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## **Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES**

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual link on Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 9.34am.**

### **PRESENT**

**Chairperson** Mayor P Southgate

*Heamana*

**Deputy Chairperson** Deputy Mayor G Taylor

*Heamana Tuarua*

### **Members**

Cr M Bunting  
Cr M Forsyth (via Audio Visual link)  
Cr M Gallagher  
Cr R Hamilton  
Cr D Macpherson  
Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (via Audio Visual link)  
Cr A O'Leary  
Cr R Pascoe  
Cr S Thomson  
Cr M van Oosten  
Cr E Wilson (via Audio Visual link)

### **In Attendance:**

Richard Briggs – Chief Executive  
Lance Vervoort - General Manager Community  
Chris Allen – General Manager Development  
Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications  
Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth  
Eeva-liisa Wright - General Manager Infrastructure Operations  
Luke O'Dwyer - City Planning Manager  
Sandra Murray – Consultant, Business Support  
Lee-Ann Jordan - Unit Director Visitor Destinations  
Kelvin Powell - City Safe Unit Manager  
Maria Barrie – Unit Director Parks and Recreation  
Alice Morris – City Planning Heritage, Urban Design, Spatial Team Leader  
Rebecca Whitehead – Unit Director Business and Planning  
Joanna van Walraven - Policy And Strategy Advisor  
Julie Clausen - Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning  
Lisa Topcsov - External Funding Manager - Major Projects  
Lachlan Muldowney - City Barrister

### **Governance Team:**

Becca Brooke – Governance Manager  
Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader  
Tyler Gaukrodger, Carmen Fortin and Narelle Waite – Governance Advisors

*The meeting was opened with a karakia from Tame Pokaia*

**1. Apologies – Tono aroha**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the apologies for early departure from Cr Gallagher (on Council Business) and Cr Forsyth are accepted.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the agenda is confirmed.

**Dissenting Cr Gallagher, Macpherson and Wilson.**

**Minute Note:** Cr Gallagher, Macpherson and Wilson requested it be noted that there dissention of this item related to Item 14 Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross being included on the Agenda.

**3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga**

Cr Gallagher declared a conflict on interest in relation to item C2 (Hamilton Gardens Sponsorship Agreement). He advised that he would not take part in discussion or vote on the matter.

**4. Public Forum – AAtea korero**

**Steve Roe** spoke to item 14 (Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross) in support of the revocation of the previous Council resolution. He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning costs associated to a change in street name.

**William Medeiros (Ward Street Barbers)** spoke to item 14 (Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross) in support of the revocation of the previous Council resolution. He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the impact of changing the name of Ward street on his business.

**Margaret Evans (TOTI)** spoke to item 14 (Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross) in support of the name change to Dame Hilda Ross Plaza. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the process undertaken to date.

**Piso Pinner** spoke to item 14 (Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross) in support of the revocation of the previous Council resolution.

**Laura Mentjoy** (representing Lime) spoke to item 11 (Proposed Fee Structure for Personal hire (Transport) Devices) in support of the Personal Hire (Transport) Device per ride fee structure. She responded to questions from Members concerning scooter types and cost to the Council

Written submissions were received from Margaret Evans (TOTI), Marcus Potroz (Texas Radio), Linley Hart, Shannon Byant and Nicole Crocombe (Hart Jewellers) and Richard and Gael Wilkins were circulated to Elected Members prior to the meeting. These are attached to these minutes as **appendix 1**.

**5. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes of 26 November 2020**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2020 as a true and correct record.

## 6. Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read , noting her thanks to Elected Members and Staff for their work over the last year.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the updated Waikato-Tainui Hamilton City Council Co-Governance Forum Terms of Reference; and
- c) acknowledges the additional work undertaken by Cr Wilson with the Environment Committee over the past months and removes Cr Wilson as an Environment Committee Member.

