

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 17 October 2023
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Committee Room 1 and Audio Visual Link
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Lance Vervoort
Chief Executive

Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel

Ko Ngaa Taki Huarahi

OPEN LATE AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr Mark Donovan
Heamana

Members Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary
Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Cr Ewan Wilson
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Maxine van Oosten

Quorum: Three members

Meeting Frequency: As required

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Council Report

Item 8

Committee: Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel
Date: 17 October 2023
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Position: Network and Systems Operations Manager
Position: Executive Director Infrastructure Operations
Report Name: Temporary road closures for the Freestyle Kings event at FMG Stadium

Report Status	Open
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Purpose

1. To seek approval from the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel for temporary road closures associated with the Freestyle Kings on 19 November 2023 and the 'rain day' 20 November 2023 at FMG Stadium, Hamilton.

Staff Recommendation

2. That the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel:
 - a) receives this report;
 - b) approves the closure of the following roads to accommodate the Freestyle Kings event on 19 November 2023 between 1pm and 7pm and on 20 November 2023 (rain day) between 3.30pm and 10.00pm:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Rostrevor Street and Abbotsford Street);
 - ii. Abbotsford Street (between Tristram Street and Willoughby Street);
 - iii. Seddon Rd (from Goldsmith Street to Norton Road);
 - iv. Mill St (from Norton Road to Willoughby Street);
 - v. Liverpool Street (from Tristram Street to Vialou Street); and
 - c) approves the issue of a Notice of Decision stating Council's decision to close the following roads to accommodate the Freestyle Kings event on 19 November 2023 between 1pm and 7pm and on 20 November 2023 (rain day) between 3.30pm and 10.00pm:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Rostrevor Street and Abbotsford Street);
 - ii. Abbotsford Street (between Tristram Street and Willoughby Street);
 - iii. Seddon Rd (from Goldsmith Street to Norton Road);
 - iv. Mill St (from Norton Road to Willoughby Street);
 - v. Liverpool Street (from Tristram Street to Vialou Street).

Executive Summary

3. An application has been received for temporary road closures to amend the planned road closure timing for the Freestyle Kings on 19 November 2023 and to accommodate a rain day for the Freestyle Kings event on 20 November 2023.
4. The road closure notices for the planned event date of 19 November 2023 were completed within the 42-working day timeframe required for processing under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closures) Regulations 1965, however, the timing of the closures for the 19 November event were incorrect and the backup 'rain day' of 20 November 2023 was not included. Council approval under the Local Government Act 1974 is being sought to enable the road closures to proceed in conjunction with the event.
5. The Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel (Traffic Panel) has the delegation to consider and approve these applications.
6. Similar closures of these streets have been undertaken in the past. Consultation with adjacent property owners has been undertaken, along with NZ Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi).
7. Staff consider the decision in this report has low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Discussion

8. Hamilton City has a large number of events held each year and often there are temporary road closures associated with the events which are put into place to ensure the safety of the event participants and the general public.
9. Applications for temporary road closures associated with events are normally processed under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closures) Regulations 1965 which requires 42 working days public notice.
10. Occasionally there are situations where the 42 days public notice was not achieved. In these situations, approval of a temporary road closure for an event can be granted under the Local Government Act 1974 No 66, Schedule 10, Clause 11(e) (LGA 1974).
11. The Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel has the delegation to consider and approve these temporary road closures.
12. The LGA 1974 process requires public notices be issued prior to the Traffic Panel meeting to notify the Intention to Consider the temporary road closures and then again following the Traffic Panel meeting in a Notice of Decision.
13. The FMG Stadium will be hosting the Freestyle Kings event on 19 November 2023, but have identified that the advertised timing of the road closure for the event was incorrect and have requested the ability to implement similar closures on 20 November 2023 as a backup 'rain day' in case the weather does allow the event to proceed as planned. Further details on the event can be found [here](#).
14. The detailed for planned event will be held on Sunday 19th November 2023 are:
 - i. gates to FMG Stadium will open at 2pm,
 - ii. the show will run between 4pm and 8pm.
15. The roads closures were advertised from 3pm to 7pm for the Sunday Show. This needs to be changed to 1pm to 7pm so people arriving at gates open have safe ingress to the venue and safe egress at the end of the show. This also allows time for the set up and pack down of the temporary traffic management.

16. For the Rain Day, Monday 20 November, event times change to the following:
 - i. gates to the FMG Stadium will open at 4.30pm
 - ii. the show will run between 6.30pm and 8.30pm
17. The road closures would need to be from 3.30pm – 10pm to allow for safe ingress during rush hour traffic and safe egress at the end of the show. This also allows time for the set up and pack down of the temporary traffic management.
18. The following road closures are planned for this event:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Rostrevor Street and Abbotsford Street),
 - ii. Abbotsford Street (between Tristram Street and Willoughby Street)
 - iii. Seddon Rd (from Goldsmith Street to Norton Road)
 - iv. Mill St (from Norton Road to Willoughby Street)
 - v. Liverpool Street (from Tristram Street to Vialou Street).
19. The final extent of closure is determined on the day based on tickets sales and likely number of attendees. The extent of the proposed maximum extent of road closures are shown in Figure 1 below:



Figure 1: Proposed maximum extent of road closures (shown in red)

20. Consultation with residents and property owners along with NZ Police and the Waka Kotahi has been completed. There are no objections to the proposed closure.

Financial Considerations

21. All costs associated with the two public notices required by the Local Government Act and temporary traffic management are met by the applicant.

Legal and Policy Considerations

22. Staff confirm that proposed approval complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements and those of the Local Government Act 1974.

Climate Change Impact Statement

23. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation.
24. Staff have also considered the key considerations under the Climate Change Policy and have determined that an adaptation assessment and emissions assessment is not required for the matters in this report.

Wellbeing Considerations

25. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
26. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
27. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

28. The recommendations included in this report helps the community achieve their goals by ensuring their safety and ability to access the key sporting facility (FMG Stadium).

Economic

29. The recommendations included in this report enables FMG Stadium to operate efficiently by ensuring safe access to their property.

Environmental

30. No specific environmental considerations were identified in the development of this report.

Cultural

31. No specific cultural considerations were identified in the development of this report.

Risks

32. There are safety and accessibility risks associated with not approving the recommendations in this report.

Significance & Engagement Policy

Significance

33. Staff considered the following factors under the Significance and Engagement Policy:
 - i. The form of engagement used in the past for similar proposals and decisions.

34. Based on these factors, staff have assessed that the matters in this report have low significance.

Engagement

35. In accordance with the Local Government Act provisions, public notification was given of the intention to consider the temporary road closures application at this meeting.
36. Staff have undertaken consultation with the NZ Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) and they are supportive of the temporary road closure for the events.
37. In addition, the applicant has undertaken consultation with all properties in the section of road closures.
38. If the closures are approved by this committee, a public notice of the decision to temporarily close the road will be issued.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.