

Chairperson and Committee Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

31 MARCH 2015

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

ROAD NAMING - LEINSTER AVENUE SPUR ROAD

DELEGATION

- 1 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

- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 The Community Board has a responsibility to ensure that road names are unique to the district, for public safety and avoidance of confusion for emergency and utility services, as call centres are often located away from the district.
- 5 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

- 6 The new road is to be constructed by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) as the MacKays to Peka Peka (M2PP) Alliance. The road will restore access to privately owned properties remaining after the Crown's acquisition process in preparation for M2PP Expressway. The expressway will lie across land currently used as driveways to access State Highway 1.
- 7 The planned new road is a cul-de-sac, and is approximately 550 metres in length. See Appendix 1.
- 8 The new road will immediately service the two remaining occupied private properties, at 256 and 260 Main Road South, and possibly more properties in the future.

- 9 The residents at number 260 had contacted the Council requesting that they have some input into name suggestions for the new road which will become their new address. Council encouraged and facilitated this.
- 10 Number 256 has one residence housing one family. Number 260 has 7 cross lease sections, with 6 families owning homes and a block of 3 flats, and also jointly owning the land. Number 260 is occupied by the Shalom Christian Community.
- 11 Both properties were established almost 30 years ago by these residents.
- 12 It was made clear to the residents' and M2PP representatives that they must conform to the Council criteria for new road names, and the usual road naming process must be followed. Full information on the process was supplied to both parties, in December 2014.
- 13 The remaining 14 permanent residents all took part in the consultation and from 21 original suggestions, the following were put forward. They are all Maori words.

Whakaumu – In Māori this means “to transform, alter, change”. The expressway and new road are doing this to the existing landscape and lifestyles.

Ora – The word and its meaning, “to survive; be alive, well, safe, healthy, fit; vitality” is well known amongst the general population. It conveys the sentiments expressed at various times by the residents who have lived on this stretch of land, along State Highway 1. It encapsulates the shared history and expresses hope for the future that the properties can once again restore this feeling after the expressway has been completed.

Marino – means “be calm, still (usually of the sea)”. The remaining residents feel that what has happened to them is an analogy to an entry in the Māori Bible, where a storm arose and Jesus said “Kia Marino”...and it was completely calm. They feel that it remembers what the land was and can be again.

- 14 There are 4 streets in New Zealand with the name “Marino”. All are remote from this district and none have the descriptor “Lane”.
- 15 Whakaumu and Ora are currently not used as street names anywhere in the country.
- 16 The iwi representative suggested “Rongomau”. The root word ‘rongo’ symbolises the concept of peace, tranquillity and calmness while the use of ‘mau’ is to reconcile and endure. This word also aligns with Mataihuka on the hill, given that there was a church, and a minister and a Christian community there.
- 17 Rongomau, as a road name would be unique in New Zealand.
- 18 The historical society representative had suggested “Mataihuka”, which could not be used, because of possible confusion with the nearby walkway of that name. The Society supports the name “Rongomau” and hopes it will be accepted.
- 19 The descriptor “Lane” has been selected from the appropriate list in Appendix B Road Types – New Zealand, in the AS/NZS 4819:2011 Rural and urban addressing Standards.

- 20 The preferred option is “**Rongomau Lane**”. This name is supported by all current stakeholders, and has suitable connotations for that piece of land. It is unique and easy to pronounce.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 21 The procedure for the Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy: 2011 has been followed.

Legal considerations

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

Financial considerations

- 23 The cost of signage is borne by the developer as a condition of the Resource Consent. In this case, the developer is the NZTA.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 24 There are no iwi or Treaty of Waitangi issues arising from this report.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

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

Consultation already undertaken

- 26 Extensive engagement between the developers and representatives from the Kāpiti Historical Society, and Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai has occurred.
- 27 The recommended name is the suggestion of the Iwi representative, and has the approval of the historical society representative, and affected residents.

Engagement planning

- 28 Council has had contact and discussions with representatives from both the M2PP Alliance, and residents from the two affected private properties.
- 29 In this case, the M2PP Alliance, as developer had no names to put forward. Council encouraged the Alliance to engage with the affected residents, seeking suggestions for names that the residents feel are appropriate.

Publicity

- 30 Following approval of a name, there will be a media release to inform the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

31 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approves the name “**Rongomau Lane**” for the new road shown in Appendix 1 of Report Corp-15-1488.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1. Location

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