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Introduction & Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club – Philip Brown

Tauranga Croquet Club – Gretchen Benvie

Millenium Trust Athletics Track – Murray Clarkson

The Business Case, Process and more – Garth Matheson

The Money – Councillor John Robson

Summary – Philip Brown

Questions.



Special thanks to Garth Matheson who has underwritten the costs of this meeting and the advertisements in the BOP Times and Weekender Sun newspapers.

And to all the other supporters who have contributed time and resources and attended our last protest meeting.

Objecting against this “dumb” proposal is hard and tedious work.



Who is the Hands Off Tauranga Domain Alliance?

This is an alliance of the affected clubs, Tauranga Croquet Club, Millenium Track Trust, Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club and the wider community who want to see Tauranga Domain retained as an open green space with community sports played in the domain.

Tauranga Domain is the only large green space left in downtown Tauranga and it will provide the oxygen and recreational space for the increasing population from housing intensification.

There is a wonderful ambience of tranquility and feeling of openness in the park.

“Keep Tauranga Domain as a Green Space for all to enjoy now and for future generations”



Tauranga Domain

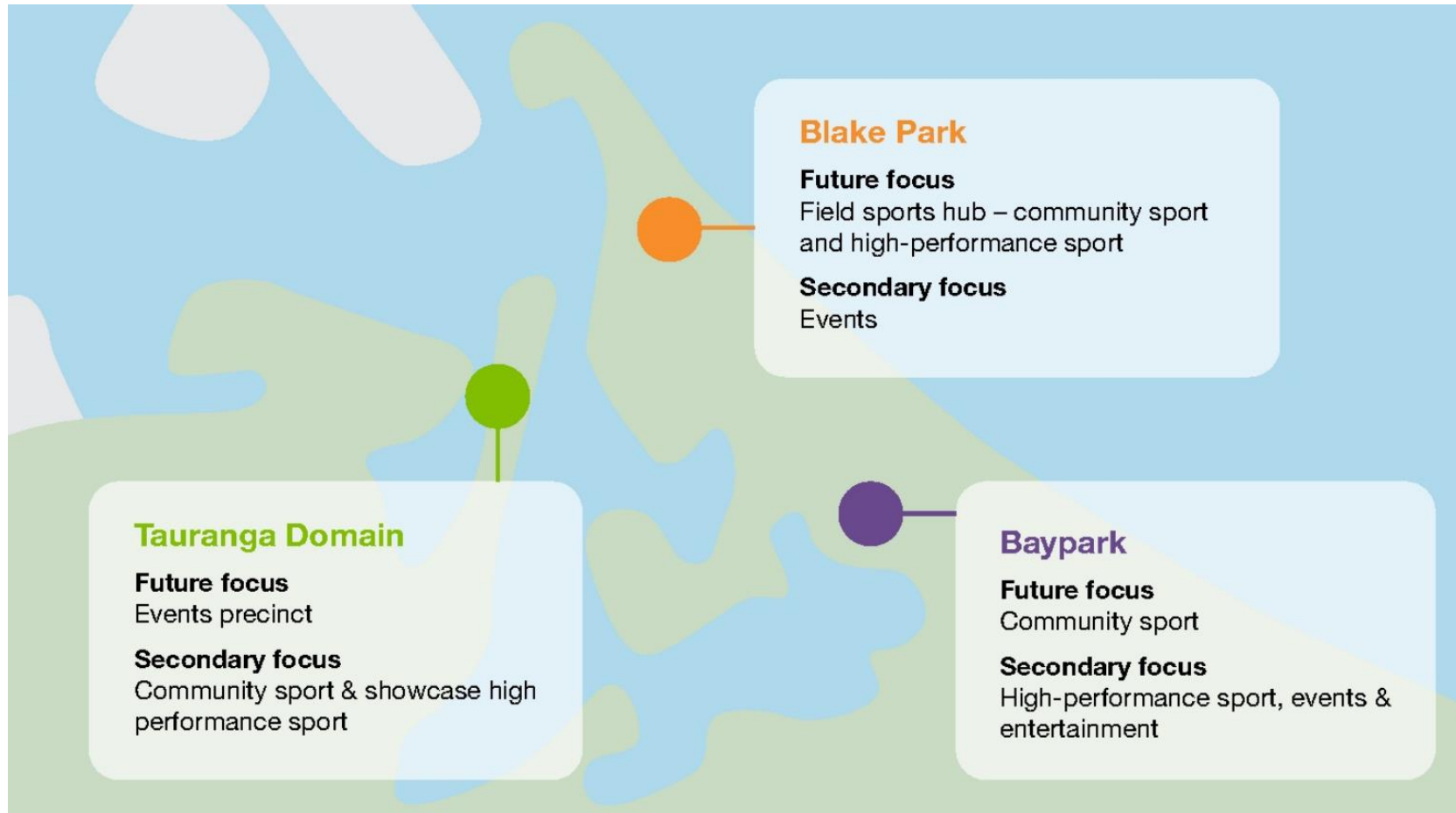


Earmarked for
development

The last big green space in Tauranga. Our “Central Park”

The proposed Stadium is part of the TCC Active Reserves Masterplan or “Fantasy Plan”

Build Stadium
Evict bowling, croquet, running track.
Add function centre, exhibition centre,
University of Waikato elite sports.
Rearrange tennis club.



Move netball to Baypark
Demolish Mt Maunganui Sports Hall
Rearrange Tennis Club layout

Evict Speedway.
Add Netball
Move running track here



What is Priority One/Tauranga City Council proposing for Tauranga Domain

- Capacity of 7,000 permanent seats for sporting events, with provision for an additional 8,000 temporary seats (circa 5,000 being prefabricated seating modules), a total capacity up to 15,000 people. Additional seating will be on top of roof!!!!
- Capacity of 17,800-25,000+ people for concert events, including standing space
- Capacity for approximately 40,000+ people for festival events across both Tauranga and Wharepai domains
