

Kaunihera | Council

Ngā Tāpiritanga – Mēneti | Attachments – Minutes

Attachments – Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Matamata-Piako District Council held in the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, TE AROHA on 22 Apr 2026 at 9:00.

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The Vision, Community Outcomes and Priority Focus Areas have been developed through a combination of community engagement, Elected Member workshops and organisational input. Together, they set the direction for how Council will focus its efforts and make choices for the district into the future. They are intentionally aspirational, providing a clear framework to guide future decisions, investment and prioritisation rather than a list of guaranteed deliverables. They describe what we are working towards, while recognising the need to balance with affordability, available resources and changing conditions. They will be translated into achievable actions through strategies, plans, work programmes and budgets.

Vision

An enabling council that is efficient, communicates clearly and works with our community

Community Outcome 1:

A community that is well managed with fair rates

People understand how and why decisions are made, and trust that resources are used wisely for current and future needs.

Priority Focus Areas:

1a. Keep rates manageable

Focus on keeping rates fair and transparent.

1b. Ensure costs and decisions are clearly communicated

Clear communication of what rates fund, what projects cost and why. What services cost and what service levels people can expect.

1c. Operate efficiently and deliver value for money

Do things right, reduce inefficiencies and improve internal processes.

1d. Look for revenue and funding sources beyond rates

Optimise use of assets, partnerships, sponsorships, and advocacy for external funding for core services.

Community Outcome 2:

A community that is encouraged to grow and contribute

Residents, iwi, community groups, and local businesses are supported to take initiative, work together, and shape a thriving local economy.

Priority Focus Areas:

2a. Be an enabling, can-do council with a focus on the customer

Clear processes, timely decisions, and practical support rather than barriers.

2b. Reduce unnecessary red tape

Simplify approval processes where possible.

2c. Support local economic activity

Support and maintain vibrant town centres, and make it easier to invest locally where possible.

2d. Partner with iwi, community groups, and stakeholders

Better collaboration, visibility of partnerships, inclusive decision-making and acknowledge the potential of Māori economic development.

Community Outcome 3:

A community with reliable and resilient essential services

People have confidence in the infrastructure and services they rely on.

Priority Focus Areas:

3a. Prioritise maintaining core infrastructure

Footpaths, lighting, roads, rubbish and recycling and stormwater.

3b. Plan and invest for growth and demand

Infrastructure that keeps pace with development and population change.

3c. Strengthen our ability to respond to emergencies

Preparedness and resilience for flooding, drought, and other emergency events, including working alongside marae and iwi and building strong recovery capability.

3d. Provide accessible and safe infrastructure for all users

Mobility, disability access, aging population needs, cycling and walking safety.

Community Outcome 4:

A community that is safe, inclusive and with places people value

Towns, neighbourhoods, and settlements are welcoming, safe, inclusive, and well cared for — supporting connection, a feeling of belonging, wellbeing, and local identity across the whole district.

Priority Focus Areas:

4a. Maintain and enhance community facilities for all

Parks and open spaces, playgrounds, pools and spas, cemeteries, public toilets, libraries, housing and property and event/community venues and spaces.

4b. Support connected, inclusive communities across the whole district

Smaller settlements, rural communities, marae | meeting place, rangatahi | youth, whānau | family, older people.

4c. Support and enable community-led events and activities

Supportive council processes for volunteers, local identity, culture, and events.

4d. Work together to create a thriving community

Embrace culture within our district to create wellbeing.



Haig Road Reserve reclassification

22 April 2026



Purpose



The purpose of this report is to consider notifying the proposal to reclassify Haig Road Reserve, a Recreation Reserve, as a Local Purpose Reserve.

