



09 January 2023

Azaria Howell



Dear Azaria

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 22nd November 2023 for:

Documents prepared by the Council and Mayor Campbell Barry, pertaining to the potential name change of Petone back to Pito-one, specifically those related to meetings with Mana Whenua.

The following links, which are available on the council website, are agendas and minutes related to when the name change was considered by the council and the Petone Community Board.

[Addendum Agenda of Petone Community Board - Monday, 30 October 2023 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)

[Minutes of Petone Community Board - Monday, 30 October 2023 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)

[Agenda of Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee - Tuesday, 21 November 2023 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)

[Agenda of Hutt City Council - Tuesday, 21 November 2023 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)

[Minutes of Hutt City Council - Tuesday, 21 November 2023 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)

Please also find attached, documents collated from various meetings or communications with Mana Whenua, Mayor Campbell Barry and Hutt City Council staff. Please note that all information not related to your request has been redacted from the pertaining documents.

Under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA all contact details and names of certain individuals have been redacted for privacy purposes.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

Lucy Hodgins

Legal Administration Support

Kayleen Ensor

From: Caryn Ellis
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 2:31 PM
To: Andrea Blackshaw; Cam Meads; Bernice McLaughlin; Christine Poole-Alefaio; Jarred Griffiths
Cc: Jo Miller; Ness Franks
Subject: In confidence: Minutes of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Acting Chief Executive meeting held on 3 April 2023
Attachments: Minutes of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Meeting held on 3 April 2023.docx

Caryn Ellis She/Her
Head of Chief Executive's Office

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Minutes of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Meeting held on 3 April 2023

03/04/2023 | 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM - New Zealand Standard Time in the Mayor's office and via Teams

Attendees (7)

Campbell Barry; Tui Lewis; Andrew Blackshaw; Caryn Ellis; Cam Meads; Jarred Griffiths (for part); Michelle Palmer (for part)

Apologies

Jo Miller. Apologies for early departure from Tui Lewis.

Howard Road slip

Planning for Point Howard Association community meeting on 5 April noted.

Review document being finalised ahead of the meeting. Meetings to discuss this planned.

Draft communications to be shared (communications plan, press release, FAQs including questions from residents, presentation). Separate run-through on communications planned.

Communications and Engagement Programme 1 to 7 April 2023

Noted.

Email dated 27 March 2023 from the Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust

