

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

25 JUNE 2013

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

CORRECTION TO STREET NAME – TIEKO STREET

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Community Board's consideration and decision on whether to change the name of the street in Otaihanga, currently called 'Tieko Street' to 'Tieke Street'.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

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

BACKGROUND

- 3 A ratepayer from Tieko Street pointed out that the streets in Otaihanga are named after native birds and that 'tīeke' is the Māori name for the saddleback, not 'tieko'. See Attachment 1 of this report for the location.
- 4 A list of native bird names was supplied to Council, by Councillor Leather, in 1981. This showed "TIEKO' – Saddleback", which appeared to be an error in spelling, with the intent clearly being the bird's name. See Attachment 2 of this report.
- 5 The street was subsequently named 'Tieko Street'. Attachment 3 of this report shows an extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Kāpiti Borough Council held on 20 May 1981, with the resolution that the street be named "Tieko Street", following the Councillor's supplied list of suggestions.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 Recent discussion has been undertaken with local iwi, and the wider iwi community who advised that tieko is not a known Māori word and tīeke is the correct Māori name for the bird also known as the saddleback.
- 7 Council staff have investigated whether the name could be changed to 'Tieke Street' to correctly represent the native bird name and tie in with the theme of native birds for road names in the Otaihanga area.
- 8 The Australian/New Zealand Standard: Rural and urban addressing (AS/NZS 4819:2011) states:

4.7.7 Characters in road name

A road name shall only use characters from the standard alphabet, although macrons (e.g. ā) are permitted for a Māori name.

- 9 The road name sign, if changed, would be the first in our district to include a macron.
- 10 A letter (included as Attachment 4 of this report) was sent to each of the 25 ratepayers from the street informing them of the issue and intention to change, and inviting comments by e-mail, or attendance at the meeting where this will be discussed.
- 11 To date (17 June 2013) there have been 7 replies, the majority against the change and including some strong feeling.
- 12 The reasons for opposing the change are the inconvenience, and cost of both time and money, to residents for what they perceive as a small or no gain. Several residents have expectations of Council bearing the costs for all time and money spent as a result of change. One resident commented that he would like his views to be heard at the meeting on 25 June.
- 13 Council staff do not recommend changing the name.

Financial Considerations

- 14 Signage would be paid for by Council.

Legal Considerations

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

Delegation

- 16 Under clause 10.24 of the Governance Structure and Delegations with reference to the Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy 2011, the Board has authority to:

“accept or reject staff recommendations on road names; or the alteration of the name of any road”.

Consultation

- 17 Consultation with local iwi has confirmed that the correct spelling of the name for the saddleback is “tīeke” .

Policy Implications

- 18 The potential change is in line with the Policy Principles of the Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy, which states in section 17 on page 5:

“Road names can be changed to correct spelling, reduce ambiguity or to correct suffixes.”

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 19 There are no Treaty of Waitangi issues.

Publicity Considerations

- 20 If the Board decides to change the name, the residents and ratepayers will be contacted individually, informing them of the change and the reasons for it. Also, a short article with an announcement and explanation would be published in the local paper, to inform the general public of the change.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 21 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board does not approve the change of name for the street shown in Attachment 1 of this report Corp-13-903, from "Tieko Street", to "Tieke Street".

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1. Location of Tieko Street

Attachment 2. Copy of suggested road names (1981)

Attachment 3. Extract of the resolution from the minutes of the meeting of the Kāpiti Borough Council held on 20 May 1981.

Attachment 4. Letter to ratepayers

Attachment 5. Ratepayers' replies to date

Attachment 2. Copy of suggested road names (1981)

KAHURIRUHI	- Red Shag * ^{Te Anau} from	KARORO } AKIARI } -	Seagull * ^{Close to Makere}
KERERU	- Pigeon ^{Waik}	HUIA	1/2 m.
MATUKU-MOANA	- Blue Heron * ^{from}	KAKARIKI	- Parakeet ^{Kakeke}
KARORO	- Black Back Gull * ^{Makere}	KEA	- Mountain Parrot ^{WAIK.}
TARAPUNCA	- Red Billed Gull *	KOTUKO	- White Heron ^{from}
KAKA	Kororua ^{from}	KUKUPA	- Pigeon
KOEKOEA	- ^{Polyptic} hanging ^{Waik} back ^{Waik} Cuckoo	MIRAMIRO	- Tauti ^{from} ^(also Road)
KOTARE	- Kingfisher ^{WAIK}	PIOPIO	- Thrush * ^{OK.}
TITI (Pouamu)	- Ruffian ^{from} ^{Ti}	PIPIHARAROA	- Cuckoo ^{OK.}
PIHOIHOI	- Pipit / Lark ^{close to}	PITOITOI	- Robin ^{OK.}
RIBIRIRO	- Gray Warbler ^{close to} ^{Pouamu}	* PUKEKO	- Swamp Heron ^{WAIK.}
PIHAKAWAKA *	- Fantail ^{OK}	TITI	- Nuthatch ^{bird}
TAUHOU *	- Sillieye ^{close to} ^{Tauhou}		
MIRO MIRO	- Red Tit ^{from}		
KOPARA KOHIMAKO MAKOMAKO	- Bellbird ^{Waik} ^{Koromiko}		
TIEKO	- Saddleback		

Names supplied by G. Lister for Otago area

Attachment 4. Letter to ratepayers

27 May 2013

Dear Ratepayer

RE: Tiekō Street, Otaihanga - Correction to name of street

Part of my role is street addressing within our district, allocating new addresses and making sure that street names and numbering conform to the Australian/NZ standards: Rural and urban addressing, 2011. It has been found that there is an error in the spelling for your street name "Tiekō".

