

Chairperson and Community Board Members
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

5 FEBRUARY

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

NAMING THE FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE RANGIURU STREAM

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Community Board's approval of a name for the footbridge across the Rangioru Stream at the end of Atkinson Avenue.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The recommendations in this report do not trigger the Council's significance policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 At the 31 July 2012 meeting; *'The Board requested that Council officers complete further consultation on the naming of the bridge and another report is brought back to the Board. Board members to supply names that have been provided to them by the Community to Samara Shaw'*.
- 4 The Council's Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy 2011 permits Community Boards to name locally significant structures. Structures can be named to signify their physical location and function, provide recognition to individuals, hapū, iwi or groups, or provide sponsorship opportunities to individuals or organisations. The Policy provides a framework for naming new structures and recognises the importance of the Memorandum of Partnership with our Treaty partners, Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Toa Rangitira.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 5 The Council's Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy 2011 states a number of points should be considered when selecting a name. The relevant points listed in the policy are:
 - the proposed name has direct relevance to the site;
 - the history, character, landscape, flora and fauna of the site;
 - names that reflect a botanical, ecological, geographical or geological element;
 - the historical and/or cultural connections to tāngata whenua or individuals from the community.
- 6 The following names have been submitted for consideration: Taumanuka Bridge – Taumanuka is the name associated with the land between the Ōtaki River and the Waitohu and Mangapouri Streams. 'Tau' means ridge and 'manuka' is the tea tree shrub;

- Atkinson Bridge - Atkinson Avenue is the street on which the footbridge is located and the surname of the developer of the Rangiora-by-the-sea subdivision of 1897. Mr E Tudor Atkinson purchased most of the Taumanuka block by the early 1900s;
 - Bayston Bridge – the late Dr Barry Bayston contributed much to the Ōtaki Community and was a member of the Friends of the Ōtaki River;
 - The Link – a suggestion received during the submission period;
 - Bishop Bridge – John Bishop, or JB as he was known, was a local identity who lived in Atkinson Avenue for over 50 years and was a keen fisherman and whitebaiter. The submitter also suggested JB's Bridge or Johnny's Bridge;
 - Nugent Bridge – this is said to be the name of the original footbridge over the Rangiora Stream erected at the time of the Rangiora-by-the-sea subdivision.
- 7 Atkinson Bridge and Taumanuka Bridge were the two options submitted at the Ōtaki Community Board meeting of 31 July 2012.
- 8 All the submitted names are consistent with the Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy. Although Atkinson is on the list of submitted names, a descendant of Mr E Tudor Atkinson has asked for the Atkinson name not to be used. Taumanuka is the earliest recorded name of the area where the footbridge is located and is considered the heartland of Ngāti Raukawa. Taumanuka fits a greater number of the policy criteria, being a reference to the site itself as well as having historical and cultural connections and reflecting the local landscape and flora. Taumanuka is the recommended name.

Financial Considerations

- 9 It would be appropriate for an afternoon tea style function to be included as part of a formal naming ceremony and an appropriate sign will be required for the footbridge. These costs will be met from existing budgets.

Legal Considerations

- 10 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

- 11 The Ōtaki Community Board has Delegated Authority to consider this issue under Part D 'Community Boards' of the Governance Structure:

Naming Reserve, Structures and Commemorative places.

10.22 With reference to the Reserves Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy 2011, authority to receive requests from the community, or put forward names, regarding specific names of reserves, structures and commemorative places for input to the staff report.

10.23 Authority to approve or reject officer recommendations in respect of such names.

Consultation

- 12 The Ōtaki community, Friends of the Ōtaki River and Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki have been consulted in this matter.

Policy Implications

- 13 There are no policy considerations.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 14 Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki have recommended the name should be Taumanuka Bridge in recognition of the original name for the land on the seaward side of the Rangioru Stream between the Ōtaki River and the Waitohu and Mangapouri Streams.

Publicity Considerations

- 15 The Council will issue a press release on the new name and install appropriate signage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 16 That the Ōtaki Community Board approves the name of the footbridge over the Rangioru Stream at Atkinson Avenue as 'Taumanuka Bridge'.

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