## 7. Adoption of Hamilton Gardens Management Plan 2020

The General Manager Community introduced the report, noting changes outlined in the draft Hamilton Gardens Management Plan. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning planting around parking areas and public transport routes.

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that the Community Committee has deliberated on feedback received during the consultation process and have requested some amendments be made to the draft Hamilton Gardens Management Plan which are shown as tracked changes in **attachment 1** of the staff report; and
- c) approves the Draft Hamilton Gardens Management Plan 2020 as set out in **attachment 2** to the staff report.

**The meeting was adjourned 10.49am to 11.05am.**

*Cr Forsyth left the meeting during the above adjournment.*

## 8. Deliberation and Approval Report: (Trading in) Public Places Policy

The Consultant spoke to the staff recommendation and responded to questions from Elected Members concerning food truck fees, the scope of the draft (Trading in) Public Places Policy, potential other event related fees, and the potential effect on traditional businesses.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to update Elected Members on tools available to show the trend of spending and number of people in the Central City.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the following changes to the Public Places Policy as outlined in attachment 2:
  - i. change the name to the *Trading in Public Places Policy*;

- ii. include a new 'food truck' definition;
  - iii. mobile shops/food trucks to be permitted to operate in the Central City as part of an event or market where the food trucks themselves are *not* the primary purpose of the event;
  - iv. mobile shops/food trucks to be able to operate to the same hours as the event or market is permitted to operate; and
  - v. amend the current wording in paragraph 92 of the policy relating to full payment of permit fees prior to issue of a permit, in order to allow the Council to consider introducing a per-ride fee structure for Personal Hire Devices;
- c) approves **Option 2** for the Central City restricted area (**Attachment 3** of the staff report);
- d) approves the revised Trading in Public Places Policy 2020; and
- e) requests staff investigate the impacts of the policy changes on retail food outlets after 12 months and report back to Elected Members.

*Cr Forsyth re-joined the meeting (11.33) at the conclusion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

## 9. The Future of the Founders Site - Deliberations Report

The General Manager Community introduced the report, highlighting the feedback received during consultation and the nomination made to Heritage New Zealand. Staff responded to question from Elected Members concerning the staff recommendation, the implications of the nomination made to Heritage New Zealand and the current capitalised expenditure budget.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to formally request confirmation of the nomination for heritage status for Founders Theatre.*

**Motion:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the feedback received through the community engagement process;
- c) approves '**Option 2**' (*Remove the theatre and create a multi-purpose park (\$3.57M)*) as Councils Preferred option for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget; and
- d) notes that a nomination has been made to Heritage New Zealand to include Founders Theatre on the New Zealand Heritage List and that this matter may be considered by Council in due course.

**Amendment:** (Cr Gallagher/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the feedback received through the community engagement process;
- c) approves '**Option 2**' (*Remove the theatre and create a multi-purpose park (\$3.57M)*) for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget;
- d) requests that Theatre of the Impossible Trust (TOTI) submit their formal business case and funding proposal to deliver a multi-purpose public space project at the Founders site which may attract a potential Council contribution of \$3.57M; and
- e) notes that a nomination has been made to Heritage New Zealand to include Founders Theatre

on the New Zealand Heritage List and that this matter will be considered by Council in due course.

**The Amendment was put.**

<b>Those for the Amendment:</b>	Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten, Macpherson, and Wilson.
<b>Those against the Amendment:</b>	Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Pascoe, Bunting, Hamilton, Forsyth and Thomson.

**The Amendment was declared LOST.**

**The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the feedback received through the community engagement process;
- c) approves '**Option 2**' (*Remove the theatre and create a multi-purpose park (\$3.57M)*) as Councils Preferred option for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget; and
- d) notes that a nomination has been made to Heritage New Zealand to include Founders Theatre on the New Zealand Heritage List and that this matter may be considered by Council in due course.

