

Sport Waikato Submission to Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Presented: May, 15, 2015

Presented by: Matthew Cooper, Sport Waikato CEO

Key Contact: Vikki Bertram, Executive Assistant to CEO

Phone 07 858 5388

Email vikkib@sportwaikato.org.nz

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025



Strategic Partner Submission

At Sport Waikato our mission is to **“inspire and enable the people of Waikato to be active and healthy for life”**. Founded in 1986 our leadership, programmes and services aim to **“help people to help themselves”**.

Strategic Partnerships play an important role in our success and as part of this submission we would like to formally thank the Hamilton City Council for their on-going partnership and the shared focus on ensuring that our region remains a great place to live.

The following submission offers feedback specific to the Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2015 – 2025.

Hamilton City Council – Congratulations

Sport Waikato would like to congratulate council on achieving a stronger financial position than originally planned. This is a significant result and represents a real opportunity for the city to move forward.

We would also like to congratulate council on the delivery of core roading infrastructure via the ring road that offers the city a valuable asset as we grow, connecting key areas of the city and enabling residents real mobility.

"The Council's finances are now back on track, we are in a much stronger financial position and in better shape than originally planned."

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Hamilton City Council – Your Priorities

Providing services and infrastructure for a fast growing city in a way that is affordable and financially responsible

*1st Core infrastructure and existing assets
Arts, sport, recreation and the river plan **Next***

"The Council's finances are now back on track, we are in a much stronger financial position and in better shape than originally planned."

Sport Waikato's Feedback:

We respect the prioritisation of core infrastructure and existing assets first.

We also believe there is a need to focus on future growth and investing in opportunities that deliver a liveable city (community assets), economic outcomes (events) and regional success in a sport and recreation setting (high performance results).

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Hamilton City Council – Your Big Issue

Sport Waikato's Feedback:

Borrow more - do some projects early

THERE IS ONE BIG
ISSUE WE NEED YOUR
FEEDBACK ON:
BALANCING
INVESTMENT WITH
AFFORDABILITY

**“Getting new growth-
driven infrastructure,
to the right place at
the right time”**

2
Borrow more, do
some projects
earlier
Page 34

1
Our proposal -
Right investment,
right time
Page 21

2
Borrow more, do
some projects
earlier
Page 34

3
Borrow less,
do some projects
later
Page 36

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025



Hamilton City Council - The Big Issue

**OPTION 2: BORROW MORE,
DO SOME PROJECTS EARLIER**

We know that demand exceeds supply in the sport sector.

The Regional Facilities plan prioritises key **needed projects - and supports development to achieve outcomes in a **sustainable** way.**

Project	Project Cost \$M*	Debt by 2025 \$M	Additional cost to do this project earlier \$M	When we will achieve our borrowing limit
Option 1: Our proposal		486.4		2020
This Option:				
a) New pool Starting 2017: 6 years earlier	4.8	487.6	1.2	
b) New Rototuna sports park Starting 2016: 6 years earlier	4.8	489.9	3.5	
c) Indoor recreation centre grant Starting 2018: 4 years earlier	4.0	487.8	1.4	
d) Founders Theatre refurbishment Starting 2016: 5 years earlier	13.9	494.9	8.5	
e) Borman Road East Starting 2016: 5 years earlier	17.7	490.9	4.5	2022
f) Borman Road West Starting 2016: 2 years earlier	2.7	486.6	0.2	2020
g) Upgrade to North City Road Starting 2016: 2 years earlier	7.2	486.7	0.3	2021
Do all 7 projects earlier:	55.0	506.0	19.6	2023

We see all three sporting assets as a priority

2017 plus more in partnership

2016 in partnership

2017 in partnership – plus a plan for the LT development

Investment in these assets is a priority ahead of assets where existing assets are not at utilisation capacity

