

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**PROPOSED NAME CHANGE TO COUNCIL-OWNED
COMMUNITY HALL IN WAIKANAE**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Community Board's approval for a name change to the Council-owned Community Hall at 32 Utuata Street, which is currently known as the Waikanae Senior Citizens Hall.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 At previous meetings, the Waikanae Community Board has discussed the possibility of changing the name of this hall, and had requested this report from Council officers outlining options for changing the name.
- 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, or renaming existing structures.
- 5 This hall was previously owned by the Waikanae Senior Citizens Society who, for a number of years, held a ground lease with Kapiti Coast District Council, which allowed the building to be situated on Council Reserve land Lot 1 DP 16038 and Lot 2 DP 16038.
- 6 In 2007, negotiations took place between the Waikanae Senior Citizens Society and Kapiti Coast District Council regarding future ownership of the building. In 2008, a Sale and Purchase process was approved by Council, and ownership of the building transferred to Council. The building has always been known as the Waikanae Senior Citizens Hall.
- 7 Conditions of Sale when Council purchased this hall:

One of the conditions of sale was that the Waikanae Senior Citizens group retain their existing booking times for the hall (Wednesday afternoons), at no cost, for a period of five years after the sale of the building to Council. This agreement expires 31/12/2013, after which time all bookings for the Waikanae Senior Citizens Group in that building are charged out at the same standard rates for all hirers in that hall.

As this was the only condition relating to the hall that was part of the agreement at the time of sale, there are no other conditions in relation to the original Sale & Purchase Agreement that would prevent the Community Board changing the name of this building.

- 8 A diverse range of community groups use this facility for a variety of uses.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 9 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 function (or functions) of the structure;
- the historical and/or cultural connections to tangata whenua or individuals from the community.

- 10 The following name has been proposed by the Waikanae Community Board:

- Waikanae Community Centre

Financial Considerations

- 11 It would be appropriate to have a formal naming ceremony and appropriate signage will be required for the hall to reflect any name change. These costs will be met from existing budgets.

Legal Considerations

- 12 There are no legal considerations to be considered.

Delegation

- 13 The Waikanae 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

- 14 The Waikanae Community Board has discussed this name change at previous Board meetings and is awaiting this report to make a decision on the name change. The proposed name change has been instigated by the Waikanae Community Board, and this report is put forward at their request.
- 15 The Property Asset Manager has discussed this name change with the President of the Waikanae Senior Citizens Group. Their view on this name change is not established at the time of writing this report, as they still communicating this with their members. However, they are aware that the Waikanae Community Board has previously discussed this, and they are also aware of the date of this Community Board Meeting where this report will be presented.

Policy Implications

- 16 There are no policy considerations.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 17 There are no known issues for consideration relating to iwi or the Treaty of Waitangi.

Publicity Considerations

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 19 That the Waikanae Community Board approves the re-naming of the hall currently known as 'Waikanae Senior Citizens Hall' as the 'Waikanae Community Centre'.

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