

Auckland Regional Amenities

Funding Board

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD

HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2020, AT 10:00AM

DUE TO THE NATIONAL STATE OF EMERGENCY – ALERT LEVEL 3
LOCKDOWN, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY VIA A ZOOM
CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

Chair	Ms Anita	Killeen
Deputy Chair	Ms Catherine	Harland

Members:	Ms Paula	Browning
	Ms Victoria	Carter
	Ms Precious	Clark
	Ms Lyn	Lim
	Ms Megan	McSweeney
	Mr Bryan	Mogridge
	Mr Scott	Pearson
	Mr Vern	Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr Leigh	Redshaw	Advisory Officer
Mr Matt	Williams	CEO – SLSNR; Chair Amenities Board
Ms Barbara	Glaser	CEO - APO
Mr David	Inns	CEO – Auckland Festival Trust
Ms Victoria	Travers	CEO - Stardome
Ms Josie	Meuli	Auckland Council

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Lyn Lim / Vern Walsh

A. There were no apologies for the meeting.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Megan McSweeney / Catherine Harland

A. That the ordinary minutes of the meeting of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board held on 18 February 2020, including the confidential section, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

3. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

4. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

Moved: Victoria Carter / Bryan Mogridge

A. That the Register of Members Interests be received and updated in respect of Lyn Lim.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no deputations for public forum.

6. REPORT FROM AMENITIES BOARD

Moved: Precious Clark / Megan McSweeney

A. That Mr Matt Williams, CEO – SLSNR and Chair of the Amenities Board, and Ms Barbara Glaser, CEO - APO, be thanked for their updates and presentations to the board.

B. That former CEO Stardome, David Houldsworth be thanked for his role as Chair of the Amenities Board.

CARRIED

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

Moved: Bryan Mogridge / Megan McSweeney

A. That the verbal report from the Chair be received.

CARRIED

Moved: Bryan Mogridge / Vern Walsh

B. That the board thanks the Chair for her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown period, and in particular the discussion with Auckland Council.

CARRIED

9. MEMBERS ACTIVITIES WITH SPECIFIED AMENITIES AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Moved: Lyn Lim / Paula Browning

A. That the Members Activities information and Board Members verbal reports be received, and the register of activities and gifts be updated

CARRIED

10. ADVISORY OFFICER'S REPORT

Moved: Victoria Carter / Catherine Harland

A. That the Advisory Officer's verbal report be received.

CARRIED

11. FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2020

Moved: Lyn Lim / Vern Walsh

A. That the Financial Report to 31 March 2020 be received.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved: Megan McSweeney / Bryan Mogridge

A. That the inwards and outwards correspondence report be accepted

CARRIED

13. 2020-2021 FUNDING PLAN – ADOPTION OF PLAN; FIXING OF LEVY

Moved: Catherine Harland / Bryan Mogridge

That the Funding Board:

A. Receives the information memorandum provided by the Advisory Officer in relation to the confirmation and fixing of the 2020-2021 levy.

B. Acknowledges the decision and advice of the Specified Amenities, who, after taking into account the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the national State of Emergency, have unanimously and collectively agreed to limit the 2020-2021 grant allocations to the same amounts allocated in 2019-2020. The Specified Amenities communicated this to both the Funding Board and Auckland Council on 22 April 2020.

Specified Amenity	Grant Allocation 2019-2020	Amenity Funding Application 2020-2021	Revised Grant Allocation 2020-2021	Year on Year Change 2019-2020 to 2020-2021
Auckland Festival Trust	\$3,837,000	\$4,250,000	\$3,837,000	No Change
Auckland Philharmonia Trust	\$3,267,000	\$3,968,000	\$3,267,000	No Change
Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust	\$450,000	\$1,074,045	\$450,000	No Change
Auckland Theatre Company Ltd	\$1,800,000	\$2,075,000	\$1,800,000	No Change
Drowning Prevention Auckland-WaterSafe Auckland Incorporated	\$1,050,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000	No Change
New Zealand Opera Limited	\$1,100,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,100,000	No Change
Stardome - Auckland Observatory and Planetarium Trust Board	\$1,440,500	\$1,550,500	\$1,440,500	No Change
Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated	\$1,396,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,396,000	No Change

Total Grants Payable	\$14,340,500	\$17,042,545	\$14,340,500	
Funding Board administration budget	\$340,000	\$350,000	\$340,000	No Change
Total Levy Payable	\$14,680,500	\$17,392,545	\$14,680,500	No Change

- C. Revises the proposed board member honoraria for 2020-2021 down to the same levels as 2019-2020, replacing its earlier decision to increase the honoraria.