- An exhibition space of approximately 2,000 square metres
- A function centre of approximately 1,300 square metres
- A 400 square metre community multi-sport facility
- A University of Waikato teaching space
- Space to future-proof the stadium so it could be expanded in future if demand requires.



What is Priority One?



This is a collaboration between Tauranga City Council & Western Bay of Plenty District Council to deliver “Economic Development Outcomes”.

Are Stadiums outside of Priority One’s mandate?

TCC’s contribution to the Annual Funding of Priority One is made on behalf of commercial ratepayers. Priority One can also receive funding from other public and private contributions.

TCC has funded Priority One an additional \$300,000 for this stadium Preliminary Business Case study.

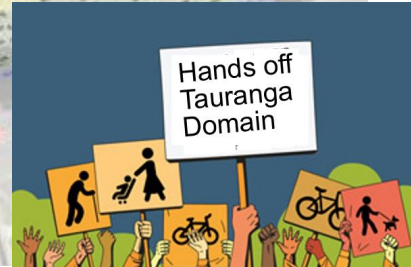
Without going into too much detail there are many questions to ask about this process..

Was the additional TCC money from commercial rates?

Have the private funders of Priority One contributed any money towards stadium business case?

What is Priority One proposing





Objections: Bad Location, Cost, Carparking, Loss of Green Space, Duplication

The location is not suitable. This is the old centre of Tauranga, not the new centre of the fast growing Tauranga.

The cost -- high capital cost \$220 million ++ and ongoing annual running costs to be met as a charge on your rates. Final cost does not include relocation costs of the evicted sports.

No additional carparking being provided for 15000 spectators. Streets are full now.

Closing of inner city streets whilst any event is on. This happens now for a small event.

No demand for this type of stadium. Use Baypark stadium if needed.

Wrong place, Tauranga Domain is a much needed green space, now and in the future. Do not fence off the domain for elite use.

The stadium appears to be an enormous ratepayer subsidy to downtown businesses, but even that will only benefit the businesses for a few days every year.



No Usage Surveys have been undertaken by Priority One/TCC.



Where has all this come from and why has the community not been consulted before very recently and before the final business case and plans are finished?

Amenities group has its heart in city

Sat, June 6, 2015

Background from 2015, the Wealthy Group who want to run Tauranga without talking to the community.