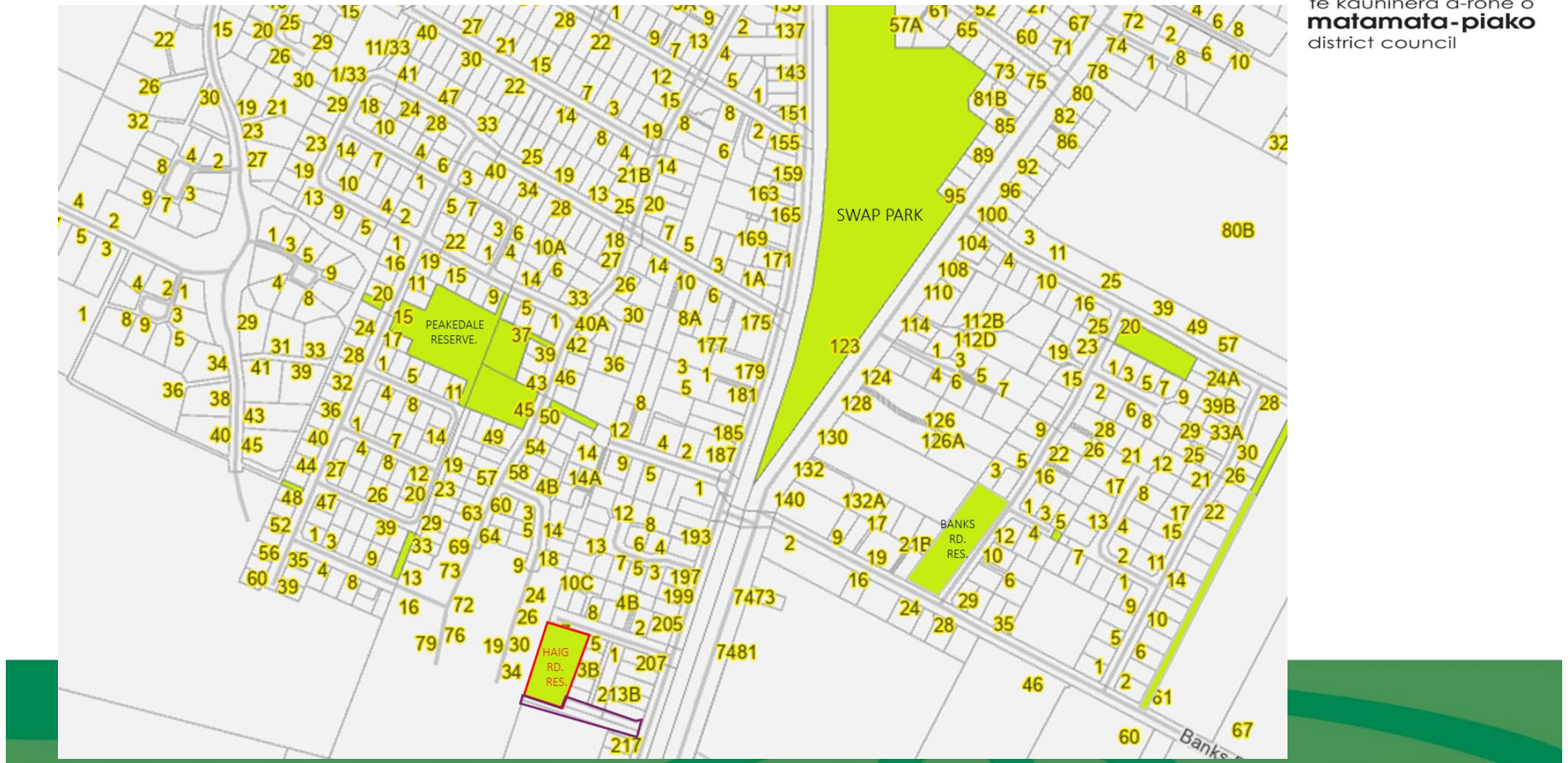
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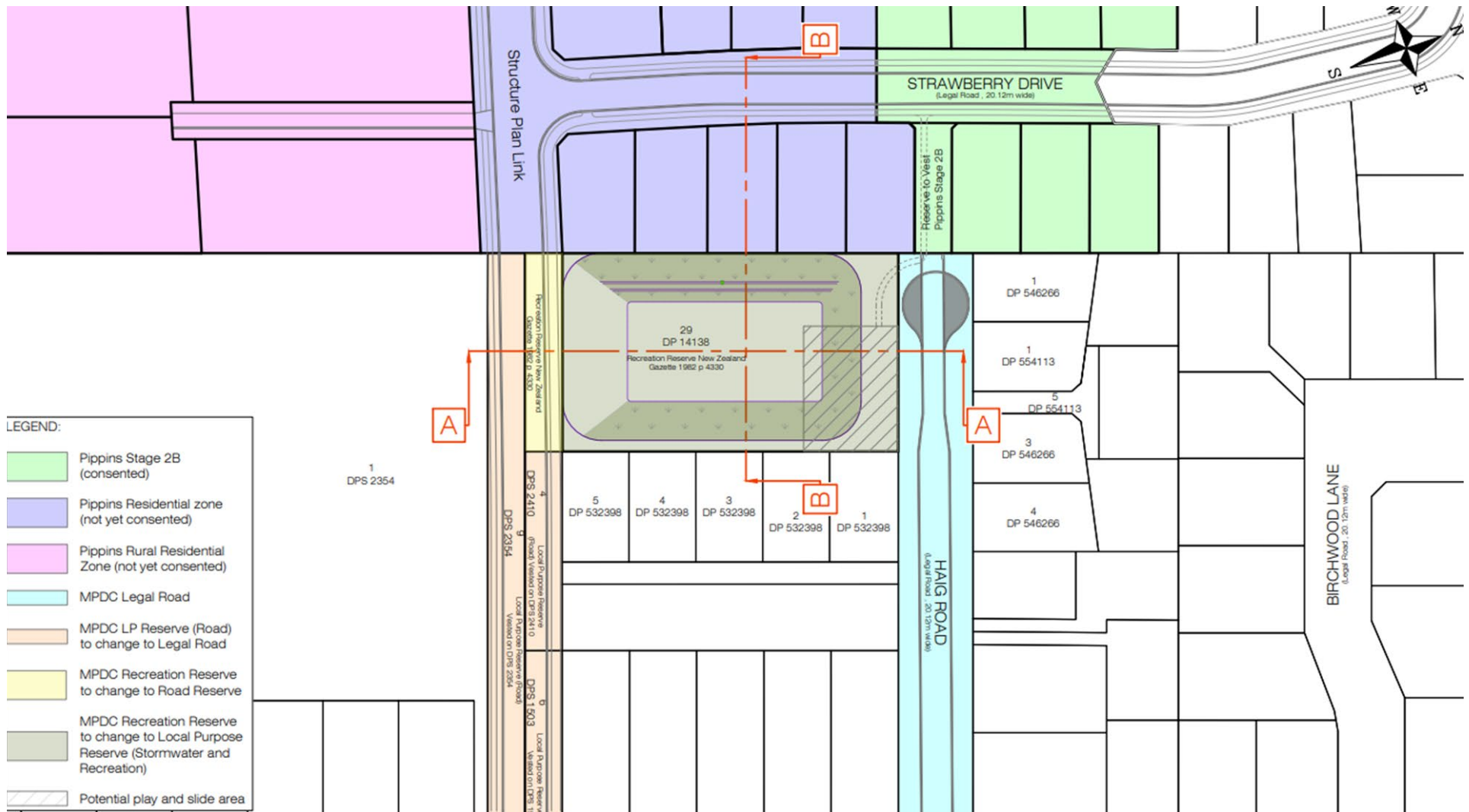
- **Part of the Reserve** to be reclassified as a **Local Purpose Reserve (Road)** to provide for a future link road from Firth Street as provided for in the Eldonwood South Structure Plan
- **Remainder of the Reserve** to be reclassified as a **Local Purpose Reserve (Stormwater and Recreation)** to provide for the dual purposes of stormwater retention and passive recreation