<b>Those for the Motion:</b>	Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor Councillors Pascoe, Bunting, Hamilton, Forsyth, van Oosten and Thomson.
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<b>Those against the Motion:</b>	Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Macpherson, Naidoo-Rauf and Wilson.
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**The meeting was adjourned 12.18pm to 1.20pm during the discussion of the above item.**

*Item 14 (Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross) was taken after item 9 (The Future of the Founders Site - Deliberations Report) to accommodate member availability.*

**14. Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross**

The report was taken as read. James McGillivray (Thompkins Wake) responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the process for road renaming.

**Procedural Motion**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Thomson)

That item 14 (Notice of Motion - Road Renaming, Dame Hilda Ross) be deferred to a future meeting of Council until all Elected Members have the opportunity to participate in a briefing on the proposal to revoke the name change decision, and consider alternative street naming opportunities.

**The Procedural Motion was put.**

- Those for the Procedural Motion:** Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Macpherson, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.
- Those against the Procedural Motion :** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Pascoe, Bunting, Hamilton and Forsyth.

**The Procedural Motion was declared CARRIED.**

**10. Zoo/Waiwhakareke Shared Entry Precinct- Brymer Road Urban Upgrade alignment**

The Unit Director Visitor Destinations introduced the report noting the construction period and options for the precinct. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning funding, Waka Kotahi Subsidy, safety and the scope of the projects.

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves **Option 3** which aligns stages 1 and 2 with the portion of the Brymer Road Urban Upgrade from Baverstock intersection to the northern boundary of the Zoo; and
- c) approves the funding to align the projects as per point b) above, for the purpose of inclusion in the draft 2021/31 Long Term Plan noting that Council will endeavour to seek NZTA funding for the project.

*Cr Forsyth left the meeting (2.45pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**11. Proposed Fee Structure for Personal hire (Transport) Devices**

The City Safe Unit Manager took the report as read and responded to questions from Elected Member concerning the proposed fee, the trial period and the exclusivity agreement with Lime.

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves a Personal Hire (Transport) Device per ride fee structure until the end of the current trial (March 2021), effective immediately;
- c) approves the per ride fee to be set at \$0.13 until the end of the current trial (March 2021); and
- d) notes that following the completion of the current trial (March 2021), staff will report to the Infrastructure Operations Committee with the outcome of the trial and to recommend any amendments to ongoing fees and charges for permitting of Personal Hire Devices.

**Mayor Southgate and Cr O'Leary Dissenting.**

**12. District Plan change programme**

The City Planning Manager outlined the report and the scope of the programme. Along with Lachlan Muldowney (City Barrister), he responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the scope of the programme, the National Policy Statement, the cost to Council, the proposed District Plan Amendments Committee and working with other Councils.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the proposed approach for delivering the District Plan amendments programme of work (**Option 3**, paragraph 26 of the staff report), the scope of amendments (paragraph 32) and the proposed governance structure (paragraphs 45-48 of the staff report) for making changes to the Hamilton City Operative District Plan (District Plan) for notification in September 2022 and further that the scope of the work also include, where possible, any land currently outside of the City boundary which may transfer to HCC and where it is consistent with an agreed strategic agreement with a neighbouring Council;
- c) requests staff to start work on these changes to the District Plan;
- d) approves the formation of a District Plan Amendments Committee comprising of Cr Hamilton (as Chair), Cr O’Leary (as Deputy Chair), Mayor Southgate, Cr Thomson, Cr Pascoe, Cr Gallagher and Maanagi Whetu, with Deputy Mayor Taylor as an alternate, with delegated authority to:
  - i. provide and approve broad strategic direction to inform and guide the development of the District Plan amendments programme of work;
  - ii. prepare and approve a draft set of District Plan amendments for the purpose of obtaining initial feedback and comment from the community, stakeholder and tangatawhenua groups.;
  - iii. recommend any proposed District Plan amendments to the Council for adoption and release for formal notification; and
  - iv. provide regular updates to the Council on the progress of the District Plan amendments programme of work.
- e) notes staff will prepare the proposed District Plan amendments to the Operative Hamilton City District Plan in accordance with the obligations of the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) between Waikato-Tainui and Hamilton City Council dated February 2012;
- f) requests staff form a Working Group comprised of senior staff from Waikato-Tainui and Hamilton City Council to ensure that key matters outlined in the JMA are delivered on throughout the District Plan-making process;
- g) notes that the Working Group will regularly report progress to the Hamilton City Council/Waikato Tainui Co-Governance Forum; and
- h) notes that given the significance of the Government reforms requiring the District Plan amendments referred to in 3 b) above, this work is treated as a political and organisational priority.

