

QLDC Council
29 October 2015
Report for Agenda Item: 9

Mayor's report

Purpose

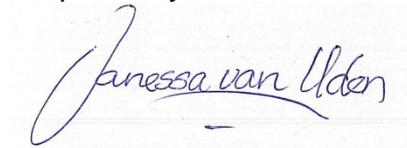
To summarise the Mayor's activities since the date of the last report and to raise other items of democratic and general interest, including a summary of actions taken in response to the decisions made at previous Council meetings.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Note** the report; and
2. **Adopt** the schedule of ordinary Council meetings, Audit and Risk Committee meetings, Property Subcommittee meetings and Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee meetings for 2016 until the end of the current Council triennium.

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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 25 September – 28 October 2015:

- Queenstown Airport Corporation Board meeting
- Meeting with Jacqui Dean, MP for Waitaki
- LAP Working Party meeting
- Meeting with Leah McTaggart re Disabilities Resource Centre
- Attendance at Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon (speaker: Michael Barnett)
- Queenstown and Frankton Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual Awards Evening
- Attendance at BNZ Business Women Lunch
- Meeting of Chief Executive Performance Review Committee

- Opening of Wall of Remembrance at Kelvin Heights Golf Course
- Opening of Millbrook Cricket Club Pavilion
- Farewell to Greg Lind, Department of Conservation
- Meeting with Chief Executive of Local Government New Zealand
- Attendance at Air New Zealand Parliamentary Reception
- Attendance at Queenstown Trails Trust AGM
- Attendance at FIVE Mile Project Celebration
- Attendance at Wakatipu Lions Club 25th anniversary celebrations
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Attendance at Conference dinner for Asian Angels
- Introductory meeting with Tony Avery, Interim General Manager, Planning and Development
- New Zealand Defence Force attachés function
- Opening of new Countdown supermarket
- Institute of Directors function
- Attendance at function to mark inaugural Kiwi Regional Air flight

Meeting Dates 2016

The following meeting dates are proposed for 2016 until the end of the current Council term on 8 October 2016:

Meeting	Date
Audit & Risk Committee	Monday 15 February 2016
Council	Thursday 18 February 2016
Council	Thursday 24 March 2016*
Council	Thursday 28 April 2016
Council	Thursday 26 May 2016
Audit and Risk Committee	Wednesday 15 June 2016
Council	Thursday 30 June 2016
Council	Thursday 28 July 2016
Council	Thursday 25 August 2016*
Audit and Risk Committee	Monday 19 September 2016
Council	Thursday 29 September or 6 October 2016

*I propose that the Council meetings scheduled for 24 March 2016 and 25 August 2106 take place in Wanaka. All the other ordinary Council meetings will take place in Queenstown.

Recurring meetings:

Property Subcommittee: to be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 10.00am (with the exception of Wednesday 25 May 2016) up to 6 October 2016.

Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee: to be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays immediately at the conclusion of the Property Subcommittee meetings (with the exception of Wednesday 25 May 2016) up to 6 October 2016.

The Wanaka Community Board will adopt its 2016 meeting schedule at its December 2015 meeting.

'Doc Wells'

A request was made at the last meeting for the significance of this name to be explained to the full Council. Here are details which were presented to the Property Subcommittee earlier this year.

Dr Bruce Wells (known as 'Doc Wells') was a urologist/general surgeon and Head of Surgery at Southland Hospital in Invercargill. He retired about 25 years ago and at that point moved from Invercargill with his wife to live in Queenstown. He is now 93 years old and a widower. Dr Wells was one of the two original house owners in Andrews Road where he built a holiday house in the 1960's. Since that time, the Wells family have become well known in Queenstown as a successful ski racing family with three of the children racing internationally, including one as a member of the Innsbruck Olympic ski team in 1976 with Dr Wells as the team doctor. Dr Wells' wife is buried at St Peters Church in Queenstown and the family have held numerous family occasions (weddings, funerals, christenings) in Queenstown.