WELCOME: The Civic Amenities Group aims to breath fresh life into Tauranga.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Email: editor@bayofplentytimes.co.nz

innovative approaches, and they are prepared to take risks.

Above all, they are prepared to become directly involved — or encourage others — in the pivotal projects that will improve the make-up of Tauranga.

We have seen some brilliant philanthropic acts in the past, such as former deputy mayor Greg Brownless handing over his funeral business to the community, and Bob Clarkson selling Baypark Stadium to the city council for half the price it cost him to build.

But the amenities group can produce a cohesive plan that identifies and prioritises

community facilities that need updating or building from scratch. I guess it's their own 10-Year Plan. The projects will be timed in such a way that they don't compete for funding.

Many of the projects will take place on council land so, of course, City Hall will be consulted, will be involved and will need to provide sign-off. But the amenities group wants to get things done and should be freed from undue political interference.

The councillors will have to support the group's proposed actions. The danger is that if the group gets bogged down by red tape and procrastination, then the entrepreneurs will do a runner.

The group's plan will not force an increase in rates. The group will seek alternative funding such as government and corporate grants, trust allocations (TECT, Quayside

Holdings, Bay of Plenty Community Trust), private business, public-private partnerships, and even Civic Community bond issues.

The members of the group are successful businessmen with national and international contacts and networks, and they will be able to call on expert advice to scope the projects and possibly attract wealthy investors.

The public will not be left out in the cold. The group is setting up a website for feedback on proposed projects and the community will be engaged during the city-defining journey.

The group will concentrate on sport, arts and cultural amenities and downtown development. The museum will be on the list of potential projects, so will a new city stadium, a high-performance sports centre at the old Cosmopolitan Club alongside Blake Park, and even extending the cycle/walkway from the Historic Village to The Lakes.

The group is determined to establish a heart to the city, and that may involve knocking down the present city council building and replacing it with landscaped open spaces and meeting places. The CBD will suddenly have vibrant street life.

The present council building sits on estuarine muds and has sunk, contributing to the weathertightness, foundation and seismic issues.

Long term, it may be more cost-effective to establish a new council building on the ridge next to

Civic Amenities Group

- Paul Adams — chairman (Carrus Group)
- Tom Roper (Zariba Holdings)
- Neil Craig (Graigs Investment Partners)
- Peter Farmer (Farmer Motor Group)
- Bill Holland (Holland Beckett Lawyers)
- Graeme Horsley (Vital HealthCare Property)
- Richard Cashmore (Realty Services — Eves and Bayleys Real Estate)
- Michael Smith (Quayside Holdings, Port of Tauranga)

Baycourt or across the road in Durham St.

The group will look at the feasibility and sustainability of a 15,000-seat stadium at The Domain, which includes an Events Centre and underground parking. The stadium-goers can pour into the heart of the city after the events and enjoy the restaurants, bars and shops.

Given the will and impetus of the civic amenities group — and the development of the tertiary campus in Durham St — downtown Tauranga has a grand opportunity to liven up.

Graham Skellern is the former business editor of Bay of Plenty Times and is now a communications consultant.

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Why has the community not been consulted during the process?

“In fact”, we were told, “these wealthy people know better than the community what is needed.”

