

Notice is given that an ordinary meeting of the Saxton Field Committee will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 10 November 2021**
Time: **9.30 am**
Meeting Room: **Saxton Netball Pavilion**
Venue: **Stoke, Nelson**

Saxton Field Committee

Komiti Whenua Saxton

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Chair

Derek Shaw

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Cr Trevor Tuffnell

Cr Kit Maling

Nelson City Council

Cr Judene Edgar

Cr Tim Skinner

(Quorum 3 members)

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AGENDA

- 1 OPENING, WELCOME, KARAKIA**
- 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Recommendation

That apologies be accepted.

- 3 PUBLIC FORUM**
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 5 LATE ITEMS**
- 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the minutes of the Saxton Field Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 4 August 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- 7 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

- 8 REPORTS**

8.1 Saxton Field Activity Report 4

- 9 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

- 8 CLOSING KARAKIA**

8 REPORTS

8.3 SAXTON FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

Decision Required

Report To: Saxton Field Committee
Meeting Date: 10 November 2021
Report Author: Richard Hollier, Reserves & Facilities Manager
Report Number: RSFC21-11-1

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report updates the Committee on the Saxton Field projects for 2021/2 and other operational activities.

2 Draft Resolution

That the Saxton Field Committee:

1. receives the Saxton Field Activity Report RSFC21-11-1; and
2. approves deferral of the development of a BMX track at Saxton Field from 2021/22 and seeks reconsideration of the location through the revised Saxton Development Plan and funding through the 2024-2034 Long Term Plans; and
3. recommends to the respective Councils that capital funding for the BMX track of \$150,000 be carried forward to a future year, to be allocated through the Long Term Plan 2024-2034.

3 Purpose of the Report

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to provide you with an update on the following projects:
- 3.1.1 the Champion Drive/Saxton Field link road Stage 3;
 - 3.1.2 BMX track investigation, design and construction;
 - 3.1.3 other minor capital projects; and
 - 3.1.4 various operating activities.

4 Capital Projects 2021/2022 Update

BMX track construction

- 4.1 A budget of \$150,000 is included in the 2021/2022 year for this project to construct a BMX track between the Saxton Velodrome and Saxton Creek. Staff have been working with the Nelson BMX Club on requirements and specifications.
- 4.2 Initial investigations have been completed into the location, design, and cost of the BMX track. These have identified:
- The proposed location has some constraints including high voltage powerlines, the velodrome embankment, large open drains, high ground water table, the site being a contaminated HAIL site, and the Saxton Creek and detention area being adjacent to the site.
 - The cost to deliver a design that meets competition requirements in the proposed location is significantly higher than anticipated.
- 4.3 The location at Saxton Field is constrained as identified above. As a result, a significant amount of earthworks would be required in order to design a track in this location that is fit for purpose.
- 4.4 An initial concept was prepared to enable preliminary geotechnical investigations and discussions with Network Tasman over siting, this work indicated that the track would also need to be set further back from the velodrome than the concept design showed and would need to be at least six metres beneath the powerlines. These constraints mean that the concept design would need further modifications for the location.
- 4.5 Due to these site constraints, the BMX track straights cannot be in a similar orientation to the velodrome, which was the Club's preference so that the straights run parallel to the prevailing winds. Because of this, additional tree planting would be required to address the predominant wind direction.
- 4.6 A resource consent would be required due to the volume of earthworks needed, and the site being a HAIL site.
- 4.7 Alternatively, there may be a better location for the track within Saxton Field, or the need for BMX is not as great as it was originally thought, and a regional facility is no longer required for the sport. Further investigation on a site for the track is proposed through the Saxton Field Development Plan update in 2021/22.
- 4.8 The original project budget was \$150,000, the concept design has been costed and the revised cost estimate is \$1,300,000. Clubs are required to contribute at least 20% of the

project cost. This means that the BMX would need to fundraise at least \$260,000 and additional Council funding of \$890,000 would be required.

- 4.9 Given the increased cost and the unsuitability of the proposed site, staff do not recommend continuing with this project in 2021/22. The BMX Club is disappointed that the project is likely to be deferred.
- 4.10 A deferral will give time to investigate, the need for the project, a more suitable location, and for a revised budget to allocated in the 2024/2034 Long Term Plan.