Portfolio Leader reports

Operations (From Portfolio Deputy Leader, Councillor Ferguson)

Parks and Reserves

- Queenstown Cemetery extension is now complete, with only grassing/tidying up left to do.
- The intent to undertake a reserve management plan for the Wanaka Recreation Reserve was publicly notified and feedback from the public received.
- The draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan was publicly notified and submissions are being received.
- A safety audit of all playgrounds in the district has been undertaken with a report due in October.
- Changing the frequency of mowing in some parks is being trialled to understand the changes to the level of service, cost savings and environmental benefits.
- A programme to improve the quality of turf in some high profile parks, including Earnslaw Park, is being developed.

Sport and Recreation

- Alpine Health and Fitness has completed its annual survey with 85% of members describing themselves as satisfied or extremely satisfied with the services and 99% saying that they would recommend the facility to others.
- A range of new aquatic programmes designed to increase aquatic participation is now underway, including 'Aquamix', a swimming/aqua fitness workout that is attracting a strong following.
- 'Glow on the Greens' night golf attracted close to 100 participants with great feedback received. It will be re-run after daylight saving ends.
- Remarkable Theatre held its annual show at the Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall with this year's Agatha Christie whodunnit 'A Murder is Announced' well attended over the four nights. The hall's transformation for this production provided strong testament to the aging facility's potential still to be impressively 'dressed'.
- The 'Global Games' rugby tournament took place at the Queenstown Events Centre with 450 children from around the South Island taking part.

Major Projects

- Wanaka Community Pool Development: Fundraising target is \$2.77m. Central Lakes Trust has confirmed a \$1m contribution to the new pool with applications having been recently submitted to Lotteries for \$600k and Community Trust of Otago for \$500k.
- Arrowtown Community Sports Centre: Demolition of the old clubrooms is nearly complete. The Trust is now waiting on the outcome of its Lotteries funding application before the project can progress.
- Shotover Primary School Hall: the project is currently 2.5 weeks behind schedule due to unexpected ground works. Full programme recovery is anticipated with the programme currently being updated, but still maintaining an April 2016 completion date.
- Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall Seismic Strengthening: Painting, roofing and interior work is now scheduled for May 2016 due to bookings.

Planning and Development (from Portfolio Leader, Councillor Gilmour)

- Further work has been undertaken on Arrowtown design guidelines, to be referenced in the Proposed District Plan and to cover medium and low density as well as downtown and historic management zone.
- There has been further work on SHAs. Three proposals are being progressed.
- Staff and elected members have worked on developing the Council's corporate submission on the Proposed District Plan for the 22 October extraordinary Council meeting.

- Over the past month there have been further consultation/drop in sessions held in Frankton, Arrowtown, Queenstown and Wanaka for the Proposed District Plan.
- Submissions on the Proposed District Plan closed on 23 October. There will be a verbal update at the meeting of submissions received.
- A 'community ideas session' for affordable housing was attended by 30, most of whom had volunteered at the Catalyst Trust affordable housing forum in July. A good range of ideas was put forward and there will be a follow-up session scheduled before further analysis and work on suggestions is undertaken.
- 103 non-notified decisions were issued in September, up from 82 the same month the previous year. Average processing time is 17 working days, up from 15 in the corresponding period in 2014.
- The percentage of non-notified applications processed within the statutory timeframe of 20 days has slipped further to 93% (98% the previous month and 99% in the corresponding month 2014). However, two new staff members have been recruited with another starting on 19 October, so performance should improve.
- The median charge for non-notified decisions in August was \$1,395, a reduction of around \$400 from the month prior.
- Building consent applications continue to rise, almost 50% above September 2014 levels (170, up from 120). 91% were processed within statutory timeframe (20 working days), 4% down from September 2014. Seeking to redress this through additional work time, seconding staff from other Councils and recruitment.
- September was another record month for LIM applications with 188 received, up from 132 the previous month and 111 in September 2014. 100% were processed within the 10 working day statutory limit.

Infrastructure (from Portfolio Leader, Councillor Cocks)

Capital Works

1. Roundabout State Highway and 350m of EAR: Work has now commenced on the State Highway and EAR with final completion still on track for early December. Work at Hardware Place will likely be done after Christmas.
2. Hawea Water supply, new bore and UV treatment: In the trial period with go live expected early November 2015.
3. Beacon Point Road/Mt Aspiring Road: Working currently on best procurement method to maximise value. Beacon Point Road scope to include water and stormwater pipe upgrades at Bremner Park Road.
4. Brownston Street Parking: Curbing all complete, widening construction complete, surfacing will be completed by the end of October 2015.