*Cr Forsyth re-joined the meeting (3.54pm) during the discussion of the above matter. She was present when the item was voted on.*

**The meeting adjourned 3.59pm to 4.17pm**

### **13. Community Outcomes**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/ Mayor Southgate)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;

- b) approves the five priorities in 'Our Vision for Hamilton' be adopted as the Community Outcomes for use in the development of the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan;
- c) notes a range of wellbeing indicators will be used to provide insight into the change of the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of the community over time; and
- d) notes an annual Wellbeing Report will be produced commencing in October 2021 to report on the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of the community.

#### 10. Recommendations from Open Committee Meetings

*It was noted that the report for this item had some errors with the committee recommendations. An updated copy of the staff report for this item is included as the **appendix 2** of the open minutes of the meeting.*

##### **Financial Strategy Monitoring Report**

**Resolved:** (Cr Pascoe/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council:

- a) approves the capital movement as identified in paragraph 15 of the 2 December 2020 Capital Portfolio Monitoring Report;
- b) approves the significant forecast adjustments as set out in paragraphs 17 to 23 of the staff report; and
- c) approves the revised Financial Strategy position for Debt to Revenue, Net Debt and Balancing the Books as set out in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the staff report.

##### **Waikato Regional Theatre – Risk Assessment Report**

**Resolved:** (Cr Pascoe/Cr O'Leary)

That the Council:

- a) notes the Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee's endorsement of the risk assessment mitigations relating to the Council's contribution to the Waikato Regional Theatre as outlined in the proposed Funding Deed between Council and Waikato Regional Property Trust (**attachment 2** of the staff report); and
- b) notes that a report will come back to a future meeting of the Council for consideration and execution of the final funding deed.

**Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

#### 11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

##### **Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of
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	matter	this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded Minutes of 26 November 2020	) Good reason to withhold ) information exists under ) Section 7 Local Government ) Official Information and ) Meetings Act 1987 )	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Hamilton Gardens Sponsorship Agreement		
C3. Wairere Drive-Proposal for Speed limit Reduction		

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)
Item C3.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

**The meeting moved into a public excluded session at 4.31pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 5.58pm.**

**Appendix 1:**



Tō Ti - Your spirit  
Tō Tā - Your creativity  
Tō Toi - Your art

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6 December 2020

**Memo to Mayor Paula, Councillors, CE Richard, & DCE Lance**

**Re Notice of Motion – Road renaming, Dame Hilda Ross**

Refer 8 December 2020 Council agenda item 14: Notice of Revocation from Mayor Paula Southgate (dated 7 October, and removed from the council agenda of 22 October at that meeting – after ME raised this with the mayor)

**Summary**

**Process (2012 -2020)**

No notice given to TOTI of Notice of Motion (again)

This motion is not consistent with decision-making provisions in LGA 2002 sections 77-82 (re HCC Standing Order 24.1) - eg 'reasonable opportunities' to present views, plus 'open-mindedness'

Denies council's formal democratic planning process for hearing street renaming applications - eg In this case, TOTI application, fee paid, formal notice by Council to 32 property & business owners, Public Notice and call for submissions, then heard and considered ....

No evidence, no identification of the Mayor's claimed 'many property owners and tenants'

Disregard of TOTI's formal public support for the street re-naming, extensive & representative, including THAWK - (NB Also fails the proposed new Co-Governance test of Values & Principles – Agenda pg 16/249)

Denies council policy on street renaming – eg 'to avoid confusion where an existing street is severed' plus regard for history, notable persons etc.

