

Wanaka Community Board
13 October 2014

Report for Agenda Item: 3

Department:

Planning & Infrastructure

3. Temporary Road Closure Application – Challenge Wanaka 2015

Purpose

- 1 To consider a temporary road closure application for the Challenge Wanaka event in 2015.

Recommendation

2 *That the Wanaka Community Board:*

- a. **Approve** the temporary road closure application from Challenge Wanaka for their 2015 event subject to the following conditions:
 1. Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by Queenstown Lakes District Council's Infrastructure Services.
 2. The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.
 3. A reminder notice advising of the duration and dates of the closures being distributed to all residential and business properties located along the closure route at least ten working days prior to the event. A copy of this notice is to be supplied to QLDC Infrastructure Services.
 4. Where safe and practical, vehicles delivering to the businesses within the closure area, should be permitted by traffic management crew to undertake their deliveries and if applicable, they should be directed to appropriate detour routes.
 5. Clear signage is to be placed around closure areas within the CBD advising the public that businesses in the affected areas are still operating.
 6. Parks are not to be coned off except where required for traffic management. In those instances, cones are to be removed as soon as practical.
- b. Authorise the following temporary road closure schedule:

Infrastructure build up and breakdown

Road to be Closed- Ardmore Street from Dungarvon Street to McDougall Street

Period of Closure- Friday 20 February 2015 from 0800 to 1800 Monday 23 February 2015

Infrastructure Build Up and for safe passage of athletes for the Junior Challenge and Challenge Women

Roads to be Closed- Dungarvon Street from Dunmore Street to Ardmore Street

Period of Closure- Saturday 21 February 2015 from 1400 to 0300 Monday 23 February 2015

Road to be Closed- Ardmore Street from Helwick Street to Dungarvon Street

Period of Closure- Friday 20 February 2015 from 0300 to 0300 Sunday 22 February 2015

Infrastructure build up and for safe passage of athletes

Road to be Closed- Ardmore Street from Helwick Street to Lakeside Road

Period of Closure- Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0300 to 0300 Monday 23 February 2015

Closure for a pedestrianized family zone and for food and shopping

Road to be Closed- Helwick Street from Dunmore Street to Ardmore Street

Period of Closure- Saturday 21 February 2015 from 0300 to 0300 Sunday 22 January 2015

For Challenge Wanaka for safe passage for athletes and motorists

Road to be Closed- Single Lane closure of Mount Aspiring Road from Meadowstone Drive to Hospital Flat

Period of Closure- Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0645 to 1200

Road to be Closed- Ardmore Street from Macdougall street to Meadowstone Drive

Period of Closure- Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0630 to 1730

Road to be Closed- Single lane closure of McDougal Street from Faulks Terrace to Ardmore Street (traffic flow as usual to town)

Period of Closure- Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0900 to 1730

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Background

- 3 Challenge Wanaka have applied to the Council for a set of temporary road closures for their annual event, scheduled to take place in February 2015. A map outlining the road closures and a schedule of closures to accompany it can be viewed in Attachment A.
- 4 Challenge Wanaka also features the Lake Wanaka Half which takes place over the same course on the same day. The two events combined are anticipated to feature approximately 1,700 athletes in 2015. In addition they are expecting up to 10,000 spectators along the various sections of the course and at the finish line area.
- 5 The event attracts large numbers of spectators and involves the erection of infrastructure associated with the race. The road closure area is used to facilitate the construction of this infrastructure and to manage spectators and athletes safely.
- 6 The Puzzling World Junior Challenge starts at 12.00pm on Saturday 21 February 2015 on Pembroke Park. Aimed at local and visiting children who want to take start their triathlon career, the emphasis is on fun and taking part on a short, safe course with spot prizes and guest appearances. They will finish their race running through the same gantry that the triathlon will use the following day.
- 7 Race Day is on Sunday 22 February 2015 and starts at 5.30am when athletes must be checked in and body numbered. The swim leg is in Lake Wanaka followed by a two-lap bike leg from Wanaka – Glendhu Bay – Wanaka – Hawea – Luggate – Wanaka. The ride is fast with a few small climbs and many flat sections.
- 8 The run is over two laps (Wanaka – Outlet Track – Albert Town – Wanaka) and athletes run along the lakeside and river track. The finish line is in the heart of Lake Wanaka township and there is a finish line party to welcome the athletes home into the night.
- 9 The Lake Wanaka Half will run concurrently with Challenge Wanaka with athletes starting at 7.45am doing one lap of the swim course.

- 10 The bike course will be one lap of the Challenge Wanaka course. The run will be just one lap of the existing Challenge Wanaka run course.
- 11 In association with the event, Challenge Wanaka undertake a schedule of notification for adjoining businesses and residents prior to the road closures taking place, advertise widely and will be required to obtain a number of other Council approvals.
- 12 No complaints or issues have been raised with us in relation to this year's road closures and no submissions have been received following on from the advertisement placed in the *Wanaka Sun* which outlined next year's proposed road closures.