5. Plantation Road reservoir pipe work upgrade is complete. Budget has been carried forward to fund upgrade and reconfiguration of pipe work/valves between the reservoir and Plantation Road and around the Link Way Booster. Quote received from Veolia and is being reviewed.
6. Ardmore Street water and wastewater main upgrade. Pricing currently under review as exceeded budgets.
7. New Sewer line along Aubrey Road (East): Construction is underway (approximately one third of the way through) with completion due by end of November 2015.
8. Negotiations to possibly roll over the Fulton Hogan reseal contract are ongoing. A paper is coming to the October 2015 Council meeting with recommendations to roll over contract. Contract will be retendered after further discussions with NZTA. Tender will be closed end of November.
9. Eastern Access Road Trunk Infrastructure design project: Contract was awarded to MWH and start up meeting took place 7th October.
10. Veolia has started sewer main pipe cracking work at Melbourne to Hobart Street.
11. Lake Hayes Estate water supply falling main renewal scheduled for November 2015

Other Projects

1. Queenstown Town Centre Transport Strategy: Report to Council on this agenda.
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: Baxter 2009 WWTP under maintenance and operation with Veolia.
4. Wanaka Airport Water Supply. Report went to Wanaka Community Board October meeting.
5. Consultation over Frankton parking changes (McBride Street/Ross Street, Douglas Street, Glenda Drive/Margaret Place) commenced on Monday 17 August. Hearing held 15 October. Deliberations underway with intention to report to November 2015 Council meeting.
6. AMP's: 2015 review process has begun. Initial workshops advising the process and timeline has been held with stakeholders (Infrastructure & Finance). Working with externals to update various data inputs QLDC rely upon – eg. Veolia for updated Demand Forecasting.
7. TechOne: Following the recent audit we are working closing with TechOne and Finance to escalate and progress high priority outstanding cases and pull requirements from the audit into the workflow project.

8. Queenstown Wastewater flow survey is technically now complete as we had sufficient rain events to collect enough data to allow calibration of the model. Three flow monitors have been left in along the Frankton Track to capture further data, especially during the spring thaw and the Christmas peak. There is interest in understanding how lake level affects the flow in these pipes. These 3 flow monitors are QLDC-owned meaning that they do not need to be rented or borrowed. The plan is to leave them in until late-December – early-January. The Wanaka flow survey is also complete and all flow monitors have been removed. Analysis of rainfall shows that we had enough suitable events to give us the data we need so a good result.

The data is being processed and the next steps will be some facilities verification (heading out to check dimensions and operational settings at various facilities) before getting underway with the model build.

A similar survey (pressure and flow survey) on the water network is next. We've been talking to two contractors who are available around the Christmas period. We will have further details about this project by mid-October.

Recent Meetings

Property Subcommittee minutes (24 September 2015)

- 1 Lessor's Approval for New Lodge Building at Glendhu Bay Camping Ground, Lake Wanaka
- 2 Lessor Approval for New Facilities Building at Wanaka Lakeview Holiday Park

Property Subcommittee draft minutes (8 October 2015)

- 1 Temporary Road Closure – 2015 Queenstown Marathon
- 2 Temporary Road Closure Application – Queenstown Car Club – Coronet Peak Hill Climb 2015
- 3 Temporary Road Closure – Rural Games 2016

Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee draft minutes (24 September 2015)*

- 1 Commissioner Appointments:
 - Closeknit Ltd (RM150678)
 - Shotover Park Ltd (RM140624)
 - Tryphena Trust (RM150240)
 - C and J Paddon (RM150476)

Audit and Risk Committee draft minutes (14 October 2015)*

- 1 Annual Report 2015

- 2 Capital Work In Progress 2015
- 3 Risk Mitigation Update
- 4 Sensitive Expenditure
- 5 Health, Safety & Wellbeing Report
- 6 QLDC Cyber Security – Current Situation Report
- 7 Update of Council Property Compliance
- 8 Treasury Update: September 2015

***NOTE**

These meetings were held with the public excluded for their full duration and the draft minutes will therefore be presented for the Council to note in the public excluded part of the Council meeting.

Attachments

- A Property Subcommittee minutes (24 September 2015)
- B Property Subcommittee draft minutes (8 October 2015)
- C Action list from previous Council meetings