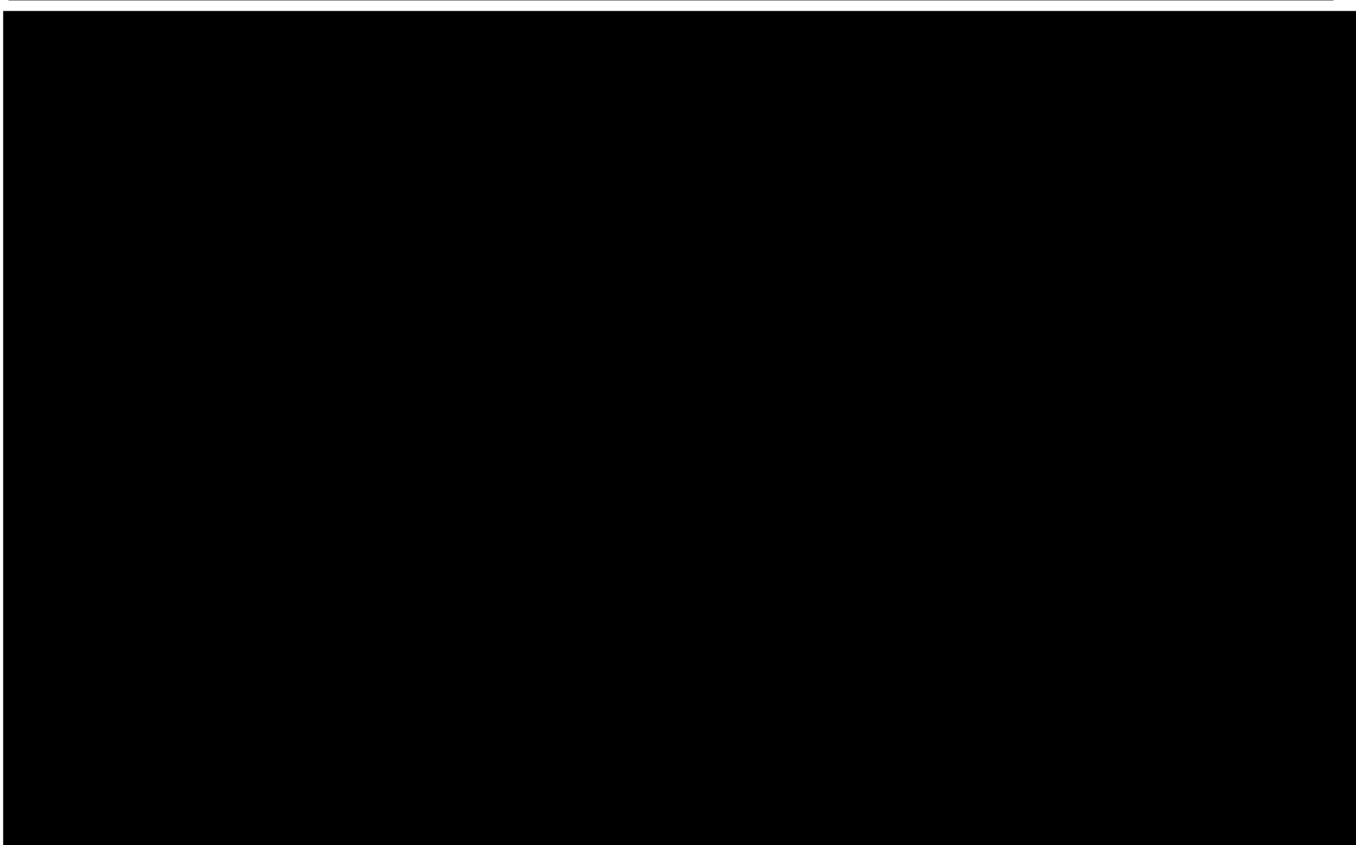
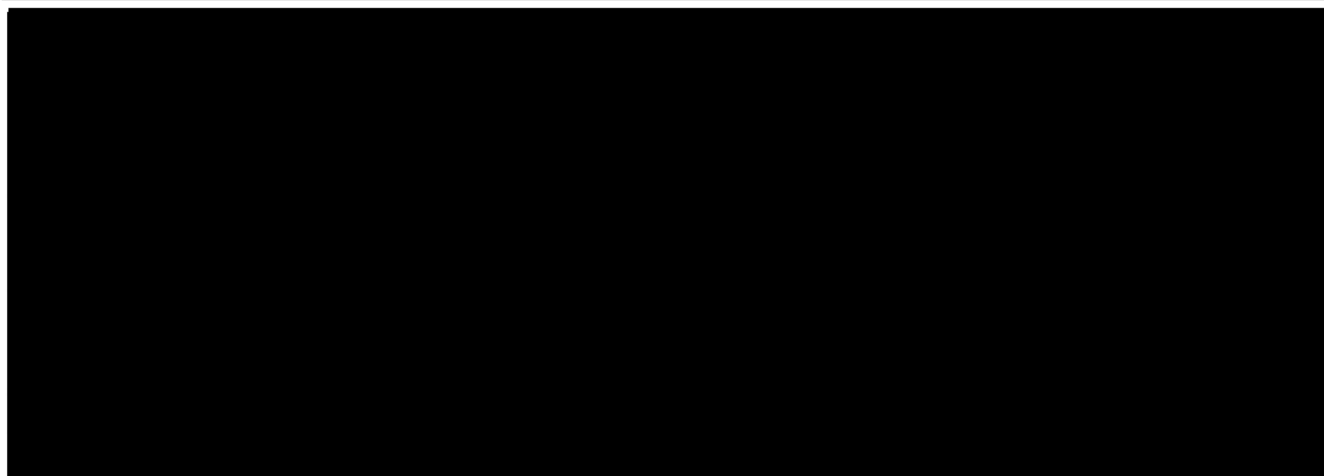
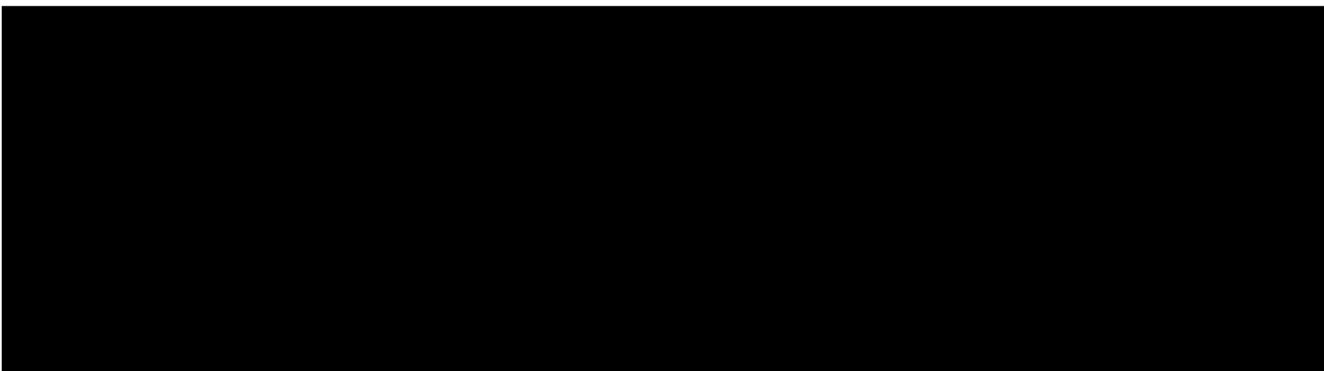
Re Pitoone name change request it was noted that the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa is New Zealand's place naming authority. They make place names official so that there is an agreed and correct name for a place.

Council's role would be to consider supporting a recommendation. A paper to a Council committee would be required on this.

Agreed that the communications team to include this in their planning (Jarred/Michelle).

Re ward boundaries query this will be included in the representation review.

