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**Ordinary meeting of the
Nelson City Council**

**Thursday 26 September 2019
Commencing at 9.00a.m. - valedictory speeches
Council Chamber**

Civic House

110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

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Council

26 September 2019

REPORT R11463

Mayor's Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To review the successes and highlights of the triennium.

2. Recommendation

That the Council

- 1. Receives the report Mayor's Report (R11463).**

3. Triennium Successes and Highlights Overview

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- 3.1 When looking back at the successes and highlights over this last triennium, it shows how much Council collectively has accomplished as we develop and grow our Smart Little City.
- 3.2 During this term there has been a strong focus on good governance. We have developed our 2018/2028 Long Term Plan, Annual Plans in 2017/18 and 2019/20, as well as working in partnership to develop regional strategies such as the Future Development Strategy, Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Regional Conservation Strategy and Te Tauihu Intergenerational Strategy.
- 3.3 These strategies are providing guidance for us to take collaborative action with other councils, iwi, business, government agencies and community organisations.
- 3.4 Council has been working to strengthen the relationship with iwi, through the establishment of an Iwi-Council Partnership Group. The purpose of the Partnership Group is to review the Memorandum of Understanding and to develop an Engagement and Partnering Strategy. A cultural audit of the organisation was also undertaken, and a Nelson City Council and Iwi Managers group was created. These actions all will set us on the path to achieve a strong long-term partnership.

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- 3.5 Working with our neighbours is also key. We continue to partner with Tasman District Council on shared services and projects, including the joint ownership of the Port Company and Nelson Airport, funding and management of Saxton Field, Joint Landfill and [Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit](#), and the development of a regional pest management strategy and Joint Waste Minimisation Programme. This results in improved services to residents and builds resilience.
- 3.6 Nelson is a city of many cultures. This diversity was evident when we all came together for Race Unity Day in 2019, as our entire community banded together in support following the horrific events in Christchurch on 15 March.
- 3.7 Our Citizenship ceremonies also celebrate this diversity, welcoming over 1,100 new citizens over the last three years.
- 3.8 Our city's infrastructure continues to grow, with the completion of major projects that help shape it, now and into the future. These include the redevelopment of the Trafalgar Centre, Suter Art Gallery, Nelson Centre of Musical Arts, Greenmeadows Centre, Nelson Airport terminal stage 1 and the pump stations at Corder and Neale Parks. These multi-million dollar facilities are important assets to meet the needs of our ever-growing city.
- 3.9 Our strategies have also provided direction for significant success in Council's service delivery. Major international events have been attracted to our city, such as the All Blacks vs Argentina test match, International Cricket, Adam Chamber Music Festival, and the Bay Dreams music festival. These have been backed up with excellent local events such as our summer festivals and the Arts Festival.
- 3.10 We continue to deliver across a huge range of Council activities, from our Environmental Programmes such as Nelson Nature and Healthy Streams, through to our infrastructure work managing transport, water supply, wastewater and stormwater. When you add our regulatory functions of consenting and environmental management, this Council's range of activities is very broad as a Unitary Authority.
- 3.11 As a city and a region we have experienced an ever-increasing number of significant natural events, and in this triennium we have seen Cyclone Gita, Cyclone Fehi, the Pigeon Valley fires and drought all have a major impact on our lives. We have managed these events well but there is no doubt in my mind about the increasing challenge in front of us.
- 3.12 I want to thank all staff and elected members for their dedication to serving our community, and I wish to sincerely thank the community for being exceptional partners in achieving many of our goals.
- 3.13 The following list outlines just some of the highlights that Council has achieved over the past three years.

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4. Transport

- 4.1 Capital expenditure in the Transport activity was approximately \$18.7m over the triennium
- 4.2 13.3 km of new or renewed footpath were created
- 4.3 42.4km of road resurfacing was completed
- 4.4 3760 streetlights were converted to LED lighting
- 4.5 Cycleway projects – Haven to Rocks Road, Stage 1 Tahunanui Pathways was completed
- 4.6 New roading maintenance contract was confirmed
- 4.7 The pedestrianisation of Upper Trafalgar Street was trialed and subsequently approved
- 4.8 Successful redevelopment of Nelson Airport Terminal (phase 1) was complete

5. Water Supply

- 5.1 Capital expenditure in the Water Supply activity was approximately \$17.04m over the triennium
- 5.2 Maitai Pipeline duplication was completed – providing improved security for the city's water supply
- 5.3 Completed city wide water leak detection project - contributing to 270,000m³/year of leaks being identified and repaired
- 5.4 Completed water treatment plant membranes renewal project

6. Wastewater

- 6.1 Capital expenditure in the Wastewater activity was approximately \$13.7m over the triennium
- 6.2 Corder Park Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade was completed and commissioned
- 6.3 Neale Park Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade was completed

7. Stormwater

- 7.1 Capital expenditure in the Stormwater activity was approximately \$3.2m over the triennium

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- 7.2 A wide variety of upgrades of the public stormwater system were completed throughout the city to improve capacity and performance

8. Flood Protection

- 8.1 Capital expenditure in the Flood Protection activity was approximately \$11.94m over the triennium
- 8.2 Upgrade of Hampden Street Little Go Stream was completed
- 8.3 York Stream channel upgrade was completed from the Bishopdale Intake at Market Road through to Tipahi Street
- 8.4 Initial design work completed for the Saxton Creek – Culvert to Sea project to upgrade the channel and culverts between Main Road Stoke to the State Highway at Wakatu Drive