Parks & Reserves





LEGEND:

	Pippins Stage 2B (consented)
	Pippins Residential zone (not yet consented)
	Pippins Rural Residential Zone (not yet consented)
	MPDC Legal Road
	MPDC LP Reserve (Road) to change to Legal Road
	MPDC Recreation Reserve to change to Road Reserve
	MPDC Recreation Reserve to change to Local Purpose Reserve (Stormwater and Recreation)
	Potential play and slide area



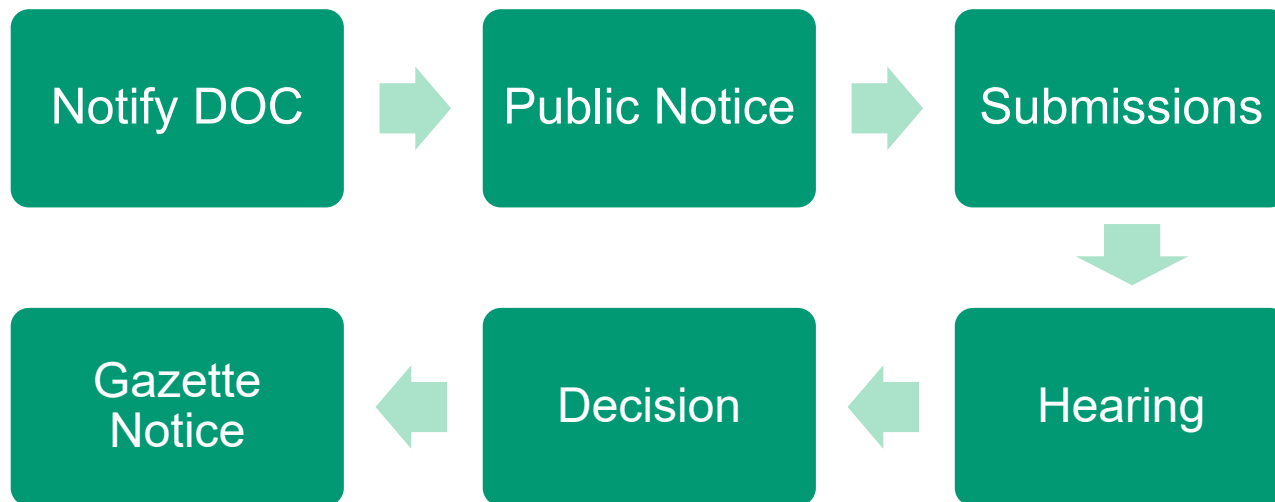
Playground provision



Process



- Statutory process prescribed by Reserves Act 1977



Recommendations



1. The report is received;
2. Council agrees to consult the “Commissioner” (as defined under the Reserves Act 1977) about the proposal to reclassify Haig Road Reserve, a Recreation Reserve, to a **Local Purpose Reserve** with the following purposes:
 - a. For that part of the Reserve shaded **yellow** in the plan attached as Attachment A of the report – “**road purposes**”.
 - b. For that part of the Reserve shaded **grey** in the plan attached as Attachment A of the report – “**stormwater and recreation purposes**”;
3. Council authorises **Brookefields Lawyers** to consult with the Commissioner on behalf of the Council;
4. Council agrees to publicly notify the proposal to reclassify Haig Road Reserve to **Local Purpose Reserve** in accordance with the following purposes:
 - a. For that part of the Reserve shaded **yellow** in the plan attached as Attachment A of the report – “**road purposes**”.
 - b. For that part of the Reserve shaded **grey** in the plan attached as Attachment A of the report – “**stormwater and recreation purposes**”;
5. Authorise officers to publicly notify the proposal.

