

Chairperson and Community Board Members
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

31 JULY 2012

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

NAMING THE FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE RANGIURU STREAM

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks Community Board approval to name the new footbridge over the Rangiuru Stream at the end of Atkinson Avenue.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's significance policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The request to name the footbridge has been initiated as a result of a recommendation from tāngata whenua through their formal structure Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki.
- 4 The Council's Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy 2011 permits Community Boards to decide the name of locally significant structures.
- 5 The Council's Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy 2011 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 Rangatira.
 - Structures being named should be significant to the local community or District.
 - 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 organizations.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki recommended two names for the Community Board to consider. The original request was for the name Paremata, shown on the Survey Office Plan 13554 (attached as Appendix 1), which was the place where a substantial Ngāti Raukawa pa was located. The sand dunes west of the Rangiuru Stream is described as Taumanuka on the plan and this name is associated with the dune complex north of the Ōtaki River and south of the Waitohu and

Mangapouri Streams (see appendix II ML1507). Taumanuka is the land between the rivers. ‘Tau’ means ridge and ‘Manuka’ is the tea tree shrub. G. Leslie Adkin in his book ‘Horowhenua’, describes Taumanuka as dark ridge or manuka ridge, perhaps reflecting the colour and composition of the original vegetative cover. Rex Kerr in his book ‘Ōtaki River’ describes the Taumanuka Block as the heartland of Ngāti Raukawa.

- 7 A separate request from residents of Atkinson Avenue has been received by Council to name the bridge ‘Atkinson Bridge’. Atkinson is a local name relating to the street where the footbridge is located. It is the surname of the original developer of the Rangiuru-by-the-sea subdivision of 1897, Mr E Tudor Atkinson, who by the early 1900’s had purchased most of the Taumanuka Block and then on sold to Byron Brown.
- 8 The name ‘Rangiuru’ is also a logical and obvious choice for the footbridge. While there has been no public request for this name, it is appropriate for this report to describe Rangiuru for consideration. According to WW Carkeek in his book ‘The Kapiti Coast,’ Rangiuru was the name of a formidable Ngāti Raukawa Pā on the north bank of the Ōtaki River.
- 9 The Council’s Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy 2011 suggests the following points to consider when selecting a name:
 - 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.
 - A proposed name may not be submitted for approval where the same or similar name occurs within the Kāpiti Coast District or adjacent districts (Porirua or Horowhenua). This is because of the confusion that duplicating the name may cause for emergency services needing to access the area.
- 10 As the name Paremata is used on the footbridge immediately south of the Paremata roundabout on SH 1 in Porirua, the use of the name Paremata for the footbridge over the Rangiuru stream can not be submitted to the Ōtaki Community Board for consideration.
- 11 The name ‘Atkinson’ is consistent with the Reserves Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy and is also the name of the road where the footbridge is located.
- 12 The name ‘Taumanuka’ is consistent with the Reserves Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy, is the earliest recorded name of the dune land west of the footbridge between the Ōtaki River and the Waitohu and Mangapouri Streams, and is not used elsewhere in this or adjacent districts.

Financial Considerations

- 13 There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations

14 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

15 The Ōtaki Community Board has Delegated Authority to consider this issue: Naming Reserve, Structures and Commemorative places.

- *D10.22 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.*
- *D10.23 Authority to approve or reject officer recommendations in respect of such names.*

Consultation

16 The requests to name the footbridge have come from Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, and also from residents in Atkinson Avenue. The greater Ōtaki community, historical societies and other agencies have not been consulted at this time.

Policy Implications

17 There are no policy implications.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

18 Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki met on 12 July 2012 and recommended that the name for the footbridge be 'Taumanuka Bridge' in recognition of the original name for the land on the seaward side of the Rangiuru Stream between the Ōtaki River and the Waitohu and Mangapouri Streams.

19 Under the Memorandum of Partnership with tāngata whenua, the objectives include development of opportunities within the limitations of Council's powers and functions that enable tāngata whenua, as a Treaty partner, to share in the decision making process.

Publicity Considerations

20 The footbridge was officially opened by Mayor Jenny Rowan and blessed by kaumatua from Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki on 7th July 2012. The event was featured in local print media and was well attended by the general public.

21 Council will inform the community of the new name and erect an appropriate sign after further consultation with the key people involved with the footbridge project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

22 That the Ōtaki Community board approves naming the new footbridge over the Rangiuru Stream at Atkinson Avenue as:

a) “The Taumanuka Bridge ”

OR

b) “The Atkinson Bridge”

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix I; SO 13554.

Appendix II; ML1507.