

**Elected Member Briefing – 4 August 2021**  
**Committee Room 1**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>HCC Presenter(s)</b>	<b>Open / Closed</b>	<b>Time Req'd (mins)</b>
9.30am	Naming of Roads, Open Spaces, and Council Facilities Policy (Community Committee)	Sandra Murray, Grant Kettle	Open	60 mins
<b>MEETING ENDS</b>				

# Review of *The Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy*

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# Context

- The purpose of this policy to provide a process for naming roads, open spaces and council facilities in Hamilton city.
- The policy was first adopted in May 2012 and reviewed in 2016. The current review commenced in September 2019 as part of the council's three yearly policy review cycle.
- Elected Members provided feedback at an EM Briefing on the 6th May 2019 and via a Sharepoint process in November/December 2020. Feedback included a direction to undertake further consultation, particularly with developers.
- In mid-2021, the policy review was paused until after the adoption of He Pou Manawa Ora (Pillars of Wellbeing), to ensure the policy could align with the strategy.

# Policy review process to date

## **2019**

EM Briefing

Workshop with Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa (THaWK)

Initial stakeholder feedback from the Waikato Property Council & Waikato-Tainui

## **2020**

Workshop with THaWK

Further stakeholder feedback from individual property developers

EM Sharepoint process on proposed policy amendments

Decision to delay process until finalisation of He Pou Maanawa Ora

## **2021**

Update provided to Waikato-Tainui Forum

Adoption of He Pou Manawa Ora (Pillars of Wellbeing)

# Discussion points

**Staff require direction and guidance on three proposed changes:**

1. Timing issues (when consultation with mana whenua occurs)
2. Road names in te reo Maaori (proposed intent to ensure a nominated percentage of road names are in te reo Maaori)
3. Te reo Maaori names for Open Spaces and Council Facilities

# Discussion point: Timing issues

## 1. Timing issues:

- Iwi consultation is currently expected to occur at a point in time when developers are under pressure (after specific roads have been consented)
- Amount of time provided to iwi to respond is insufficient (10 days)

## Proposed changes:

- a) Iwi consultation moved to pre-consent application phase
- b) Instead of proposing names for specific (consented) roads, iwi to provide a register (or 'pool') of names which can be used within the development for roads, parks etc
- c) Iwi to be provided with 12 calendar weeks to respond

*THaWK, Waikato-Tainui and property developers indicated support for these changes*