* Figures in this column exclude inflation

Doing these projects earlier in partnership could long-term cost less

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

The Regional Sport Facility Plan

- Published in November 2014, the plan suggests that in the next 1-3 years Hamilton City needs:
 - Two 4-5 court indoor facilities
 - Indoor 25 m community pool
 - Hockey turf/s
 - Upgrades to existing sports fields
 - Additional sports fields – east and northeast of Hamilton
 - Regional squash hub facility
 - Gymsport regional hub

Hamilton City Describes – A city of growth

The third fastest growing centre behind Auckland and Christchurch

“Demand is only going to increase”



POPULATION INCREASE

IN 30 YEARS, HAMILTON'S TOTAL POPULATION IS PREDICTED TO INCREASE BY 60,000 PEOPLE. THAT REPRESENTS POPULATION GROWTH OF AROUND 40%

The Hamilton Plan aims to build a stronger economy and attractive city for families

The Regional Facilities plan focuses on a growing city... We are already behind.



Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Hamilton City Council “The Capital of High Performance Sport”

Establish the Waikato as the capital of High Performance Sport

Hamilton and Waipa are known as the home of New Zealand’s High Performance Sport

How we get there ...

- Regional Sports Plan
- Events Strategy
- Open Spaces Plan



Sport Waikato’s Response

We support council’s partnered ambition but note community sport infrastructure must also be a priority.

Sporting and community infrastructure are a vital part of the broader local authority asset portfolio. For the community assets offer valuable social outcomes for the health and wellbeing – building a liveable city. Appropriate, well designed and well managed assets also offer the opportunity for economic development and growth.

As part of our Regional Sport Facilities Plan, Hamilton City Council have the opportunity to engage in strategic partnerships to support the development and management of sporting assets to meet the future needs of the community.

Sport Waikato will work with Hamilton City council to explore opportunities for High Performance and to build a long term vision for community sport infrastructure

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Indoor Recreation Centre – Sport Waikato’s Response

The regional facilities plan recommends:

- Two 4-5 court indoor facilities

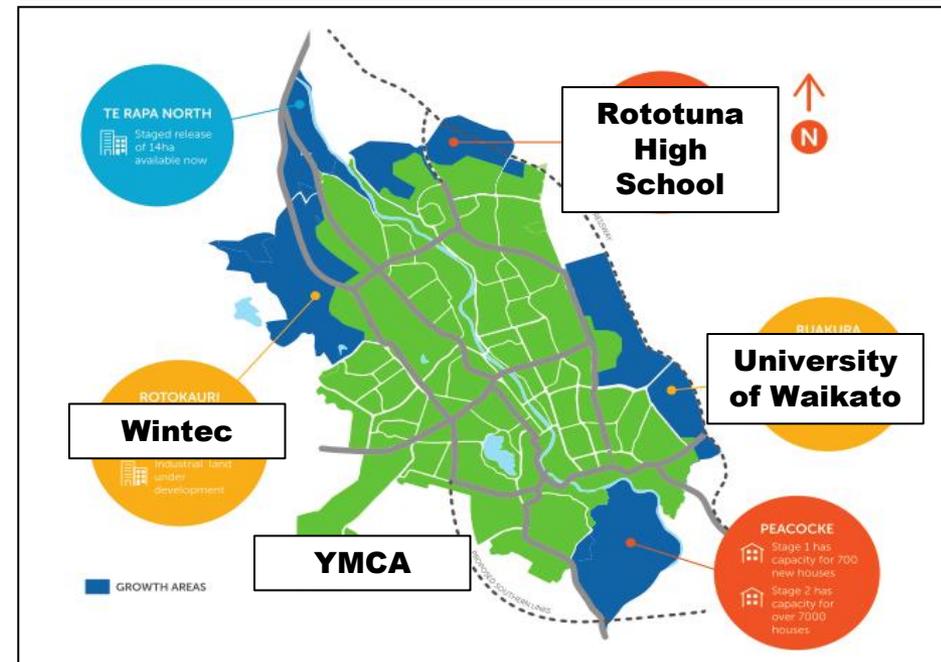
Notes to Sport Waikato’s Response

We support council’s investment of \$4M for the provision of indoor recreation facilities but note that this investment should be brought forward and that more is needed to support a growing city.