ACTION: Response to email be drafted and shared (Assignee(s): Jarred Griffiths; Due Date: 11/04/2023)



Kayleen Ensor

From: Fuseworks Media <webmaster@fuseworks.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 12:40 PM
To: Jo Miller
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 🔔 Hutt City Council (1)

Daily media update



Hutt City Council

RNZ News at 12pm, November 21

From Radio New Zealand Audio

Published 12:36 21/11/2023

[00:09:32] The name change could be on the horizon for one of **Lower Hutt's** major suburbs. ... [00:09:36]
A **Hutt City Council** committee will today consider supporting a request from two Maori land trusts to revert the spelling of Petone back to Pito-one

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Report ID: 59b0e398-7d97-4092-bc9e-8466cb93dcf4

Kayleen Ensor

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 5:00 AM
To: Kaanihi Butler-Hare; Kura Moeahu; [REDACTED] Callum Katene; Wirangi Luke; [REDACTED] matiu.jennings@atiawa.com; [REDACTED]
Cc: Jo Miller; Caryn Ellis; Shelley Bascand; Richard Hardie; Andrea Blackshaw; Jarred Griffiths
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Representation Review and Pito-one Name Change

Mōrena Kaanihi mā, thank you for this update. I didn't know (or more likely didn't remember) about the Pito-one name change...the review material looks good. FYI I'm offshore till November 13 so catch you all on the other side.

Mauri Ora
Helmut

From: Kaanihi Butler-Hare <Kaanihi.Butler-Hare@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 3:26 PM
To: [REDACTED] Callum Katene

[REDACTED]

Cc: Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>; Caryn Ellis <Caryn.Ellis@huttcity.govt.nz>; Shelley Bascand <Shelley.Bascand@huttcity.govt.nz>; Richard Hardie <Richard.Hardie@huttcity.govt.nz>; Andrea Blackshaw <Andrea.Blackshaw@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jarred Griffiths <Jarred.Griffiths@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Representation Review and Pito-one Name Change
Importance: High

Kei aku mana whenua, tēnā koutou katoa,

E rere ana ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou.

Please find attached the final media release for public consultation and further engagement information on the Representation Review.

The Petone Community Board agenda for the meeting on 30 October 2023 at 6.30pm is now available to view at the following link:

http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/Open/2023/10/PCB_30102023_AGN_3177_AT_SUP.PDF

Ngā mihi maioha.

Kaanihi Butler-Hare
Tumuaki Māori

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Kayleen Ensor

From: Elected Members Requests
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 2:17 PM
To: __Mayor & Councillors; Belinda Moss; Mike Fisher; Te Awa Puketapu
Cc: __CLT
Subject: Background and FAQs - Request for name change from Petone to Pito-one
Attachments: Background and FAQs - Request for name change from Petone to Pito-one.pdf

Kia ora koutou

We know many of you have been getting asked about the request to the Geographic Board to change Petone to Pito-one. Please see attached some background information and FAQs to assist you with responding to these queries.

Ngā mihi,

Hamish Bell

Elected Member Support Coordinator

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Request to Geographic Board to change Petone to Pito-one

The Hutt City Council has agreed to endorse a letter of support to Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (The New Zealand Geographic Board) to change the spelling of the name Petone to Pito-one.

The Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust approached Hutt City Council earlier this year with a request to support its application to the Geographic Board to revert to the original name.

The Petone Community Board considered this request at their meeting on 30 October and recommended that Council provide a letter of support on the name change.

The Hutt City Council Policy Finance and Strategy committee agreed to endorse the letter at their meeting on 21 November.

ENDS

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the NZGB's role and what is the process?

The New Zealand Geographic Board is the authority that provides new placenames and corrects misspelled placenames within New Zealand's territory.

The Board considers proposed name changes after a consultation process with affected communities and Mana Whenua before making a decision on name changes.

2. Is the alternative name accurate/correctly spelled/supported by Mana Whenua?

The area was formerly known as Pito-one, which was defined by the Pito-one pā next to the foreshore. The New Zealand Geographic Board's consultation process

will determine the levels of support from affected communities and Mana Whenua.

3. What will be the cost to businesses and ratepayers, if any?

There is no legal requirement for businesses to change their names to reflect the updated placename.

The Board requires councils, ministries, and agencies to update place names on physical products such as road signs to be made during regular maintenance and replacement cycles, thus minimising/absorbing costs.

Updating names on digital documents and websites should bear relatively minimal cost.

4. Why change the name when the existing name has historical value?

Correcting the name's spelling to its original te reo Māori is in line with Council's Naming Policy and commitment to Mana Whenua partners.

5. Why are you participating in this action?

Council is maintaining its commitment to Mana Whenua partners, in this case Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust, in supporting their ability to seek to make a name change proposal to the New Zealand Geographical Board. In line with Council's Naming Policy, Council is required to support the usage of appropriate names to protect and enhance the character and heritage of the city.

6. The current name is well known – why change it now?

The current name is thought to be either a misspelling or mispronunciation of the original Māori name for the area. Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust, is making its proposal to the New Zealand Geographic Board, which will make the decision on whether the name is changed. Council has no role in the process or authority over the Board's final decision.

7. Why are you pushing Māori placenames?

Council's Naming Policy supports the usage of appropriate names to protect and enhance the character and heritage of the city. Council maintains its commitment to Mana Whenua partners, in this case Wellington Tenth Trust and

Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust, in supporting their ability to seek to make a name change proposal to the New Zealand Geographical Board.

