

## **Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board**

27 July 2023

### **Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [1]**

**Department: Planning & Development**

**Title | Taitara : Temporary Road Closure – Winter Games 2023**

#### **Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko**

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The purpose of this report is to assess an application received for a temporary road closure for the Winter Games NZ Opening Ceremony to be held on 25 August 2023 from 1615-1700.

#### **Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka**

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That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

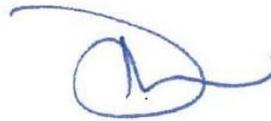
1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Approve** the temporary road closure application for the Winter Games NZ subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification published in the Wānaka Sun on 7 July 2023 are addressed to the satisfaction of QLDC.
  - b. Resource Consent to be obtained prior to the event commencing if required.
  - c. Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Planning and Development prior to the event taking place.
  - d. Radio advertising two days prior to and on the morning of the event.
  - e. The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.
  - f. The event organisers ensure access is available for emergency services and maintenance contractors if required;
  - g. The applicant must notify all affected parties of the extent of the temporary road closure; this notification is to be undertaken at least ten working days prior to the closure occurring; sa copy of this notice to be supplied to Queenstown Lakes District Council (leonie.stapleton@qldc.govt.nz).
  - h. The applicant must advise of the closures through their own social media and contact QLDC Communications to arrange the closures to be further shared through Council social media.
3. **Authorise** the following schedule of road closures:

**Friday 25 August 2023**

**Road to be Closed: Ardmore Street from McDougall Street to Dungarvon Street.  
Period of Closure: 1615-1700**

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### Context | Horopaki

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1. Winter Games NZ is holding a snow sports event. The Games will include 14 events across alpine, freeride and freestyle (park and pipe) disciplines between 25 August and 8 September.
2. Winter Games NZ Opening Ceremony commences on 25 August 2023. The event will start with a parade from Wānaka – Mt Aspiring lakefront carpark and will head along the new walking track before crossing Ardmore Street into Pembroke Park. It is proposed to close Ardmore Street from McDougall to Dunganon from 1615 – 1700 to allow the 250 participants to safely cross the road. Traffic will be detoured via Brownston Street.
3. The Council can close roads to vehicular traffic for events by using provisions of the Local Government Act 1974. The Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board is delegated authority to consider applications to temporarily close roads under this legislation.

### Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

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4. A standard requirement of all temporary road closure approval is that a Traffic Management Plan is approved before the roads are closed. This will ensure that all traffic and pedestrian flows are managed with appropriate signage, barriers and wardens. Southern Safety Services Limited have prepared the Traffic Management Plan which has been submitted to the QLDC Road Corridor Engineer for approval.
5. Council engineers have been consulted and have raised no concerns regarding the application.
6. The recommendation is for approval of the application, subject conditions which will enable safe set up of the event, safety during the event and safety during the dismantling of the event.
7. Option 1 Approve the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

#### *Advantages:*

- The event will be able to be held as proposed in a safe managed environment.
- The Community Board will be enabling an event that benefits locals, visitors and the local economy.

#### *Disadvantages:*

- Road closures affect the normal flow of traffic which can affect businesses and can inconvenience the public.
8. Option 2 Decline the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

#### *Advantages:*

- There would be less inconvenience for the public that use the road with it remaining open to normal vehicular traffic.

*Disadvantages:*

- It may mean the event will not be able to be run as planned or not at all.
  - It could create an unsafe environment during the event.
9. This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because Winter Games NZ will be able to hold their opening ceremony parade in a safe, managed environment.

**Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki**

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**Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka**

10. This matter is of medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because it relates to the Council's roading network which is identified as a significant asset.
11. The proposal for closure temporarily and on conditions to minimise the impact on traffic and pedestrian flows is in line with the Policy's recommendations.
12. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the general public, residents and commercial operators who may use the road.
13. The temporary road closure has been advertised in Wānaka Sun on 7 July 2023 inviting comment and will be advertised again before the closure takes place. This is a statutory requirement of the Local Government Act 1974. Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification will be addressed to the satisfaction of QLDC.
14. Council engineers have been consulted and concur with the recommended conditions proposed.
15. Public notice of the intent to close the road on a temporary basis has been undertaken and staff have notified Emergency Services, NZ Police, Ka Huanui a Tāhuna (The Alliance) Ritchies Connectabus, InterCity, QLDC Events office, Council contractors and Council staff all of whom have an interest in the road closures and following the statutory administrative requirements of the Local Government Act 1974.

**Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka**

16. No specific Māori consultation has been undertaken on the intent to close the road on a temporary basis.

**Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka**

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17. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK00016 Temporary Core Infrastructure Outage caused by 3rd Party activity within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate inherent risk rating. It relates to this risk because public access to the roading infrastructure will be impacted by the event.

18 The approval of the recommended option will serve to manage the risk by allowing the Council to implement controls on the risk. It will ensure that the Council's legislative requirements are fully satisfied and that conditions are put in place to ensure the safety of all event stakeholders.

#### Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

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19 There are no cost implications resulting from the approval of this temporary road closure application. The applicant has paid the cost of the road closure application and will pay for any advertising that is required as part of the process

#### Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

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20 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- *Significance and Engagement Policy 2021* – provides clarity on Council's decision making processes and assessing the extent to which individuals, organisations, groups and sectors in the community are affected by the Council's decisions.
- *Criteria for Closing Significant Road Policy* – Ardmore Street is an arterial road that is listed as a significant road under this policy.

21 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policy/policies.

#### Legal Considerations and Statutory Responsibilities | Ka Ture Whaiwhakaaro me kā Takohaka Waeture

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22 Temporary road closures are controlled by Schedule 10 Section 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974.

#### Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

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23 Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. Approval of the item will allow Winter Games NZ to continue in the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community.

24 The recommended option:

- Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

#### Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

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A	Map showing the extent of the Temporary Road Closure
B	Letter from applicant
C	Traffic Management Plan