But HOTD and TRA have conducted Public Surveys

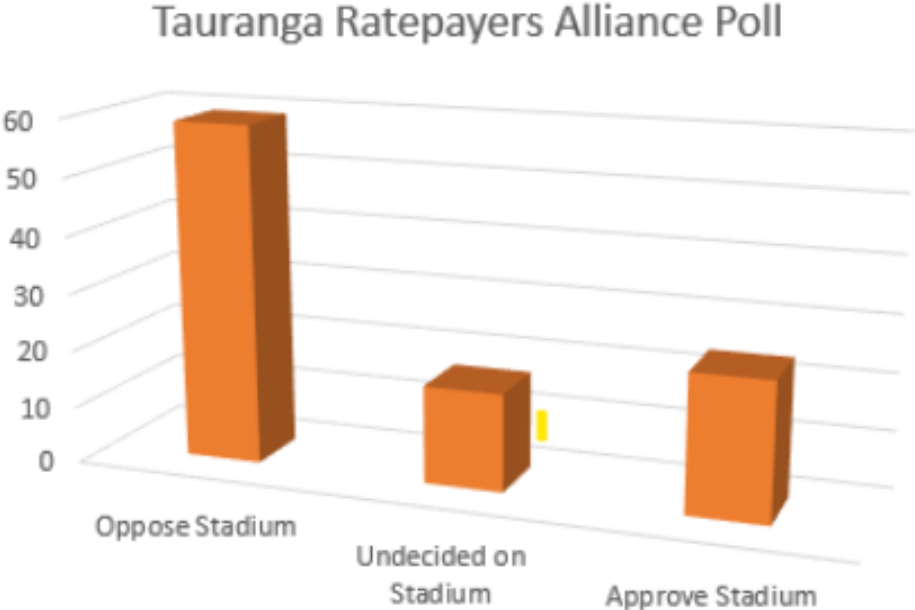


Community Consultation & Community Surveys -- nil by Council **

Independent Poll Results May 2023

Tauranga Ratepayers Alliance commissioned a poll which says that 59% of Tauranga residents oppose the boutique stadium at the Tauranga Domain and only 24% approve it. 17% are undecided.

This trend agrees with our online survey results.



Hands Off Tauranga Domain has been running an Online Poll on the website which asks the question....

1. Do you agree that the council should keep its hands off our Domain and scrap its plans to take the Domain away from the residents of Tauranga and turn it into a commercial enterprise.?

To date over 90% say YES, leave the domain as it is.

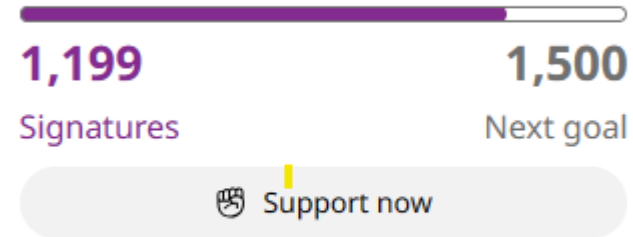


Online Petition

Hands Off Tauranga Domain



Created 47 March 2022



Sign this petition



Tauranga City Council Surveys & Consultation too late!!!

** There had been no meaningful consultation with the community until July 2023 when an Online Survey appeared on the TCC website asking a series of questions about the stadium. This closed on 24 July 2023.

The survey did not ask for email or names!!!

We hear 4500 responses were received.

No analysis has been released.



After the Preliminary Business Case comments by TCC (May 2023)

“Tauranga City Council will decide whether they will include the proposed stadium in their long-term plans and have requested additional information to be presented to assist in decision-making. This includes Tauranga City Council–led community engagement to gauge the initial level of support within the city and wider region. !!!!!?????!!!!!!?????”

We have no Council to make a decision, only unelected Commissioners (with no skin in the game). All the public has seen is glossy feel good adverts without any facts.



Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club

Has been on the site since 1909. Ten Astro turf courts, all with floodlighting. Club is always investing in upgrading the facilities to attract top tennis. The best tennis playing conditions in Tauranga. Two level clubhouse with all facilities.



TLTC cherishes the ambience of the Tauranga Domain and the range of community sports that are being played in the domain.



Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club

TCC have told the club two courts are to be relocated off to one side in the croquet club area, surrounded by carparking and roadways

and all tennis car parking will be taken away. This is not ideal.



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Murray Clarkson Tauranga Millenium Track Trust



Usage of the Athletics Track Week starting 18th Feb

Domain Usage Survey

Saturday 18 th – Bellevue Ribbon Day / WBOP Athletic Champs

6.00am -7.00am 15 Early trainers

7.00am – 8.00am 20 – Set-up group

8.00am – 10.00am 250 – Competitors & Parents

10.00am – 3.00pm 350- Competitors , Parents , guests

3.00pm – 8.00pm 250 – Competitors, Officials, Spectators

Total Hours – 14 Total Attendance – 885

Sunday 19 th –6.00am -8.00am -40 Trainers (Incl Tga Road & Trail)

