

13 October 2021

**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-87**

Thank you for your information request, which we received on 16 September 2021. I will address your questions in turn.

**1. *Please provide a copy of the Canada Goose Population Control plan.***

We are currently monitoring geese numbers and assessing the effectiveness of the first geese population control exercise that was carried out on 1 August 2021. Once we have completed this work, we will decide what additional action we need to take to manage Canada geese in the Kāpiti District.

Canada geese are a nationwide problem and because they are migratory, we are unlikely to ever be completely free of them and this is not our objective.

We understand the collective health and amenity impacts presented by the geese, and our plan will focus on reducing the number of geese in our reserves, and in particular around our sports playing surfaces. Future population control will be considered for rural or semi-rural areas, but for safety reasons not in urban areas.

As we do not hold one document that sets out our future approach to managing Canada geese, we are declining this part of your request for information under section 17(e) of the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 because the information requested does not exist.

**2. *Have there been any more culls since the first as published.***

No – the Council has only commissioned one Canada geese population control exercise, which, as noted above, took place on 1 August 2021.

**3. *Please provide all information recorded in council since my submission to the helpful Paraparaumu Raumatī Community Board.***

We hold a variety of documents containing the words “Canada geese”. In order to assist us to understand the information that you would like to receive, we invite you to refine your request for information. For example, please could you tell us whether you would like to receive a particular type of information, such as Community Board minutes or information on the first population control exercise.

As we are seeking clarification from you on the scope of your request, we have decided to extend the time-limit for responding to this aspect of your request to fourteen working days after you provide clarification. Please advise us by 9.00 am Monday 18 October 2021 on your refined request, please email: [informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz)

**4. *When is the meeting with WGRC rescheduled and when it does, please provide a copy of the outcome from that meeting.***

A meeting was held over zoom with the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 20 September 2021. We currently do not have any further meetings scheduled with GWRC to specifically discuss Canada geese.

**5. *Irrespective of any of the above and without divulging specific dates and details what plans are in place to conduct more culls?***

As noted above, we are currently monitoring geese numbers and assessing the effectiveness of the first geese population control exercise that was carried out on 1 August 2021. It is important that we take the time to review geese numbers and the effectiveness of the action that the Council has taken to date, to determine what steps we should take going forward. Any additional information on how we plan to manage the Canada geese population will be issued to the public via our website and this will be the updated reference for future information on this issue.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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