8. Will mail get lost?

The New Zealand Geographic Board's process will be widely publicised and if a change is made it will be promoted to ensure there is good awareness of the change.

9. Why not change other names at the same time?

Petone is the only name change in the application currently before Council.

10. Will people be at risk if the name changes cause confusion in an emergency?

The New Zealand Geographic Board's process will be widely publicised and if a change is made it will be promoted to ensure there is good awareness of the issue.

11. Why bother if most people will continue to use the current name?

One of the key purposes of the New Zealand Geographic Board is to correct misspelled placenames to reflect appropriate cultural and heritage values. This purpose is consistent with Hutt City Council's Naming Policy.

12. It is hard to pronounce/ how is it pronounced?

The appropriate pronunciation is 'Pea-tore-oar-neh' (Pito-one).

Kayleen Ensor

From: Cam Meads
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 10:25 AM
To: Tui Lewis; Andy Mitchell; Keri Brown; Josh Briggs; Simon Edwards; Brady Dyer
Cc: Campbell Barry; Jo Miller; Caryn Ellis
Subject: Pito-one name - letter to Liz and Anaru
Attachments: [REDACTED] Ltr Pitoone WTT-PNMRT.pdf

Kia ora Mayor/Chairs,

Circulating the attached correspondence with Tenths Trust on the Pito-one name.

Ngā mihi nui,

Cam Meads ([He/Him](#))

Pou Arataki Tari o Te Koromatua | Head of Mayor's Office

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Anaru Smiler and Liz Mellish
Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust
PO Box 39-294
WELLINGTON MAIL CENTRE 5045

8 May 2023

Tēnā kōrua

Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2023 following up on the discussion at our recent hui, and apologies for the delayed response. I appreciate your suggestions and the kōrero.

As discussed, and outlined in your letter you are seeking Council consideration of a Ward boundary change on the Hutt Road; and support to have the name “Petone” revert to the traditional spelling “Pito-one”.

Ward boundaries

As we have been discussing at our hui we are required to undertake a representation review ahead of the next triennial elections in 2025. One of the matters that must be considered as part of this review is boundaries of any Wards. We, along with you, will also be considering whether Māori Wards should be established here in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai.

We are currently planning how the representation review will be undertaken over the next 18 months, including engagement with Mana Whenua throughout the process. As per Emily’s recent email we have invited you to a briefing on 24 May to discuss this.

Suburb name changes

You are seeking Council support to make an amendment to the name “Petone” back to the traditional name “Pito-one”. I also note that you would like to use this as a pilot for other potential changes to suburb names.

As you will be aware the New Zealand Geographic Board (the Board) is the place naming authority in New Zealand and their process would need to be followed to seek the proposed name change. Here is a [link](#) to their page. As you will know the process includes an application to the Board, and if they agree to take it forward, then public notification and submissions would be sought before the Board makes a final decision.

Campbell Barry
Mayor of Lower Hutt
Koromatua o
Te Awakairangi ki tai

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this process further, and the roles we could jointly play. This would include canvassing who will lead the application process. My office will be in touch to find a suitable time to meet.

We will also keep this as an item on the agenda for our next hui.

Ngā mihi



Campbell Barry
Mayor of Lower Hutt

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TE AWIA KAIRANGI



Te Whenua, Te Tāngata, Te Ao Āmua
The Land, The People, The Future

27 March 2023

His Worship the Mayor Campbell Barry
Lower Hutt City
PO Box
Lower Hutt

Tēnā koe Rangatira Campbell

It was a great pleasure to meet with you at the Council last week to have the Rangatira-to-Rangatira conversation on many policy matters that affect our people resident in Lower Hutt City. It was a very positive exchange and to be able have meaningful discourse on matters with you and your senior leadership is appreciated by me and my fellow Trustees who attended that day.

We held a Trustee hui at our premises at Hikoikoi Pā on March 8th for our Trusts, Wellington Tenth's Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust collectively known as Ngā Tekau o Pōneke. Collectively we have owners and their whānau representing almost 20,000 Māori Landowners from the Hutt Valley and Wellington.

At those meetings it was raised and resolved to seek the Council to support an amendment to the name Petone and revert back to its original name Pitoone. It is noticeable that business in Pitoone have taken up the name for example: the Pitoone Apartments on Jackson and Cuba Streets.

Trustees have expressed a desire to review with Council other names that need to be addressed such as E Puni, and Naenae. We would however like to start with Petone as the pilot.

Further we understand that the Marae on the Hutt Rd has been separated from its Urupā in Te Puni Street in the electoral boundaries and placed into Lower Hutt. The Marae in question is Te Tatau o Te Pō. The impact of reallocating the boundaries which we understand is up for review in the next few years is small in comparison to where whānau see its place in our realm.

We would be delighted to address your Councillors at the appropriate time and to follow your processes to enable this to happen. We thank you for your consideration of this matter which is dear to our hearts and will add to storytelling of this important whenua in Lower Hutt City.

Nāku noa, nā

Handwritten signature of Anaru Smiler.

Anaru Smiler
Chairman, Wellington Tenth's Trust

Handwritten signature of Liz Mellish.