12.00pm – 4.00pm -200 – WBOP Champs Day 2

Total Hours – 10 Total Attendance – 240

Monday 20 th - 6.00am – 7.00am – 15 – Boot Camp

6.30-8.30- 15- set-up – 8.30-3.00pm -350 – Mt College

5.00 – 7.00pm -50 – Greerton Athletic Club

Total Hours – 11 Total Attendance – 430

Tuesday 21 st – 6.00-7.00- 4 Runners

7.00 – 8.00-20- s et-up- 8.00-4.00pm 1850 – Tga Boys College

5.00 – 8.00pm -200 – Bellevue Athletic Club

Total Hours – 13 Total Attendance – 2074

Wednesday 22 nd -6.00-7.00- 19- Boot Camp & Cas. Runners

7.00 – 8.00 15 – Set-up 8.00-3.00pm 400 – ACG School

Total Hours – 9 total Attendance – 419

Thurs 23 rd – 6.30-8.00- 20 – Mt Jogger & Casuals

8.00- 3.00pm – 600- Aquinas College

4.00- 7-00pm 40- Elite squad athletes

Total Hours – 12.5 Total Attendance – 660

Friday 24 th 6.00-7.00 – 1 – Athlete & 3 Set-up.

Event Cancelled due to Rain (Bethlehem College)

Total Hours – 1 Total Attendance –4

7 Day Totals Hours – 70.5 Sessions – 4712 people



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Garth Mathieson Presentation

1 August 2023

The Case Against the Boutique Stadium



Introduction: What I will be talking About.

- The Boutique Stadium – What is it? What are the five elements made up of?
- Boutique Stadium – Cost?
- Democracy Issue – Commissioners and their Supporters Cancelling the 2022 Tauranga City Council Election
- The Boutique Stadium will result in the world class athletic track, the world class croquet club, the bowling club being demolished and the loss of green space at the Tauranga Domain. There needs to be a good case to build the Boutique Stadium but there is not. The case for the Boutique Stadium fails on many fronts.



5 Elements of the Boutique Stadium

1. 7,000 permanent seats and 8,000 temporary seats (15,000 seats in total).
2. A light exhibition centre of about 2,000 square metres with support facilities.
3. A function centre of about 1300 square metres.
4. A community multi-sport facility (400 metres of changing room and lounge space).
5. The Waikato University Sports Science Physiotherapy space (approximately 250 square metres dedicated space and shared spaces)



Element 1. 15,000 Seats

- The Boutique Stadium will have a maximum capacity of only 15,000 seats (page 5 BC), in comparison to Rotorua which has a stadium of 20,000 seats for a city with half the population of Tauranga.
- As Tauranga grows the Boutique Stadium cannot be enlarged to match growth because Cameron Road is on one side and a cliff is on the other side.
- There is no parking for 15,000 people at the Tauranga Domain. (People will come on buses according to Anne Tolley)
- The Boutique Stadium field must be resurfaced every 1 to 2 years with a recovery period of 12 weeks (Appendix 8 BC).
- The Boutique Stadium will result in the loss of a substantial part of the only large green space in central Tauranga and community sports will have restricted limited use of the Boutique Stadium field.



Element 2. A light exhibition centre of about 2,000 square metres with support facilities.

Element 3. A function centre of about 1300 square metres.

Element 4. A community multi-sport facility (400 metres of changing room and lounge space).

- Think about this question. Why is an exhibition centre and a function centre proposed to be built on a recreation reserve, which is currently used for community sports?
- There are already exhibition centres at Baypark, Trinity Wharf, Baycourt, Historic Village, and the Tauranga Art Gallery. Another exhibition centre is being built as part of the Civic Centre project. How many exhibition centres does Tauranga need?
- There are multiple function centres in Tauranga including Baypark, the Yacht Club, Trinity Wharf, Classic Flyers, Tauranga Racecourse, The Tauranga on the Waterfront, Baycourt, Clarence Hotel, Mount Maunganui Golf Club, Sixteenth Avenue Theatre and others? How many function centres does Tauranga need?
- Another exhibition centre and another function centre at the Tauranga Domain will compete for business against existing facilities. Another exhibition centre and another function centre are not needed at the Tauranga Domain on a recreation reserve.
- A community multi-sport facility is simply a flash name for changing rooms and a lounge.