Sport Waikato will lead the development of a feasibility study/indoor court facility strategy focused on partnering to urgently develop much needed indoor court facilities. A number of partners provide opportunities this process is underway

Greater provision is needed – partnerships provide some of the answer

Partnership Opportunities



COUNCIL must lead and initiate development and planning

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Aquatics Facilities: Sport Waikato's Response

Sport Waikato supports council's investment of \$4.8M to increase the available aquatics space for Hamilton city and agrees there is a shortage of space, particularly during winter. We recommend council bring forward investment for aquatics facilities supporting future growth and an existing supply shortage.

“There is a shortage of swimming pool space in Hamilton, particularly during winter”

Notes to Sport Waikato's Response

The Regional Sport Facilities Plan recommends:

- Close the Municipal Pool (Rationale: capital would be better invested in a new indoor community pool, preferably in the north-east of the city).
- Develop a new standard configuration indoor community pool (25m lane, fun pool and learn to swim pool. Also consider a hydrotherapy pool) in the north east of the city (which will also service the south of Waikato District Council).
- Investigate school/tertiary partnerships to assist with the provision of additional access for structured aquatic club use (on an as required basis).
- Maintain existing operational pools and optimise where warranted.

“We support closing the Municipal Pool and investing capital in growth areas of the city”

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025



Sports Fields: Sport Waikato's Response

Overall Sport Waikato supports council in meeting its obligations, under the Reserves Act 1977, and supports the provision of sports fields to meet the current and future sport and recreational needs of the community.

Demand currently exceeds supply for a number of sports and quality (to avoid cancellations and ensure quality of experience) is an issue.

Notes to Sport Waikato's Response

1. Sport Waikato requests that council take a network wide view for the allocation and development of sports fields and considers cross-boundary partnerships to optimise provision and avoid duplication of facilities. Specific reference is made of planned developments for Tamahere reserve with Waikato District Council, although thinking should not be limited to this development
2. We support Councils partnered thinking in developing sports fields at Rototuna High School

Regional Sports Facilities Plan

Sustainable – 'Each and Everyone'

Partnerships

Whole of Life Modelling

Adaptability / Functionality

Multi-Use

Optimisation of Existing Assets

ROI v Operational Cost

Play to our Strengths

Work with our Neighbours

Hamilton City Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025



Other Key Concepts

Partnering to develop a strategy for Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity

Sport Waikato is currently in the process of developing a strategy to guide our organisation from 2016 – 2020. We have launched “**Moving Waikato 2020**” and invite councillors and staff to view this document on our website. We invite comment and feedback.

In reviewing the Long Term plan we would note the absence of any reference to the **Active Hamilton Strategy** and the **Hamilton Bike Plan**.

We know that sport and recreation across our region is increasingly competing with ‘inactivity’ and that participation trends are changing to individual participant centred pursuits. Activity increasingly occurs in the outdoors and with friends – traditional models for participation are changing and we need to ensure that in a partnered way we stay ahead of these trends.

With these concepts in mind we advocate for a strategic and long-term approach to the design of safer cycling networks and strategies to ensure a healthy and vibrant Hamilton city.

We will seek your feedback on our strategic plan and request a partnered approach to the delivery of future initiatives to deliver outcomes across the sector.

Success will require promotion and joint effort which must be delivered as a package of interventions that are strategically connected with partners and community engagement.

THANK YOU

Sport Waikato would like to take this opportunity to **thank** the Hamilton City Council for their on-going **commitment** and **support** to sport, recreation and physical activity.

We value the opportunities that our **strategic partnership** provides and look forward to together **growing** the **opportunities** for our communities in the future.