9. Environmental

- 9.1 Nelson Nature, Nelson City Council's long term programme to protect, restore and enhance the Nelson/Whakatū region's native ecosystems and species continued to deliver significant wins for our environment with considerable support from landowners and volunteer groups
- 9.2 Project Maitai/Mahitahi was completed, which included the completion of the wetland at Groom Creek and the planting of 11,372 native plants in the Maitai catchment
- 9.3 There was a €change in the way recycling was collected including providing new recycling wheelie bins to around 19,500 properties
- 9.4 Passed the milestone of 8000 pests removed from the ecosystem at Paremata Flats Reserve and the Delaware Bay area since 2007 thanks to the hard work of the volunteers with support from Council
- 9.5 Over 1500 homes have been insulated under the Warmer Homes Scheme
- 9.6 The Brook Sanctuary Fence was completed
- 9.7 Council prepared, consulted on and adopted a Freedom Camping Bylaw
- 9.8 Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council Regional Landfill started as a joint operation from 1 July 2017
- 9.9 Air quality has seen significant improvement over the triennium, with zero exceedances and a reduction in smoky chimney numbers in the 2018/19 winter
- 9.10 The Waimea Inlet Management Strategy was completed and approved by Nelson City Council, other key agencies, several iwi and the community

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- 9.11 Completion of the Maire Stream Remediation project which included the establishment of a fish passage in the pipe beneath Parkers Road, fish surveys, and planting of approximately 2,500 plants
- 9.12 \$1.2m of funding from MBIE has been approved to further develop Council's land management functions
- 9.13 Worked in partnership with all of the Councils and some of the iwi in the top of the South Island, and the Department of Conservation to develop the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Strategy that focuses on regional conservation
- 9.14 Worked in partnership with Tasman District Council, Government and the associated support services to meet the challenges of the Pigeon Valley fire, Ex-Tropical Cyclones Fehi and Gita and the 2019 drought
- 9.15 Declared a State of Climate Emergency in recognition of the mounting advice from scientists and the United Nations that there is a small window for action to avoid the most damaging effects of climate change
- 9.16 Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan was approved and became operational

10. Social

- 10.1 Suter Art Gallery reopening following a \$12m extensive re-development and upgrade
- 10.2 Refurbishment of the Nightingale Library Memorial building undertaken in 2017
- 10.3 Nelson Youth Strategy was adopted
- 10.4 The Bay Dreams music festival was successfully delivered to 20,000 people in January 2019
- 10.5 Nelson hosted its first ever All Black's game on 8 September 2018 at Trafalgar Park
- 10.6 The Taurapa sculpture was successfully installed at the Waka Landing Site in Rutherford Park, alongside the Mahitai/Maitai walkway
- 10.7 Nelson Library celebrated 175 years of service to the public in 2017 – Nelson is the first and oldest public library in New Zealand
- 10.8 Establishing and supporting City For all Ages community steering group
- 10.9 Celebrated the 40th Anniversary of our sister city relationship with Miyazu
- 10.10 The Arts Festival transitioned to an Independent Trust

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11. Parks and Active Recreation

- 11.1 Parks and Reserves Off-Road Tracks Strategy was approved
- 11.2 Trafalgar Centre was officially re-opened in April 2017
- 11.3 MOU was signed between Council and the Nelson Mountain Bike Club
- 11.4 Official opening of the Saxton Velodrome – a joint project between Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council and the Saxton Velodrome Trust
- 11.5 The detailed design for the Marsden Valley Cemetery extension to improve the groundwater issues and develop a new burial area was completed
- 11.6 Upgrade of the playground at Ngawhatu Reserve Sportsfield, known as Octopus Gardens, was completed
- 11.7 Codgers Recreation Hub created and opened
- ~~11.8~~ Maitai – Rocks Road shared path was completed, [Haven Road/QEII drive](#)
- ~~11.9~~11.8 The Greenmeadows Community Centre was officially opened.

12. Economic

- 12.1 Creation of the Nelson Regional Development Agency
- 12.2 40th anniversary of our sister city relationship with Miyazu
- 12.3 Events Strategy was adopted
- 12.4 Several games of international cricket played at Saxton Oval during the triennium
- 12.5 The Future Development Strategy (FDS) was adopted by the Joint Committee of both councils. The FDS provides a framework for planning for residential and business growth across the Nelson and Tasman regions and also future investment in infrastructure
- 12.6 ~~Development of the City Centre Programme Plan~~ the city Centre Programme was developed to address the significant opportunities in the city centre
- 12.7 Funding contribution to the Waimea Dam project was confirmed
- 12.8 Te Taihu Intergenerational Strategy was supported - a new regional economic development strategy

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- 12.9 The new Regional Identity was created along with the supporting strategy. Nelson adopted the title of 'The Smart Little City'.
- 12.10 ~~Extended our~~Nelson's Housing Accord was extended with the government and approved 35 Special Housing Areas were approved. ~~If completed these~~The SHA's ~~would~~ have the potential to provide an additional 1500 housing units to the city.

13. Corporate

- 13.1 Council retained its AA credit rating
- 13.2 Council prepared, consulted on and adopted its Long Term Plan 2018-28 and Annual Plan 2017/18 and Annual Plan 2018/19
- 13.3 Nelson City Council was a Foundation Council in the LGNZ CouncilMARK Excellence Programme
- 13.4 Received the Ultimate Customer Care Award ~~recipient~~ 2017
- 13.5 New quarterly reports developed and enhanced for Committees
- 13.6 Improved risk, internal audit, health and safety reporting to Committees

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Attachments

Nil