Liz Mellish
Chairman, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust

Kayleen Ensor

From: Campbell Barry
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jo Miller; Caryn Ellis; Charlotte Parish
Subject: Letter of endorsement
Attachments: Letter to Wellington Tenths Trust.pdf

Kia ora everyone,

Please see attached, letter of endorsement from Hutt City Council.

From: Chris Fox <Chris@ngahuru.maori.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:53 PM
To: Christine Poole-Alefaio <Christine.Poole-Alefaio@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Liz Mellish (Guest) <liz@ngahuru.maori.nz>; anaru@wairarapamoana.org.nz; Vicki Hollywell <vicki@tekau.maori.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Correspondence from Mayor Barry re Pitoone

Kia ora Campbell

Thank you for responding with such a positive response to our letter that addresses two kaupapa:
Tuatahi – Suburb name Change
Tuarua – Ward Boundaries.

On behalf of Anaru Smiler and Liz Mellish we are pleased you will have this discussion at the Council Meeting on 24 May. Unfortunately, Anaru and Liz are unable to meet in person or via ZOOM prior to this meeting due to other engagements. We would however, like to seek a letter of support from Hutt City Council that would be sent with our application to the New Zealand Geographic Board to change the name of Petone to traditional spelling of Pito-one.

On the matter of Ward Boundaries, we are pleased Hutt City Council will be undertaking a representation review ahead of the next triennial elections in 2025, and part of this review will consider boundaries of any wards. Perhaps we could continue our Ward Boundary discussion alongside council, within the framework of our quarterly meetings?

Once again thank you for your consideration Campbell.

Ngā mihi
Christine Fox
Trust Secretary
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E chris@ngahuru.maori.nz
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Petone Office: 24d Marine Parade, Petone 5012
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Managers of:

Wellington Tenth Trust • Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust
Te Wharewaka o Pōneke • Ngahuru Charitable Trust

From: Christine Poole-Alefaio <Christine.Poole-Alefaio@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 12:10 PM
To: Chris Fox <Chris@ngahuru.maori.nz>
Subject: Correspondence from Mayor Barry re Pitoone

Tēnā koe Christine

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Campbell Barry to Anaru Smiler and Liz Mellish.

As mentioned in his letter he is happy to meet with Anaru and Liz ahead of the meeting on 24 May; the Mayor is currently available on 22 May anytime between 11.30-2.00pm – please let me know if this would suit.

Kind regards

Christine Poole-Alefaio (she/her)

Ringa Āwhina Tāhūhū ki Te Koromatua | Executive Assistant to the Mayor

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From: Chris Fox <Chris@ngahuru.maori.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 March 2023 11:42 am
To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Tēnā koe Campbell

Please find attached our letter seeking the Council to support an amendment to the name Petone and revert back to its original name Pitoone.

We look forward to your response and next steps.

Ngā mihi

Christine Fox

Trust Secretary

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Petone Office: 24d Marine Parade, Petone 5012

29 November 2023

New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa
Radio New Zealand House
155 The Terrace, Wellington

Kia ora koutou,

I am writing this letter of endorsement to express Hutt City Council's support for Wellington Tenth's Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust's application to change the suburb name "Petone" to its original Māori name, "Pito-one".

Earlier this year, Wellington Tenth's Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust contacted me seeking Council's support for the proposed name change. The application to change Petone to Pito-one is consistent with the objective of our Naming policy to ensure we use correct names to protect and enhance the character and heritage of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai. The proposal was discussed with the Petone Community Board, who also support the proposal.

Mana Whenua have also received information about the proposal and it has formed part of our quarterly hui discussion. Council is working closely with Mana Whenua to develop an effective and more strategic process to change names in the city where they are not accurately stated. This will also help improve pronunciation.

My understanding from speaking with Wellington Tenth's Trust is that the rationale for the application is that the current name, Petone, is a misspelling of the traditional Māori name, Pito-one. Pito-one, which translates to "end of sand beach", is the location of Pito-one pā, which was formerly the largest and most fortified pā site in the region. Pito-one pā and the surrounding area remain culturally significant.

It is my understanding that the authority for changing suburb names sits with the New Zealand Geographic Board, and that you will run a public consultation process with affected communities and Mana Whenua on the proposed change. I am supportive of this process.

If you require any further information to assist your decision making, please let me know.

Ngā mihi,



Campbell Barry
Mayor of Lower Hutt

Kayleen Ensor

From: Jarred Griffiths
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 6:57 PM
To: Jo Miller
Subject: Your authorisation requested for Report: Letter of Support for Petone Name Change Proposal

Committee: Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee | Komiti Ratonga Rangatōpū me te Rautaki

Meeting Date: 21 Nov 2023 2.00pm [2023 5]

Subject: Letter of Support for Petone Name Change Proposal

Authorised by Jarred Griffiths
Sent to Jo Miller for authorisation
Notification sent to Richard Hardie and Kaanihi Butler-Hare.

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Letter of Support for Petone Name Change Proposal

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee (the Committee) to endorse a letter of support (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) to Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa | The New Zealand Geographic Board (the Geographic Board) regarding an application by the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust to change the spelling of the name "Petone" to "Pito-one."