Element 5. The Waikato University Sports Science Physiotherapy space (approximately 250 square metres dedicated space and shared spaces)

- The Business Case says that “A University of Waikato sport and health facility will be developed for use by students and sport and health faculties. This facility will be leased to University for a base rate of \$150k per annum.” (Page 97 BC)
- Contrary to this, Waikato University say that they were “canvassed at an early stage by Tauranga City Council and Priority One” and that a “lease of any space would be subject to approval by the University Council in due course”. Waikato University also say that “the inclusion of the University of Waikato as a proposed tenant may suggest a level of commitment that is beyond the level of conversations that have been held with the University to date.” (Email correspondence with GM)



What the Boutique Stadium Really Is

- In my opinion the revenue streams for the Boutique Stadium are a fantasy. I don't believe that the Boutique Stadium will get 248 events in its first year of operation (page 95 BC).
- The Boutique Stadium is being constructed for about three NPC rugby games and a couple of concerts. Call the Boutique Stadium what it is, a second regional rugby stadium one hours drive from another regional rugby stadium in Rotorua, and 15 minutes drive from Baypark where NPC rugby games and Super Rugby games have been successfully hosted.



Costs of the Boutique Stadium – Financial

- The costs of the Boutique Stadium outweigh its benefits according to the Boutique Stadium's own Preliminary Business Case Cost Benefit Rate Analysis (pages 70 and 71 BC).
- The Boutique Stadium will cost more than \$220 million dollars with a 50 % probability that it will cost more (page 94 BC).
- At present the Business Case hopes central Government will contribute \$26,800,000, BOP Regional Council will contribute \$5 million dollars, Corporate/Philanthropic partners \$5 million dollars, TECT \$20 million dollars, Gaming and Community Trusts \$3 million dollars. This leaves \$160,272,000 (\$160 million dollars) to find. The question of how much the ratepayers will have to pay has yet to be announced (page 100 BC).
- The Tauranga City Council have verbally undertaken to pay the cost of relocating existing world class sporting venues at the Tauranga Domain which will cost ratepayers tens of millions if not hundreds of millions of dollars more.
- Each year the Boutique Stadium will run at a loss of \$15 million dollars (page 103 BC), which ratepayers will be liable for.



Costs of the Boutique Stadium – Relocations?

- Only \$18 million dollars is budgeted in the TCC Active Reserve Masterplans to relocate all the sporting venues mandated for relocation by the TCC. The relocations are unfunded mandates.
- TMTT emailed the TCC Commissioners on 18 September 2022 and asked the following:
 - The Tauranga Millennium Track Trust request that the Tauranga City Council enter into a preliminary contract with it now saying that if construction of the boutique stadium at the Tauranga Domain proceeds, then:
 - The Tauranga City Council will pay the costs of providing suitable land, and constructing a new all-weather athletic track, equipment shed, grandstand and photo finish room on that land of an equivalent quality as the existing all-weather athletic track, equipment shed, grandstand and photo finish room at the Tauranga Domain;
 - The Tauranga City Council will consult with the Tauranga Millennium Track Trust at all stages before constructing the new athletic facility; and
 - The Tauranga City Council will not permit any construction of the boutique stadium to begin at the Tauranga Domain until the new all-weather athletic track, equipment shed, grandstand and photo finish room at a new location have been completed.
- The TCC Commissioners refused to enter into a contract with the TMTT.
- Consequence of Boutique Stadium proceeding and relocations not proceeding. Two regional rugby grounds with in one hours drive of each other, one in Rotorua, the other at the Tauranga Domain, the only world class all weather athletic facility in the Bay of Plenty gone, and the world class croquet club gone.



The Cancellation of the 2022 Tauranga City Council Election

- The four Tauranga City Council Commissioners were appointed on 5 February 2021 to govern Tauranga from 9 February 2021 until local government elections in October 2022 (Gazette Notice).
- The Tauranga City Council elections scheduled for 8 October 2022 were cancelled and the four Commissioners were reappointed on 21 April 2022 to govern Tauranga from 22 April 2022 until elections in July 2024 (Gazette Notice).
- The cancellation of the 2022 Tauranga City Council elections was done without prior notice to the citizens of Tauranga (except for a small select elite) and without consultation with the citizens of Tauranga.
- Our right to vote was cancelled but we still have to pay for projects the Commissioners and their supporters want. Pay but no say.