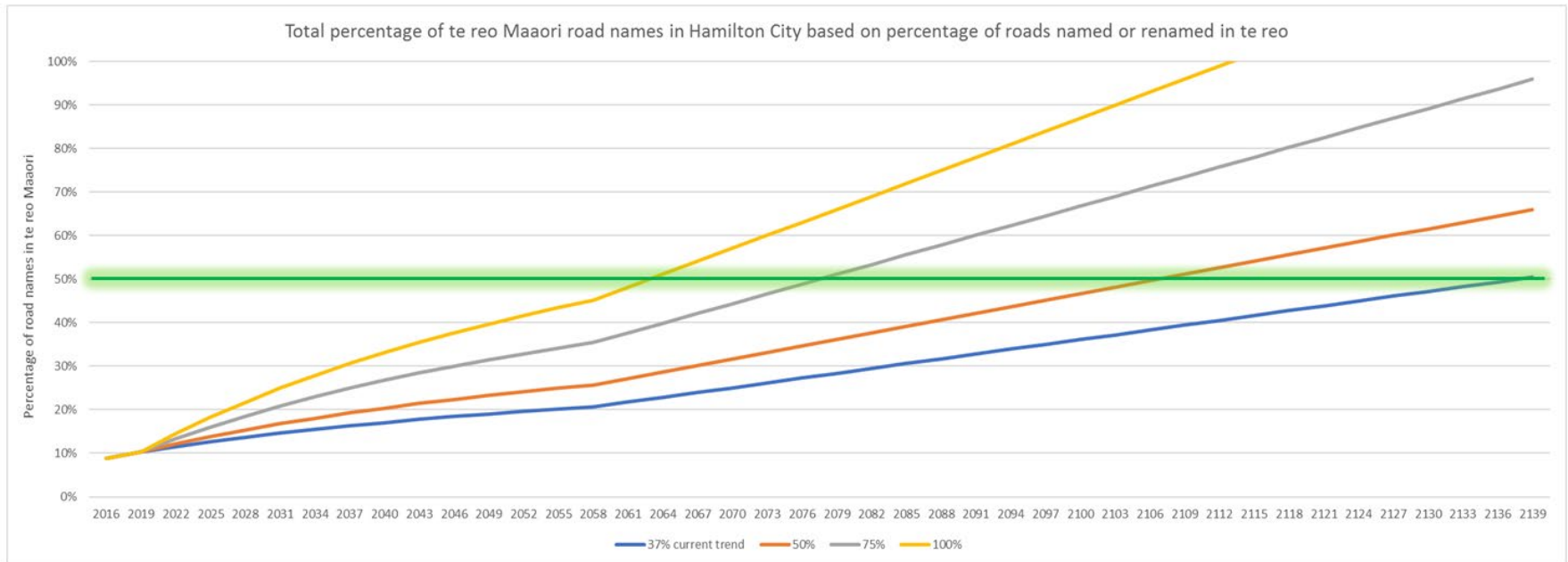
**Comment or guidance?**

# Discussion point: Road names in te reo Maaori

## 2. Road names in te reo Maaori:

- Currently, 10% of roads in Hamilton City are in te reo Maaori
- Since the 2016 review of the policy, which included provisions to encourage names in te reo, 39 of the 105 new road names (37%) have been in te reo Maaori.
- The graph on the next page models the length of time to achieve a change in the percentage of te reo Maaori road names based on differing percentage of te reo names (*Note: modelling based on 100 new roads per year*).

# Discussion point: Road names in te reo Maaori



On this modelling, Hamilton could expect to have 50% road names in te reo Maaori....

- at current trends – by 2139
- at 50% of new roads – by 2109
- at 75% of new roads – by 2079
- At 100% of new roads – by 2064



# Discussion point: Road names in te reo Maaori

Proposed changes:

- a) Introduce a percentage intent for new and re-named roads to be in te reo Maaori. Such an intent is proposed to be:
  - across the city (not 'per development') to ensure developments can maintain thematic naming. This may mean some developments are 100% te reo and some are 100% English – but across the whole city the aim is for **X** percentage into be in te reo.
  - an intent rather than a hard target to allow flexibility according to the size of developments presented in applications received by council each year.

*THaWK and Waikato-Tainui indicated support for this change, with Waikato-Tainui suggesting the percentage intent to be 75%*

*One developer expressed caution about this proposal, seeking assurance that thematic naming can continue*

**Comment or guidance?**

# Discussion point: Road names in te reo Maaori

Proposed changes:

- b) An increase in the number of names an applicant is allowed to propose per road (in their application):
  - from 'up to 2' (current) to 'up to 3' names proposed per road
  - with *at least one* of the proposed names to be a te reo Maaori name from the register of names provided by iwi

*THaWK and Waikato-Tainui indicated support for this change.*

*Developers did not express any view on this proposal.*

**Comment or guidance?**

# Discussion point: Open Spaces and Council Facilities

- Currently, 19% of named parks and reserves; 7% of buildings and 9% of service buildings have names in te reo Maaori.

	Total number	Have a te reo name (full or partial)	Percentage of names in te reo
Named Parks & Reserves	202	39 (excludes Te Inuwai Park)	19%
Buildings (or sites)	54	4 (including the use of the word Waikato)	7%
Public toilets / changing rooms / park service buildings	79	7	9%

Note: this table is in the process of being updated with 2020/2021 names

- Proposed change:
  - To include the requirement for iwi consultation for the naming and renaming of open spaces and council facilities (iwi consultation already occurs, but was not included in the policy). The proposed change is primarily to note current practise.
  - A percentage intent for te reo Maaori names has not been proposed at this time.  
**Do EM's seek such a proposal?**

**Comment or guidance?**

# Incidental proposed changes

- *No change* to the consultation process for naming or renaming roads
- *No change* to the process for approving the naming or renaming roads (other than applying the percentage intent)
- References to He Pou Manawa Ora (Pillars of Wellbeing) have been included
- Direction to the Planning Guidance Manager to consider the new proposed principle and intent for te reo names
- Reformatting of the policy to improve clarity
- Update the naming conventions from AS/NZS 4819 – Types of roads, including changes to enable te reo Maaori names e.g. an option for 'Ara' and as a road type (e.g. Instead of 'street') and the inclusion of an exception to the number of characters a road name may have to accommodate te reo Maaori names.
- Changes to definitions e.g. to change from 'Tangata Whenua' to 'Mana Whenua'
- Inclusion of flow diagrams in Schedule 2 to assist applicants to understand the process for naming or renaming roads

# Next Steps

- Policy to be updated to reflect Elected Member direction
- Mana whenua engagement on the updated draft
- Key stakeholder feedback on the updated draft
- Develop communications plan for public consultation
- Community Committee approval for public consultation (date TBC)
- Public consultation (date TBC)