Fails the tests of democratic accountability & natural justice

**The Public Forum is not appropriate** when a 'conversation' is at the very least warranted, with all interested parties able to present their case. Publicly. Accountably.

**1. Background**

**Item 14:** The attached reports (from the CE & the Mayor) are misleading & fail to include relevant facts.

Re 5.

- TOTI's street renaming application (formal hearings planning process) separate from the statue project (public art process)
- TOTI did NOT apply for the Starbucks site nor the plaza naming recommended by staff, always preferring Garden Place (or Civic Plaza) because of the site-specific link with Dame Hilda Ross & no underground infrastructure issues.
- Plaza naming separately recommended by staff (not TOTI) to Council (4 April 2017).
- Council unanimously recommended Ward Street East from street naming options presented by TOTI at that meeting (prior to TOTI lodging formal application as required).
- Council resolved that 'the name change occur at the time the statue installed and unveiled'. And TOTI agreed - to enable property & business owners to plan ahead.

Re 6:

- 31 October 2017 – Committee agreed with HCC Planning Guidance staff recommendation that TOTI's application for the street name change be declined, that naming a public place (eg plaza) or building more appropriate than renaming a street "with an unwieldy, long name for business and residential identity". The report stated the application met "many aspects" of the policy, but did not meet the preference of being 'short, generally not longer than 12 characters, or being a single word'.
- 14 December 2017 – Council approved the street renaming, with councillors' reference to new 'street re-naming policy' (adopted 29 September 2016) and the new provision for renaming 'to avoid confusion where an existing street is severed' (as with Ward Street's Downtown Mall)
- The name change has not been 'physically actioned' in accordance with the council's April 2017 resolution (to dovetail with the statue installation), NOT due to the change in statue site. TOTI assumed that all property owners and operators were notified by council after the name change approval on 14 December 2017 (which was also publicised by media).
- On 12 December 2019, this Council approved both a different statue (Matt Gaildie's) plus a different site (Garden Place).
- Council (at that meeting) noted 'the matter regarding the naming of the road will be brought back to the infrastructure operations committee'....
- Since then: Ongoing discussions & correspondence with staff plus the impact of Covid, and the final statue inspection & site sign-off ready for agreed 31 October unveiling date to mark the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the 1919 Women's Parliamentary Rights Act
- Statue site confirmed by staff & TOTI in the south-eastern corner of Garden Place near Victoria Street NOT the north-eastern corner option (during on-site meeting 7 September), and unveiling event plan confirmed (18 September), with plaque installation a potential 2<sup>nd</sup> event (due to the tight time-table).
- Agreed that street renaming would dovetail with Dame Hilda Ross statue story-telling plaque installation planned for the week of International Women's Day 8 March 2021 (to link with other festivities planned for the CBD)

### 3. Notice of Revocation

As reasons in her Notice of Revocation (dated 7 October 2020), the Mayor refers to the change in location of the statue "and because many property owners and tenants in Ward Street are not supportive of the name change".

- No identification
- No reasons
- No evidence

**Looking Back:** After extensive TOTI consultation 2013-2017, news and social media publicity, council's formal Public Notice process in 2017 calling for submissions, and formal notification to 32 Ward Street property and business owners, there were six responses in opposition. These included one mall shop, three-out-of-town property investors, and one from Ward Lane wanting that commonly-used name confirmed (a point we had earlier raised), plus some thought the entire length of Ward Street was up for the name change (which it wasn't).

In contrast: TOTI provided evidence of widespread and detailed support, reflecting what are now referred to as the 4 well-beings and the council policy of social, cultural, heritage, environmental and economic interests (beyond pecuniary interests), and representing the various chapters of Dame Hilda's rich life and public service record:

Ross descendants, Te Haa (THAWK), Hamilton Central Business Association, Starbucks, and main property and business owners including Tower Building & Mall, plus MPs, Port Waikato Children's Camp, Operatic Society & theatre groups, RSA and History Federation etc. Positive consultation with other major property interests (including Quest, TGH, and Matt Stark) was noted (refer TOTI's application).