Champion Drive/Saxton Field Link Road – Stage 3

- 4.11 The final stage of the car parking and roadway link from Champion Drive to Saxton Field is now complete. This work involved the installation of streetlights and additional lockable gates. The budget to complete the project is \$339,000 with a forecasted spend of \$100,000 this financial year including defects, with the remainder identified as a saving that could be allocated to other Saxton Field projects or reallocated in a future Long Term Plan.

Shared Path Development

- 4.12 Priority paths for development as shared paths have been identified. These are from the exercise equipment to the Cricket, from hockey to the exercise equipment and from the velodrome to Champion Road. There is \$5,000 included in 2021/22 for shared path development and \$200,000 in 2022/23 for construction. Savings from the Champion Drive/Saxton Field Link Road project could be applied to this project.

Accessibility Improvements

- 4.13 An accessibility audit was completed in 2014, and staff have confirmed a programme of works for 2021/22. A budget of \$20,000 is included in the LTP for this project.

Wayfinding

- 4.14 A budget of \$15,000 is included in the LTP for this project. Following the adoption of the marketing strategy, staff will be using the marketing strategy and branding to inform the programme of upgrades for the wayfinding signage. There is also funding in 2022/23 for further wayfinding improvements. New entrance signs are planned to be installed early 2022.

Oval Cricket Surface Renewal

- 4.15 \$20,000 is budgeted in the LTP this year for scoping, design and costings for the work to occur in 2022/23. A budget of \$280,000 is included in the 2022/2023 year for the surface renewal. Preliminary investigations are underway.

Avery Field baseball diamond investigation

- 4.16 A budget of \$20,000 is included in the LTP for this project. A meeting has been held with baseball on the location of a permanent clay diamond on Champion Green and work on this is progressing. In the interim two baseball diamonds will be marked on Avery Fields for the coming summer season.

Lighting Improvements

- 4.17 A budget of \$75,000 is included in the LTP for this project to support the upgrading of the hockey lighting to LED lights. The benefit to Council from this project is it contributes to sustainability improvement targets. Nelson Hockey has not yet applied for additional external funding for the work. The intent is to confirm Hockey funding prior to progressing with the project.

Saxton Stadium Basketball Hoops

- 4.18 A budget of \$20,000 is included in the LTP for investigation and design of roof hung hoops. A further \$260,000 is provided in 2023/24 for installation. A consultant will be engaged for the design.

Athletics Pole Vault Facility

- 4.19 \$36,000 is included for this project in the LTP this year. Staff have met with Athletics Nelson to confirm the requirements. Athletics Nelson has confirmed external funding of \$35,000 and is confirming the quote before progressing with the purchase.

5 Operational Activity

Alcohol free signage

- 5.1 Following the adoption of the Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan, staff have been working with District Health Board staff on alcohol free, smoke free and vape free signage. Locations for improved smoke/alcohol/vape free signs have been identified, and the signage is being designed and then installed.

Cricket Warrant of Fitness

- 5.2 The turf has been assessed but the results from the WOF are not yet available. All first class cricket this season will be prior to Christmas with no bookings yet after Christmas.

Development Plan

- 5.3 An updated Development Plan for Saxton Field is being prepared. It will update the existing development plan and consider items such as the BMX location, Gym Sports additional pathways, Skate Park and the disc golf locations. Once drafted the plan will be provided to the Committee for review and approval.

Disc Golf

- 5.4 Staff have been approached by disc golf to set up a course at Saxton Field. Disc golf has been informally using Saxton Field and will shortly be trialing portable infrastructure in and around the trees immediately north of the Oval on a trial basis. Disc golf is not currently in the Development Plan for Saxton Field and at the next review of the Development Plan staff will report back to the Committee about the success of the trial and what the next steps are.

Saxton Field Activity Management Plan

- 5.5 Staff are working on a template for a joint NCC/TDC Saxton Field Activity Management Plan for 2024-34.

Saxton Field Marketing

- 5.6 The Committee has asked for further information on the Marketing Strategy and an additional workshop with the Committee is planned for 10 November with the Strategy planned to be presented to the first Committee meeting of the new year. Once it has been approved, work will continue on the website, wayfinding and detailed marketing plan implementation.

6 Attachments

Nil