hawea Unformed Legal Roads\*
- 2 Wanaka Airport Water Safety Plan
- 3 Wanaka Parking Changes – Appointment of a Hearings Panel
- 4 Temporary Road Closure – Challenge Wanaka Event 2016
- 5 Chair's Report

\* Recommendation to Council, but is the subject of a separate report on this agenda.

#### **Property Subcommittee draft minutes (22 October 2015)**

- 1 Queenstown Trail Commercial Cycle Guiding Review and Relicensing
- 2 Request to Renew Reserve Licence, Liquid Expeditions Ltd (Flyboards)\*\*
- 3 Approval for a Donated Sculpture on Kelvin Peninsula

\*\* Recommendation to Council to exercise Minister of Conservation's consent (included in recommendations on this report).

#### **Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee draft minutes (22 October 2015)\*\*\***

- 1 Commissioner Appointment:
  - G Beazley (RM150441)

\*\*\* No resolution was made at this meeting to release any part of the draft minutes publicly, so they are therefore presented for the Council to note in the public excluded part of the Council meeting.

**Property Subcommittee draft minutes (12 November 2015)**

NOTE: This meeting lapsed for want of a quorum.

**Property Subcommittee draft minutes (17 November 2015)**

- 1 Heritage Incentive Grant Application – St John’s Church, Arrowtown
- 2 Licence to Occupy Road Reserve – Mipad Holdings Limited, 4 Henry Street Development
- 3 Road Naming Application – Grandview Developments Limited, Off Orchard Road, Lot 21 DP 309977, Wanaka
- 4 Affected Party Approval – Queenstown Underwater Observatory
- 5 Lease and Licence Renewals

**Attachments**

- A Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration
- B Wanaka Community Board draft minutes (21 October 2015)
- C Property Subcommittee draft minutes (22 October 2015)
- D Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee draft minutes (22 October 2015) (Public Excluded)
- E Property Subcommittee draft minutes (12 November 2015)
- F Property Subcommittee draft minutes (17 November 2015)
- G Action list from previous Council meetings