

**Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit**

**Held in Ruma Mārama, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson**

**On Friday 10 March 2017, commencing at 1.04pm**

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Present: M Higgins (Tasman District Council Representative) (Chairperson), Councillor K Maling (Tasman District Council), and Councillors T Skinner and S Walker (Nelson City Council)

In Attendance: Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Manager (R Kirby), Senior Asset Engineer – Solid Waste (J Thiart), Industry Customers' Representative (P Wilson), Iwi Representative (M Hippolite), Management Accountant (A Bishop), and Administration Adviser (L Canton)

Apologies: Nil

**1. Confirmation of Order of Business**

There was no change to the order of business.

**2. Interests**

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

**3. Public Forum**

There was no public forum.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

4.1 9 December 2016

Document number M2258, agenda pages 5 - 9 refer.

Resolved NRSBU/2017/001

***Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit, held on 9 December 2016 as a true and correct record.***

Walker/Maling

Carried

Attendance: Matt Hippolite joined the meeting at 1.12pm.

## **5. Resignation of Iwi Representative**

Iwi Representative, Matt Hippolite tendered his resignation to the committee. He noted that he was no longer employed by the iwi organisation and suggested that the NRSBU and the iwi organisation discuss the form of future iwi representation.

The committee thanked Mr Hippolite for his time and contribution to the committee.

## **6. General Manager's Report**

Document number R7164, agenda pages 10 - 108 refer.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Manager, Richard Kirby presented the report.

### **6.1 Accidental Discharge Consent**

Mr Kirby advised that the consent hearing was set for 23, 24 and 25 May 2017.

### **6.2 NRSBU Resource consent Renewal Bell Island Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Mr Kirby answered questions about the consent renewal for Bell Island, the preparation of the information for consent, targets for accidental discharges, and iwi concerns about the location of the treatment plant in the coastal environment.

### **6.3 Endocrine Disrupting Compounds (EDCs)**

Mr Kirby and Senior Asset Engineer – Solid Waste, Johan Thiart, answered questions relating to the make-up of trace organic compounds (TOrcs), the effect of the settling pond process on TOrcs, and the type of testing to be carried out to ascertain the type and level of micro-pollutants in discharge from the ponds.

#### 6.4 Argentine Ants

Mr Thiart answered questions relating to the possibility of re-infestation, the need for ongoing monitoring and maintenance, and engagement on the issue with the Waimea Inlet Forum.

It was noted that the island environment provided a good opportunity for eradication and therefore the proposed treatment was worthwhile. It was further noted that ongoing monitoring and coordination with landowners around the estuary was essential for effective treatment.

#### 6.5 Treated Wastewater Recirculation

Mr Kirby advised a correction that paragraph 8.1 should read "December 2016" not "December 2017".

Mr Thiart answered questions about how recirculation of treated wastewater functioned, and potential ways to implement the practice on a permanent basis.

#### 6.6 Health and Safety

Mr Thiart answered questions about the hypodermic needle incident and undertook to investigate whether there was a need to update risk management processes in this area.

#### 6.7 Financial Status

Mr Kirby answered questions about information to support the upcoming strategic planning process.

Resolved NRSBU/2017/002

***That the Committee***

***Receives the report General Manager's Report (R7164) and its attachments (A1663508, A1711018, A1711017, A1692595, A1713024); and***

***Approves expenditure up to \$29,000 in the 2017/18 year for the initial eradication treatment of Argentine Ants at Bell Island, scheduled for November 2017.***

Maling/Skinner

Carried

### 7. Financial Report

Document number R7263, agenda pages 109 - 111 refer.

Mr Bishop presented the report. He answered questions about the Business Unit's forestry asset.

Resolved NRSBU/2017/003

***That the Committee***

***Receives the report Financial Report to 31 January 2017 (R7263) and its attachment (A1721459).***

Maling/Skinner

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.47pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date