Further, after the street renaming application was lodged in early April 2017 (following council's focus on Ward Street East), in September council staff advised TOTI the hearing had been deferred to October to enable "further feedback from several other key stakeholders" citing concern at the low response rate to the official notification process, and a staff member had been sent to talk with some locals. TOTI considered this a departure from proper process, with no input from TOTI and no record of what was said by staff. We were then advised there were 13 contacts made, including four we had consulted.

- As outlined above, the committee recommendation to decline the application was not accepted, and in December 2017 council approved the application.

### 4. Further information

- Dame Hilda Ross Project record (2012-2019) prepared for Mayor Andrew King 5 October 2018 (and staff) following the first publicity against the Captain Hamilton statue in Civic Plaza. Updated in January 2020 (available).

Public Art policy – 3 September 2013, Council approved site for Dame Hilda Ross statue recommended by staff (Starbucks). At the time, an on-site inspection with councillors and staff recognised the need for extensive landscaping and re-siting underground services.

Street Re-Naming policy - After October 2013 elections, mayor & staff ask TOTI to delay any street naming application until their policy review, to enable them to craft a new/initial 're-naming' policy (following what was viewed as a lack of policy in the Sapper Moore-Jones

Place and Anzac Parade cases). TOTI recommended inclusion of provision/dispensation for 'proper names' to aid the 'story-telling/heritage retention concept eg former Prime Minister 'Sir Joseph Ward', or even Joseph Ward, to differentiate from Joe Ward city councillor & local lawyer. And to avoid nit-picking over 'one word, 12 letters, no punctuation (eg hyphens)' to fit standard sign length. This was not included in the new policy.

Consultation – It's been a long and widely consulted journey, prompted by the public debate about reviewing, retaining, and restoring history - including the teaching of our children... And three iterations of a sculpture – 'Hilda at the piano', 'Two Marvellous Women' and finally Matt Gauldie's concept now installed (31 October 2020).

TOTI's aim was to bring Dame Hilda Ross back to the public mind:

- One of Hamilton's outstanding characters
- One of the nation's great citizens and community leaders
- Once we had the Dame Hilda Ross Memorial in the Central Library
- The Dame Hilda Ross Nurses Home
- Even the memorial fountain at Founders Theatre is turned off....
- Thankfully we have Ryman's retirement village reminding of her name
- But we were unsuccessful with ideas to identify the Barton & Ross building in the heritage zone in Victoria Street South -to mark Dame Hilda's retailing legacy
- Waikato District Health Board turned down our request to name the new HQ in the old Farmers building after this long-term and pioneering board member (despite the efforts of members Martin Gallagher & Dave Macpherson...
- We are still working with the hospital's heritage guardian Peter Rothwell for some appropriate recognition there....
- Finally, her statue is in situ...
- And we still think it most appropriate that Dame Hilda Ross has a central city street in her name....

## 5. And Now?

In the spirit of democracy, of course we would be willing to have further conversations with this council and other interested parties on this matter.

We understood that was the agreement reached in October when this Notice of Motion was removed from the agenda for 22 October. Then, we raised the potential of negative publicity for the council on the eve of the statue unveiling.

Now, we are amazed that we were not notified of this Notice of Revocation.

We seek time in council's public forum on Tuesday morning 8 December to outline these views.

Thank you.

Margaret Evans (TOTI)

Phone 9594467 or 021 2044674

To whom this may concern.

Re. Public submission on proposed Ward Street name change..

Hi, as a Ward Street business, and a long term Hamilton CBD business of nearly 25 years, I am strongly against to the proposed name change of Ward Street. It's been Ward Street for nearly 100 odd years, named in honour of Sir Joseph Ward, a 2 time Priminster of NZ, and I cannot see any advantages of changing it, but I can see plenty of disadvantages, some of which are..