Rates of Remuneration:

	2020-2021	2019-2020	Annual Change
Chair	\$33,000	\$33,000	Nil
Deputy Chair	\$24,750	\$24,750	Nil
Members (8)	\$16,500	\$16,500	Nil

- D. Notes that the levy requirement for 2020-2021 remains the same as 2019-2020 (after removal of the grant funding for Coastguard Northern Region), i.e. \$14,680,500, and details of this updated levy amount was communicated to Auckland Council on 22 April 2020.
- E. Notes that Auckland Council considered and approved the 2020-2021 Funding Plan and reduced levy of \$14,680,500 (including the revised honoraria for 2020-2021) at its meeting on 23 April 2020.
- F. Acknowledges that the Draft 2020-2021 Funding Plan originally published for public consultation and updated for submission to Auckland Council in early March 2020 has been superseded by the events of the COVID-19 pandemic and the National State of Emergency, necessitating an update and re-write of substantial portions of the document.
- G. Requires each Specified Amenity receiving grant funding in 2020-2021 to submit an updated 2020-2021 Business Plan taking account of the impacts of COVID-19 on the operations of the entity, including, but not limited to:
- i. Details of changed services, operations and programmes of work that will occur in 2020-2021, and future years if information is available
 - ii. Details of the impact of the reduced grant funding received vs that originally signalled in the draft 2020-2021 Funding Plan
 - iii. Cost-cutting measures implemented

- iv. Impacts on staffing levels
 - v. Loss of revenue mitigation measures implemented
 - vi. Information regards government and/or any other agency subsidies / grants or assistance packages that have been applied for and received (relating to the COVID-19 pandemic)
 - vii. Updated budgets for 2020-2021
 - viii. Detailed explanation of how the grant received from the Funding Board will be utilised in 2020-2021.
- H. Delegates and authorises the Funding Plan and Annual Report Working Group to edit and update the 2020-2021 Funding Plan to take account of the impacts of COVID-19 and the amended grant allocations to the same as those authorised for 2019-2020, and the total levy requirement from Auckland Council of \$14,680,500.
- I. Adopts the revised and updated 2020-2021 Funding Plan (subject to the Funding Plan and Annual Report Working Group incorporating all the necessary updates).
- J. Fixes the total amount of the levy payable by Auckland Council on 1 July 2020 as \$14,680,500.
- K. Instructs the Advisory Officer to ensure that all other statutory obligations in respect of adopting the Funding Plan and fixing the levy are attended to within the statutory timeframes, including advising Auckland Council by 30 April 2020 that the levy has been fixed at \$14,680,500.

CARRIED

14. 2021-2022 FUNDING APPLICATION PROCESS

Moved: Victoria Carter / Lyn Lim

- A. That the Funding Board confirms that the closing date for funding applications from those amenities wishing to lodge applications for grant funding in 2021-2022 is 21 September 2020.
- B. That the Funding Board confirms the 'additional questionnaire' for 2021-2022 will follow the same format as that used in 2020-2021, updated to incorporate questions relating to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic plus any other changes considered necessary by the Funding Plan and Annual Report Working Party; to be finalised and circulated to the Specified Amenities no later than 30 June 2020.
- C. That the Funding Board confirms that in addition to the minimum information requirements set down in section 23 of the Act, that the

applicants are required to complete the “Additional Information” questionnaire and that this be submitted with the funding application on or before 21 September 2020.

- D. That all applicants be invited to attend a workshop on 2 September 2020 to present to the Funding Board the key highlights of the 2021-2022 application together with a forward-looking overview of the direction for the organisation for the next 3 years.

CARRIED

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Moved: _____ / _____

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.

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:

This item was not required.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:45AM.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE
AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD HELD ON:

DATE:

CHAIR:.....