Recommendation

That the Committee recommends Council:

- (1) notes that Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust have asked Council to write a letter to support its application to change the spelling of the name of the suburb “Petone” to “Pito-one”;
- (2) notes that authority for changing suburb names sits with the Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa | The New Zealand Geographic Board;
- (3) notes that this matter has been discussed with Mana Whenua and the Petone Community Board, and that the Petone Community Board agreed to recommend to Council to write a letter of support;
- (4) notes that prior to Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa | The New Zealand Geographic Board making a decision, it will seek public submissions on the proposed name change and
- (5) **EITHER** agrees to support providing a letter to support the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust application to change the spelling of “Petone” to “Pito-one”;**’ OR**
 agrees not to support providing a letter to support the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust application to change the spelling of “Petone” to “Pito-one”;
- (6) delegates the Mayor to make minor amendments and sign the letter on behalf of Council.

For the reasons outlined in the report.

Background

2. At the quarterly hui in March 2023, Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust members indicated their intention to prepare an application to the Geographic Board to change the name of Petone to Pito-one.
3. In March 2023, Council received a letter from Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust seeking Council’s support for the proposed name change.
4. On 30 October 2023, the proposal was discussed with the Petone Community Board, who agreed to recommend to Council to write a letter of support.
5. Mana Whenua have also received information about the proposal, which has formed part of our quarterly hui discussion.
6. Aside from providing a letter of support for the application, Council has no formal role to play in the process of considering changing the name of a suburb.

Changing a suburb name

7. The authority for changing suburb names sits with the Geographic Board. A name change proposal includes:
 - a. providing a new name (Pito-one);
 - b. providing the name being sought to change (Petone);
 - c. identifying what type of feature it is (suburb);
 - d. providing supporting information to explain and aid the proposal (eg a map of the location);
 - e. the history, origin, and/or meaning of the name;
 - f. evidence of orthography; evidence of consultation with local iwi, marae, or other Māori groups with ancestral interests;
 - g. evidence to support how the name describes the place;
 - h. an audio file that informs proper pronunciation; and
 - i. any other supporting information.
8. After receiving a proposal, the Geographic Board will run a consultation process with affected communities and Mana Whenua on the proposed name change. Anyone can make a submission for or against the proposal.
9. The final decision on changing a place name rests with the Geographic Board or Toitū Te Whenua | the Minister for Land Information.

Discussion

History of the name of Petone

10. Petone, formerly known as Pito-one, was defined by the Pito-one pā, home of the Rangatira Honiana Te Puni Kōkopu and the Te Āti Awa hapū of Ngāti Te Whiti, Ngāti Tāwhirikura, Te Matchou/Ngāti Hāmua and some others.
11. In 1850, the Native Secretary, H. Tacy Kemp, referred to Pito-one pā as the largest and best fortified within the Te Whanganui-a-Tara region.
12. The evolution of the name Pito-one into its current form, Petone, follows a colonial settlement in the region during the latter half of the 19th century and represents a misspelling of the area's traditional name. Although development in the region has removed virtually any trace of Mana Whenua presence, Pito-one pā and the surrounding area remain culturally significant.
13. The current name, Petone, is a misspelling of the te reo Māori phrase Pito-one, translating to "end" (Pito) and "sand beach" (one), which is linked to the Pito-one Pā near the foreshore. The proposed amendment is a linguistic correction and reflection of the traditional name.

Options

14. A draft letter of support is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
15. **Option 1:** support providing a letter to support the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust application to change the spelling of the name "Petone" to "Pito-one" **OR**

Option 2: do not support providing a letter to support the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust application to change the spelling of the name “Petone” to “Pito-one”.

Next steps

16. If the Committee agrees, the Mayor will be delegated to make minor amendments to the letter and sign it on behalf of Council.

Climate Change Impact and Considerations

17. Climate change considerations are not considered relevant to the consideration of this report, which deals with an administrative matter.

Consultation

18. The proposal was raised by the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust at its quarterly hui with Council in June 2023 and discussed at subsequent meetings.
19. Council is not responsible for consulting on proposed name changes for suburbs. This process sits with the Geographic Board. The final decision will be made by the Geographic Board after community consultation.

Legal Considerations

20. There are no legal considerations for this report.

Financial Considerations

21. There are no financial considerations for this report.

Appendices

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Author: Richard Hardie
Head of Strategy and Policy

Reviewed By: Kaanihi Butler-Hare
Tumuaki Māori

Reviewed By: Jarred Griffiths
Director Strategy and Engagement

Approved By: Jo Miller
Chief Executive

Agenda for quarterly hui –Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust and Hutt City Council, held on 17 July 2023 at 10am at Hikoikoi Reserve Marine Parade, Petone

Attendees:

Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust – Liz Mellish (PNMRT Chairperson), Vicki Hollywell (Tumu Whakarae, Hikoikoi), Richard Te One (Relationships Liaison Officer, Hikoikoi / WTT Trustee), Matthew Love Parata (Trustee), Coral MacLennan (Manager Hikoikoi), Chris Fox (WWT & PNMRT Secretary), Vanessa Ede (WTT Trustee), Jeanie Hughes (WTT & PNMRT Trustee)

Hutt City Council – Mayor Campbell Barry, Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis, Councillor Keri Brown, Jarred Griffiths (Director Strategy & Engagement) Emily Campbell (Acting Tumuaki Māori), Andrea Blackshaw (Director Neighbourhoods & Communities), Alison Geddes (Director Environment & Sustainability), Caryn Ellis (Head of the Chief Executive’s Office)

Apologies – Jo Miller

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Mihimihi

1. Minutes

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6. Pito-One Project (Andrea) (verbal)

- 7. [Redacted]
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- 9. [Redacted]

10. Other business

- i. **Pito-one name change update** (Jarred/Emily) (verbal)

Karakia

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Renaming Petone to Pito-one.