Why Was the 2022 Tauranga City Council Election Cancelled?

1. The following are the reasons given for the cancellation of the Tauranga City Council election in 2022 and the reappointment of the Commissioners to govern Tauranga.
 - “18. The Commission has analysed its achievements and believes there is real risk that the work programme may be undermined by the return of elected councillors, who have historically tended to support conservative rate increases leading to an inability to fund new growth.
 - 19. In particular, the Commission believes that under a return to elected democracy, a change in strategic direction may jeopardise relationships the Commission has established with public and private funding contributors. This would result in an inability to deliver on planned projects both within Tauranga city and across the wider region.
 - 20. The Department also notes that further intervention through the retention of a Commission is strongly supported by local iwi and business leaders within the Tauranga region. The Department is aware of a number of Ministerials from members of the Tauranga community noting their support for the decision to appoint Commissioners and requesting that a Commission is retained at the Council beyond October 2022. Anecdotally, the Department has also received positive feedback from other individuals such as Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff and private individuals in the Tauranga community.”
 - (the Briefing for Hon Nania Mahuta Exit Plan 11 February 2022 Paras 18 to 20).
1. Kieran McAnulty said in May 2023 that “the decision to appoint the commission until July 2024 was made following careful consideration of the commission’s exit plan, feedback from business and community leaders...” (Sunlive 11 May 2023).



Who are these people Who Supported the Commissioners to Cancel the 2022 Election?

- Te Tari Taiwhenua/Department of Internal Affairs advised GM in a letter dated 19 July 2022 that the following organisations and people supported the extension of the Commissioners terms
 - Urban Task Force For Tauranga.
 - Property Council of New Zealand.
 - Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore Trust.
 - 15 unnamed individuals.
- I have asked the Ombudsman to review the Department of Internal Affairs decision not to release to me the names of the 15 individuals.
- I believe the citizens who have had their right to vote in the 2022 TCC election cancelled have the right to know who all the participants in this decision were.



Unanswered Questions

- Who came up with the idea to cancel the 2022 Tauranga City Council elections and extend/renew the Commissioners terms?
- Do any of the named organisations and unnamed individuals have a financial interest in the central city in Tauranga?
- How did 3 organisations and 15 unnamed individuals support the Commissioners application to the Government to cancel the 2022 election when the rest of the community did not know about this?



How Can You Help Us?

- Tell your friends and fellow workers the facts.
- Write to the media voicing your support for us.
- Write to the local MPs voicing your support for us.
- Write to the Commissioners voicing your support for us.
- Write to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, TECT and Western Bay of Plenty District Council asking them not to fund the Boutique Stadium.



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Councillor John Robson -- the Money!!!



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TCC Update

Finance & Other Stuff

[Headlines NOT in the BOP Times]

John Robson

- Management Consultant: 1988-2000
 - Associate Member of MRS
- Retired: 2000-2013, 2016-2018, ?
- Councillor: 2013-2016, 2018-2019, 2019-2024?
 - Commission: 2021-2024?
- Former Chair: Finance & Risk; Finance, Audit & Risk
- Former Member: SmartGrowth

Context

Commission:

- Term from 9 Feb 2021 to 8 October 2022:
 - Develop an engagement mechanism
 - Deliver a robust 2021-31 LTP
 - Identify and address problems and issues
 - Work with CE to build 'machine' capability & capacity
 - Collaborate to deliver growth plans – esp. housing and transport
 - Develop an exit plan
 - Anything else required to restore trust and confidence
- **Second Commission:**
 - Term from October 2022 to July 2024:

Context

- DIA Assessment of Commissioners' Strengths:
 - 3 Governance & Leadership
 - 1 Local Government Processes
 - 4 Stakeholder Engagement
 - 1 Maturanga Maori & Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 - 1 Infrastructure / Urban Design / Sustainable Infrastructure
 - 2 Natural Resource Management
 - 0 Asset & Financial Management

