

Chairperson and Community Board Members
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

26 APRIL 2016

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

ROAD NAMING - TE MANUAO ROAD SUBDIVISION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report asks the Board to approve a name for a new road to be constructed, as part of a subdivision at the eastern end of Te Manuao Road, Ōtaki.

DELEGATION

- 2 With reference to the Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy 2011, under Section 10.23 of the current Governance Structure and Delegations, the Council has delegated the authority to Community Boards to:

accept or reject staff recommendations on; road names; or the alteration of the name of any road; or part of any road within the Board's community area. If all names are rejected the Board may request a further report.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Under Council's policy, developers are required to submit three name suggestions, in preferential order, for each road to be named, whether it is public or private.
- 4 Supplementary information in support of the names is to be provided by the developer, in writing, and this may be consistent with marketing themes, historical connections, or names of previous owners.
- 5 The Community Board has a responsibility to ensure that road names are unique to the district. This is for public safety and avoidance of confusion for emergency and utility services, as call centres are often located away from the district.
- 6 The Community Board may accept one of the proposed names within the report, or reject all suggested names and request that staff provide alternative names in a subsequent report.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

- 7 The new road will be a cul-de-sac, approximately 80 metres long, directly off Te Manuao Road. See Appendix 1. It will provide access to the associated 16 lot development. One of the lots will also have access from Freemans Road.
- 8 The initial name suggestions put forward, in preferential order, by the developer were Stonewood, Puriri, and Kereru. Of these initial three name options, Council staff advised that the latter two were not unique in the district.

- 9 The iwi representative had supported the two names which were later discarded, but did not support the developer's first choice. The developer gave the opportunity to the iwi representative and historical representative to further suggest suitable names.
- 10 The iwi representative declined to offer suggestions. The Otaki Historical Society representative, Anne Thorpe, responded that the group had no significant historical information regarding this area, and therefore were unable to comment further.
- 11 Council library staff offered some information regarding the previous occupants, and use of the land as commercial gardens.
- 12 The developer submitted 3 new suggestions directly to Council, in preferential order, as follows –
 - a. **Pōhatu Lane** – Pōhatu is the Māori word for stone. The use of the Māori translation respects the strong ties the Māori people have with Ōtaki. The name recognises that the area being developed is part of an old riverbed and consequently has layers of stones beneath the topsoil. Stone pillars and stone walls will be used in the landscaping of the development, regardless of the name.
 - b. **Putiputi Place** – Putiputi is the Māori word for flower. This acknowledges that the area was used in the past for growing vegetables and cut flowers.
 - c. **Māra Lane** – Māra is the Māori word for garden, and similarly acknowledges the previous use of the land.
- 13 "Way", "Lane" and "Place" are all suitable descriptors for this road type.
- 14 Council considered the new options and its preferred option is **Pōhatu Lane**. This reflects the links to the past, present and the future of the land. It is easy to spell and pronounce.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 15 The Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy: 2011 states that the developer (or applicant) must consult with the relevant iwi and historical society representatives, and include their comments in the application.
- 16 Because the relevant historical society, Kapiti Historical Society, is currently in remission, the engagement was with Mr Anthony Dreaver, a well-known and respected local historian.
- 17 Aside from the departure mentioned in paragraph 16 above, the procedure for the existing Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy: 2011 has been followed.

Legal considerations

- 18 The Council and its Community Boards can name roads pursuant to Sections 319 and 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

Financial considerations

- 19 The cost of signage is borne by the developer as part of the Resource Consent conditions for the subdivision.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 20 Iwi were consulted on the initial proposals as part of this process.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

- 21 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

Consultation already undertaken

- 22 The developer has discussed the names initially proposed with the representatives of Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, and the Otaki Historical Society, and had given them the opportunity for other suggestions.

Engagement planning

- 23 An engagement plan is not needed to implement this decision.

Publicity

- 24 There are no publicity issues resulting from this report but, if appropriate, Council may choose to communicate the information to the Kāpiti community through one of its communications channels.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 25 That the Ōtaki Community Board approves either “**Pōhatu Lane**” or “**Putiputi Place**” or “**Māra Lane**” for the road highlighted on Appendix 1 of Report Corp-16-1848.

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Appendix 1 Location