Liz signalled she will put in a submission on this.

Note: The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa is New Zealand's place naming authority. They make place names official so that there is an agreed and correct name for a place. Council's role would be to consider supporting a recommendation.

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Minutes of the Quarterly Hui – Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust and Hutt City Council, held on 17 July 2023 at 10am at Hikoikoi Reserve Marine Parade, Petone.

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Hutt City Council (HCC): Mayor Campbell Barry, Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis, Andrea Blackshaw (Acting Chief Executive/Director Neighbourhoods & Communities), Emily Campbell (Acting Tumuaki Māori), Caryn Ellis (Head of the Chief Executive's Office), Richard Hardie (Head of Strategy and Policy), Tim Johnstone (Head of Planning).

Apologies:

Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust: Matthew Love Parata (Trustee), Vanessa Ede (WTT Trustee), Jeanie Hughes (WTT & PNMRT Trustee).

Hutt City Council: Councillor Keri Brown, Jo Miller (Tumu Whakarae), Jarred Griffiths (Director Strategy & Engagement) Alison Geddes (Director Environment & Sustainability).

Apologies from the Mayor for early departure.

Karakia Liz Mellish

Mihimihi

Minutes of Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust and Hutt City Council Relationship meeting held on 9 March 2023

MOTION

The minutes of the Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust and Hutt City Council Relationship meeting held on 9 March 2023 were approved.

Moved: Richard Te One
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Lewis
CARRIED



Pito-one name change update

Emily noted she is keen to see what the trusts' application looks like. Agreed to share this (*Chris Fox to share this with Emily Campbell*). Chris Fox noted the NZ Geographic Board's process is relatively simply.

The Mayor noted he would talk with the Petone Community Board Chair and the application (when ready to go) would also be put to Council re their support.

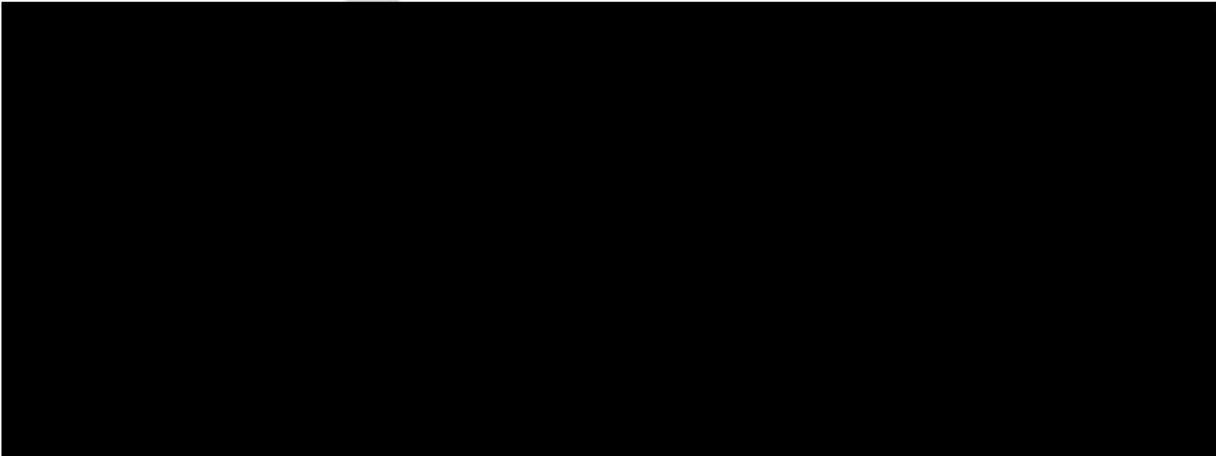
Feedback from hui with other Mana Whenua partners noted support for looking at names more broadly across the city that could be put up for change. This could include street names (Council's responsibility) and other parts of the city. This would avoid name changes being dealt with one by one.

Agreed that Emily and Chris would work together on this matter.

Liz noted she has talked with Lee Hunter re Te Tatau o te Pō Marae to change electorate.

Vicki noted that Tenths has a naming policy. [Mahara Okeroa](#) is the consultant who worked on this.

The Mayor departed the hui.



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9. Other business

i. Pito-one name update

Jarred Griffiths noted a meeting of Community Board Chairs had preceded the hui. There was support for the name change. Liz thanked Council for its work on this and noted that Chris Fox is co-ordinating this piece of work for Tenth.

Action: Kaanihi to continue to progress this for Council in conjunction with Jarred's team.

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From: [Kaanihi Butler-Hare](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Pito-one application
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Chris,

Apologies for the delayed response.