- Very disrespectful of Joseph Ward and the family that survive him.
- printed material with address's will need to be changed
- international web/ digital media will all be wrong
- confusion with directions like GPS type devices.
- Ward Street is well known as the CBD, Dame Hilda Ross way just doesn't flow..
- council expense in signage
- Printed maps of Hamilton streets are all around the world, in dozens of different languages, that's going to be a lot of lost tourists with incorrect maps..

Over and above these quick points, is the actual real cost to each effected business.. for me personally, 18 months ago I priced up reprinting all relevant material, business cards, letter heads, signage etc etc.. this will cost Texas Radio around \$2800.. this is real money out of a small business that survives purely on the hard work, dedication and passion that we have for Texas Radio and Hamilton.

Changing the name of Ward Street will achieve nothing at all and just cost money and cause confusion. I am yet to hear a valid/solid reason why it should be changed..

Leave it alone... ( if it's not broken, don't fix it )

Kind regards

Marcus Potroz  
Texas Radio  
43 Ward Street  
Hamilton CBD

Good Afternoon-

Sorry for the late email- the shop has been busy this afternoon-

This email is in regards to the yet again topic of changing Ward Street to Dame Hilda Ross Way.. We thought this issue had been dealt with and put in the bad idea pile long ago but yet here we are again- there are so many other important issues that Hamilton should be dealing with and this is a waste of everyones time and money- no one wants this change- everyone opposed it last time and we are still opposed now.

I firmly believe there isn't the public support or business owner support for this to be carried forward- The cost to the retailers in these tough challenging times is an issue all on its own and every client who walks in the door is 100% opposed to the change-

How can it be ok to change one end of Ward Streets name and not the other end- just because a few people want it- we dont.

Hart Jewellers has been a jewellers on Ward Street for 101 years this year and we are happy with our street name- just like every other retailer on this block- we are the ones who are here everyday and with public vote backing we all sing the same song- No Change- Our valued clients and customers alike all support our vote to keep the street name as it has always been- Ward Street- Please do the right thing and shelve this idea once and for all as you wont find anyone that works out here or shops out here who would vote yes to this change-

Linley Hart, Shannon Bryant and Nicole Crocombe

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We oppose changing the “Ward Street” name.

Richard & Gael Wilkins

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Appendix 2:

## Council Report

**Committee:** Council **Date:** 08 December 2020  
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**Report Name:** Recommendations from Open Committee Meetings

Report Status	Open
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### Purpose – *Take*

To seek the Council's approval of the following recommendations from Committee meetings:

- a) Finance Committee meeting of 2 December 2020, in respect of:
  - Financial Strategy Monitoring Report (Agenda [Here](#), Minutes [Here](#))
- b) Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee meeting of 4 December 2020, in respect of:
  - Waikato Regional Theatre – Risk Assessment Report (Agenda [Here](#), Minutes [Here](#))

### Recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting of 2 December 2020

#### Financial Strategy Monitoring Report

That the Council:

- a) approves the capital movement as identified in paragraph 15 of the 2 December 2020 Capital Portfolio Monitoring Report;
- b) approves the significant forecast adjustments as set out in paragraphs 17 to 23 of the staff report; and
- c) approves the revised Financial Strategy position for Debt to Revenue, Net Debt and Balancing the Books as set out in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the staff report.

### Recommendations from the Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee meeting of 4 December 2020

#### Waikato Regional Theatre - Risk Assessment Report

That the Council:

- a) notes the Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee's endorsement of the risk assessment mitigations relating to the Council's contribution to the Waikato Regional Theatre as outlined in the proposed Funding Deed between Council and Waikato Regional Property Trust (attachment 2 of the report); and
- b) notes that a report will come back to a future meeting of the Council for consideration and execution of the final funding deed.

### Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

There are no attachments for this report.