2022 Annual

- Rates Revenue:
 - 2022: \$234 million
 - 2021: \$190 million
 - **YoY: +23%**

2022 Annual

- Rating Units:
 - 2022: 60,130
 - 2021: 59,650
 - **YoY: +1%**

2022 Annual

- Total Revenue:
 - 2022: \$377 million
 - 2021: \$296 million
 - **YoY: +27%**

2022 Annual

- Net Debt:
 - 2022: \$794 million
 - 2021: \$594 million
 - **YoY: +34%**

2023 (H1) – SFR Agenda

- Annual Residents Survey:
 - Overall Performance: Net Score
 - 2018/19 (Brownless): +54
 - 2019/20 (Brownless-Powell): +34
 - 2020/21 (Powell-Commission): -2
 - 2021/22 (Commission): -7
 - 2022/23* (Commission) +4

2024 Annual Plan (draft):

- Rates Revenue:
 - 2024: \$291 million
 - 2021: \$190 million
 - **3xYoY: +53%**
- **Memo: Median Rates 3xYoY: +40%**

2024 Annual Plan (draft):

- Net Debt:
 - 2024: \$1,050 million (\$1.05 billion)
 - 2021: \$594 million
 - **3xYoY: +77%**
- **Memo: Commission cannot deliver developable**

2023 (H1) – SFR Agenda:

- Annual Residents Survey:
 - Image & Reputation: Net Score
 - 2018/19 (Brownless): +24
 - 2019/20 (Brownless-Powell): +5
 - 2020/21 (Powell-Commission): -38
 - 2021/22 (Commission): -29
 - 2022/23* (Commission): -25

Summing Up

The stadium project is a web of secret agendas for the benefit of a few. Public consultation is not part of the process. (yet ratepayers will pay the cost)

The stadium appears to be an enormous ratepayer subsidy to downtown businesses, but even that will only benefit the businesses for a few days every year.

The appointment of unelected Commissioners has allowed this project to develop without public scrutiny.

Tauranga will lose a large green space.



What happens from here? (from TCC website)

1. Ongoing: TCC staff continue to work with Tauranga Domain users, will continue to engage with sporting groups on identifying future options for possible relocation so that we are prepared in the event that the stadium project does go ahead. This includes any likely relocation costs, so a project cost picture is provided prior to consideration for inclusion in the 2024 - 2034 Long-term Plan community consultation process.

2. Mid 2023: Tauranga City Council undertakes wider community engagement, ..the commissioners want to engage with the wider community to get a better understanding of what everyone thinks. This includes city, sub-regional and regional communities. This engagement will use a variety of methods to ensure that everyone can provide their feedback in a way that works for them.

3. Early August: Commissioners decide whether to include the proposed community stadium in the formal 2024 – 2034 Long-term Plan community consultation process



What we do think will happen going forward:

Priority One will present a modified Preliminary Business Case to Commissioners at the TCC Council meeting on 14 August 2023.

This will be accepted and approved by unanimous vote by the Commissioners 4-0 in favour and it will be added to the Long Term Plan (LTP).

The analysis of the TCC online survey will be shown to be in support of the stadium after any dissenting responses have been eliminated because of irregularities.



We need to be heard and to send a message to the Commissioners , the Council and to Central Government who control the Commissioners.

As you know we have no local democracy in Tauranga and no control over the Commissioners. We were not allowed to vote for a mayor and councillors. Instead we have four commissioners who can make any decision they want, regardless of the community feelings. The commissioners are judge and jury. The only place in NZ. The community is not being consulted and heard.



What can you do:

Ask to speak in the public forum on 14 August 2023. Send an email today to TCC.

Don't accept a negative response. You will have 5 mins to speak.

Saying the same as the previous speaker is OK.



PARTING MESSAGE FROM THE ONLINE SURVEY:

Alongside the ill-conceived Civic Centre, the unnecessary destruction, and waste of Ratepayer funds being forced upon Tauranga by the unelected and undemocratic TCC Commissioners in their unwarranted, and unwanted plans for The Domain, should be cancelled and removed immediately from any further consideration. Tauranga residents do NOT WANT A BAR OF IT !!!

This Green Space is working well for our Communities, and the upheaval, destruction, and waste of funds involved is not warranted. Tauranga cannot afford it, or indeed need it.



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Thankyou & Questions

