

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee to hear submissions to the Draft Fees and Charges Resource Consent Activity and Fencing of Swimming Pools fees and Charges

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Thursday 19 May 2016, commencing at 9.01am

Present: Councillor B McGurk (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors I Barker, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton (Deputy Chairperson), M Lawrey, M Ward and Ms G Paine

In Attendance: Councillor P Matheson, Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Strategy and Environment (C Barton), Manager Communications and Acting Manager Libraries and Heritage Facilities (P Shattock), and Administration Adviser (J McDougall)

Apology: Councillor K Fulton

1. Apologies

Resolved PR/2016/025

THAT an apology be received and accepted from Councillor Fulton.

McGurk/Davy

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

4. Hearing of Submissions to the Draft Fees and Charges Resource Consent Activity and Fencing of Swimming Pools Fees and Charges

Document number R5900, agenda pages 4 - 13 refer.

4.1 Brad Cadwallader – Cadwallader Tree Consultancy – Draft Fees and Charges Resource Consent Activity

Mr Cadwallader spoke to his submission, and suggested that “qualified arborist” be replaced by the words “suitably qualified and experienced arborist”.

In response to a question, Mr Cadwallader said that a Level 5 arborist qualification would be appropriate for assessing heritage trees, and he thought there were probably four to five people in the Nelson area with this qualification.

He suggested adding a clause that, where a tree was causing serious structural damage to a dwelling and it was proven that there was no practical remedy available, there should be no consent fee for the removal of the tree.

He suggested further that the consent fee for the pruning or trimming of heritage trees, confirmed in writing by a qualified arborist, to be conducted according to best arboricultural practice, should be \$500 rather than \$1300.

4.2 David Marsh – Fencing of Swimming Pools Fees and Charges

Mr Marsh spoke to his submission. He suggested that no inspection should be required where swimming pool fences or gates were permanent fixtures, and where property owners confirmed in writing to Council every three years that no changes had been made, and the fences and/or gates were functioning correctly.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.16am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date