Just to provide an update, recently I sent an email to Whaea Liz Mellish regarding the Petone Community Board hui held on 30 October, in which council's proposal to discuss a letter of support for the name change was included on the agenda.

As soon as I receive the outcomes of the hui, I will reach out with a further update.

Kia hāneanea te noho.

Mihi nui.

From: Chris Fox [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 1:55 PM
To: Kaanihi Butler-Hare <Kaanihi.Butler-Hare@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Pito-one application

Kia ora Kaanihi

Nice to catch up last week at HCC meeting. If you wouldn't mind following up on actions regarding Pito-one name change - I believe we are wanting to follow up on letter/s of support for name change:

- Petone Community Board
- HCC Council

Looking forward to getting this across the line as soon as possible. Let me know if there is anything I need to do from my end.

Ngā mihi

Christine Fox
Trust Secretary

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-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Campbell <Emily.Campbell@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 3:18 PM

To: Chris Fox [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Pito-one application

Kia ora Chris,

That's really helpful thanks. I'll have an internal discussion here about a proposed approach and then come back to you with that information and we can collectively devise a bit of a plan/timeline. How does that sound?

Mauri ora

Emily.

Emily Campbell

From: Chris Fox <Chris@ngahuru.maori.nz>

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 3:01:16 PM

To: Emily Campbell <Emily.Campbell@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Pito-one application

Kia ora Emily

Pito-one in the research I am doing at the moment (some pretty basic) however Pito-one is noted as the correct Māori name for Petone. It is a desire of the two Ahu Whenua Trusts to have it returned to Māori name and attached is the letter sent to Mayor Campbell Barry and response.

The LINZ forms attached are very basic and yes it would be ideal to have support (written) from Petone Community Board and HCC for the proposal.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/nau-mai-town/story/2018888344/nau-mai-town-episode-8-pito-one>

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/keyword/petone>

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/photograph/18656/pou-whenua-petone>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=708733506197135>

I have consulted with Hon. Mahara Okeroa, WTT Trustee who also would like the name spelt Pito-one to avoid another transliteration in the future.

So Emily where do we go from here?

Ngā mihi

Christine Fox

Trust Secretary

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From: Emily Campbell <Emily.Campbell@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 4:51 PM

To: Chris Fox [REDACTED]

Subject: Pito-one application

Kia ora e hine,

Hope all is well in your camp.

Suddenly remembered I had an action from our quarterly hui to follow up with you about your application regarding the Pito-One name change. Are you able to share or discuss this with me some time? Once we have this we can draw on the reasoning in our comms with the Petone Community Board and Council, in collaboration with yourselves of course.

Ngā mihi
Emily.

Emily Campbell
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Emily Campbell

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Proposal form for a place name in New Zealand or its offshore islands

Use this form to propose a new or change an existing place name in New Zealand or its offshore islands. For your proposal to proceed you need to answer all questions in this form.

Complete a separate form for each place name if you have more than one.

Before you start

- read the Standard for New Zealand place names: linz.govt.nz/regulatory/60002
- gather your evidence

If you have any questions about making your proposal, please email: nzgabenquiries@linz.govt.nz

Legal stuff

The information you provide in this proposal form may be disclosed to others for the purposes of consultation including your full name but not your contact details.

Our Standard has essential information to help you decide whether to proceed with your proposal, and what happens to your proposal after we receive it.

Please confirm you have read the Standard for New Zealand place names, which is available in English and Māori.

I have read and understood the Standard for New Zealand place names

Your contact details:

First Name: Christine

Last Name: FOX

Email/Postal Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

What do you want to propose?

- A name for an unnamed place or feature

What is your proposed name? _____

Change or correct a place name

What name do you want to change? Petone

See the New Zealand Gazetteer: gazetteer.linz.govt.nz

What is your proposed change? Pito-one

What type of place or feature is it?

For example, bay maunga, glacier, area. For feature types see New Zealand Geographic Features: geographicfeatures.linz.govt.nz

What are the reasons for your proposal?

A Trustee hui has been held at our premises at Hikoikoi Pā on March 8th for our Ahu Whenua Trusts, Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust collectively known as Ngā Tekau o Pōneke.

Collectively we have owners and their whānau representing almost 20,000 Māori Landowners from the Hutt Valley and Wellington. At those meetings it was raised and resolved to seek the Council to support an amendment to the name Petone and revert back to its original name Pito one. It is noticeable that business in Pito one have taken up the name for example: the Pito one Apartments on Jackson and Cuba Streets.

Supporting information

Please provide as much information as possible to explain and support your proposal. Select what you are including from this list and attach the supporting information. You must include a map or chart of the location.

- A map or chart with the exact location of the place or feature clearly marked.
- The history, origin, and/or meaning of the name.
- Evidence of orthography, for example macrons for Māori names, and correct spelling for personal names.
- Evidence of consultation with local iwi, marae, or other Māori groups with ancestral interests.
- For a descriptive name, evidence to support how the name describes the place or feature.
- For a personal name, evidence the person being commemorated is no longer alive, their connection with the area or feature, and the significance of their association with that place. Consultation with their family is preferred.
- Audio file, for example, pronunciation of the name.
- Other supporting information.

Thank you for making a proposal. We will be in touch.