During discussion over another matter, a ratepayer of Tiekō Street pointed out that he thought the street name should be "Tieke" Street, tieke being the native bird (saddleback), which fits in with the native bird theme elsewhere throughout Otaihanga. He wished to make a submission to have it changed.

During research it was found that the street was named in 1981. A list of suggested names for the River Properties Subdivision – Otaihanga Road was provided by one of the then councillors, and her preferences shown. These were all native bird names in Māori, with the English translation alongside. This list clearly showed "TIEKO – Saddleback". This was one of the names recommended as part of the native bird theme, and then approved by Council at their meeting on 20 May 1981. Consultation with the KCDC Iwi Advisors and wider Iwi clarifies that 'tieke' is indeed the Māori name for the bird the saddleback, and that there is no known word 'tiekō'.

Under our Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy: 2011, road names may be changed to correct spelling, reduce ambiguity or to correct suffixes. Council feels it would be right to change the spelling of the street name to 'Tieke' to rectify what was clearly, in the beginning, an error, and to have the correct Māori bird name in usage, fitting in with the rest of the street name theme in Otaihanga. A report recommending the correction is currently being prepared, to be considered by the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board at its next meeting, to be held at 7 pm Tuesday 25 June in the Pak 'n Save Hall at the Newhanga Centre (Community Centre), Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu.

We recognise that a correction of the street name is an inconvenience to ratepayers and residents of the street. We are interested in your views and if you wish to comment, you are most welcome to attend that meeting, or send an email to me at bridget.carthew@kapiticoast.govt.nz by Friday 7 June.

Yours sincerely

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Respondent 1 (ratepayer originally requesting correction)

Thank you for the information and your work on this.

Respondent 2

Thank you for the letter seeking our opinion regarding the changing of the name of Tiekō Street Otaihanga to Tieke Street.

John and I fully support the correction of this name but have serious concerns about mail and courier delivery that will be impacted as a result.

Will NZPOST be instructed to support both names so that mail addressed to Tiekō Street still reaches us? Can this support be provided for a period of 5 years minimum?

Couriers use electronic navigation such as Google/Bing Maps, SatNav etc. How can we ensure that parcels addressed to Tiekō Street will not be marked as "Gone no address" by couriers who cannot locate Tiekō Street using these navigation systems?

We support the name change when and if both these issues have been satisfactorily addressed.

Respondent 3

I strongly favour leaving the name unchanged. I have discussed this with others and no one supports the change as the benefits are miniscule, and to 99.9% of the population meaningless, so why make a change that serves only to confuse.

Respondent 4

Thankyou for your letter 27 May 2013 re the name of our Street.

I would suggest that under our street name sign you could put in brackets (Tieke) to satisfy the man who would like it changed, then no inconvenience for any residents in the street.

If a name change does take place I would like all costs and hours reimbursed by the council as it would appear to be a stuff up by council and Maori which has placed us in this situation.

I would assume land titles etc would need to be legally changed along with Wills which would involve lawyers fees which a trust would be paid by the council, also the time taken to change Passports, bank accounts, phone, power, house and car insurance, medical insurance etc.

We have owned property and lived in the street since the eightys and have contributed to the growth of the street throughout the years, six houses existed when we arrived and has since built up to 22 residential dwellings with more growth to come.

I hope common sense wins the day and a bracketed sign will be the winner.

Respondent 5

with regards to proposed name change,We have resided in Tiekō Street since the 1980's and have contributed to growth in the street since,and comfortable for the name to remain the "as is",I really do not care that and do not think that the local IWI has any say in the naming of our street.

With the change of name,I presume all legal documentation will have to be altered to reflect the new street name,any bills etc we will have to get our addressed altered,who will pay for the cost of that,The local IWI,I dont think so...The street name is teiko street, leave it as that,the residence of tieko street should have the say as their name,not the local IWI.

Respondent 6

I say No to a name change and wish it to stay the same.

I would like my views to be heard at the meeting on Tuesday 25th June.

My reasons are the cost of changing my passport, drivers licence, all banking cards, library card and my professional cards.

I expect compensation from the council due to their error in spelling for the huge individual household costs this will involve to everyone in the street.

Tieko Street ratepayer.

Respondent 7

Received your letter regarding the correction the street name above. I personally would prefer the name to remain as is. If the incorrect spelling hasn't been raised as an issue in the past 30 years I think the individual inconvenience factor of having to amend postal/location addresses if changed doesn't make correction worthwhile.