Comment

- 13 Challenge Wanaka is a successful annual event that attracts large numbers of competitors and spectators. Maintaining the safety of the public and competitors is imperative for this event to continue to run successfully and to achieve this, temporary road closures are needed to restrict vehicular traffic in the race area.
- 14 An event of this scale has appropriately sized infrastructure to accompany it and closed roads and Council land are used to facilitate the erection of this infrastructure as part of the overall event. The intent to close the roads was advertised in the *Wanaka Sun* with a requirement for any party with a concern to contact the Transport Team. No concerns have been received following on from the advertisement.
- 15 The applicant will be required to submit a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan. This plan will detail the overall management of the event which includes management of detours, warning signage, speed limits and details of marshalls placed on intersections. This Traffic Management Plan has, in prior years, required a letter drop be undertaken prior to any road closures, warning signs about the event to be placed on DOC walk tracks and camping sites in January, public notices in newspapers leading up the event including a map of the course and a list of roads affected along with the timing of the event and radio advertising concerning the event and advice on traffic flows if required.
- 16 A road closure can have an effect on businesses and residents within the area and can also create inconvenience for travellers and the proposed closures have detour routes in place as part of the Traffic Management Plan. The Traffic Management Plan will be considered by the Roding Corridor Engineer in co-ordination with the New Zealand Transport Agency, given that portions of the course take place on state highways outside the road closure areas. This plan also considers how all Council car parks are to be managed during the closure times.
- 17 The proposed road closure application is generally identical to that proposed last year other than a major change to the timing of the event, which is in mid-February as opposed to mid-January. This will move event away from Christmas and New Year and out of the peak holiday season. This timing has also been considered better for participants as there is more accommodation available, flights are cheaper, the weather is warmer and more settled and the

lake temperature is warmer. Moving the event to February also takes it away from the same weekend as the Auckland 70.3 triathlon, a competing event that was put on the same weekend two years ago.

- 18 There is a new one way closure proposed relating to Macdougall Street from Faulks Terrace. This is proposed for public safety as cyclists travel down the hill at up to 75kph, far exceeding the speed limit. Marshalls are on every side road junction, but with the annual increase in the number of cyclists the applicant has requested a road closure. The closure of the road will also eliminate a problem area at the bottom of Macdougall Street where cyclists have to cross the path of vehicles to turn right into transition, again improving safety and reducing stress on volunteers. All streets other than the holiday park can be accessed by alternative routes. Access to the holiday park will be managed via traffic control across MacDougall Street from Brownston Street.
- 19 The recommendation is for approval of the road closure application with conditions around public notification and the approval of traffic management plan. As in prior years, conditions have been included for access for delivery vehicles and a requirement to only restrict access to car parks where necessary

Financial Implications

- 20 The applicant is required to meet administration and advertising costs associated with the processing of the temporary road closure application. Otherwise there are no financial implications in this decision.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 21 Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered in the submission of this report to the Subcommittee.
- 22 The approval of a temporary road closure application is a regulatory function and the recommendation noted in this report is efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

Council Policies

- 23 The following Council Policies were considered in the preparation of this report:
- Council's Policy of Significance
 - Criteria for Closing Significant Roads.

The report recommendation is not significant under the Council's Policy on Significance as it does not moderately or substantially affect ratepayers, Involves more than \$2 million of budgeted or \$200,000 of unbudgeted expenditure, Involves ownership, control, construction, replacement or abandonment of a strategic asset (as defined in the Act and/or Policy), involves Council's shareholding in CCTO or CCO and does not affect the Council's capacity to carry out, or the cost of carrying out, an activity identified in the LTP.

- 24 The Council's Policy Guideline relating to the 'Criteria for Closing Significant Roads' have been considered in the preparation of this report.

Consultation

- 25 As per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1974, this road closures has been advertised in the *Wanaka Sun*. Any objections received following on from the first advertisement will be tabled at the Board meeting for discussion. If approved, the road closure extent will be advertised in the Sun again before the event.
- 26 Council staff notify the Emergency Services, the NZTA and the Police of the closures (as required under the Local Government Act 1974) as well as Council contractors and staff who have an interest in road closures.
- 27 The applicant will notify businesses within the closure route with the full road closure details and supply them with their contact details if required.
- 28 A letter drop will be completed prior to event taking place and there will be extensive publicity associated with the event.
- 29 The NZTA are an interested party in this closure, as the event affects State Highways and they will need to be notified of the details of the application. The event proposes again to have a one way closure at the Albert Town Bridge (north bound) in order to prevent long traffic delays to northbound traffic. The applicant will need to consult with the NZTA on this and include any diversion routes in their traffic management plan.
- 30 The Transport team have consulted with the Events Office who has advised that Challenge Wanaka have obtained events funding for their event and also obtained this funding in 2013/14. Challenge Wanaka meets the following Events Office profile objectives as it:
- Adds value to the overall event portfolio
 - Delivers a high level of direct incremental economic benefit
 - Contributes to long-term economic growth and/or development of the regional event industry
 - Reinforces the District's position as a tourism icon and key district objectives
 - Brings the community together and fosters civic pride
 - Celebrates the District's diversity, culture, sport, participation and heritage
 - Showcases the District's natural environment
 - Generates media profile for the District and delivers leverage opportunities

Publicity

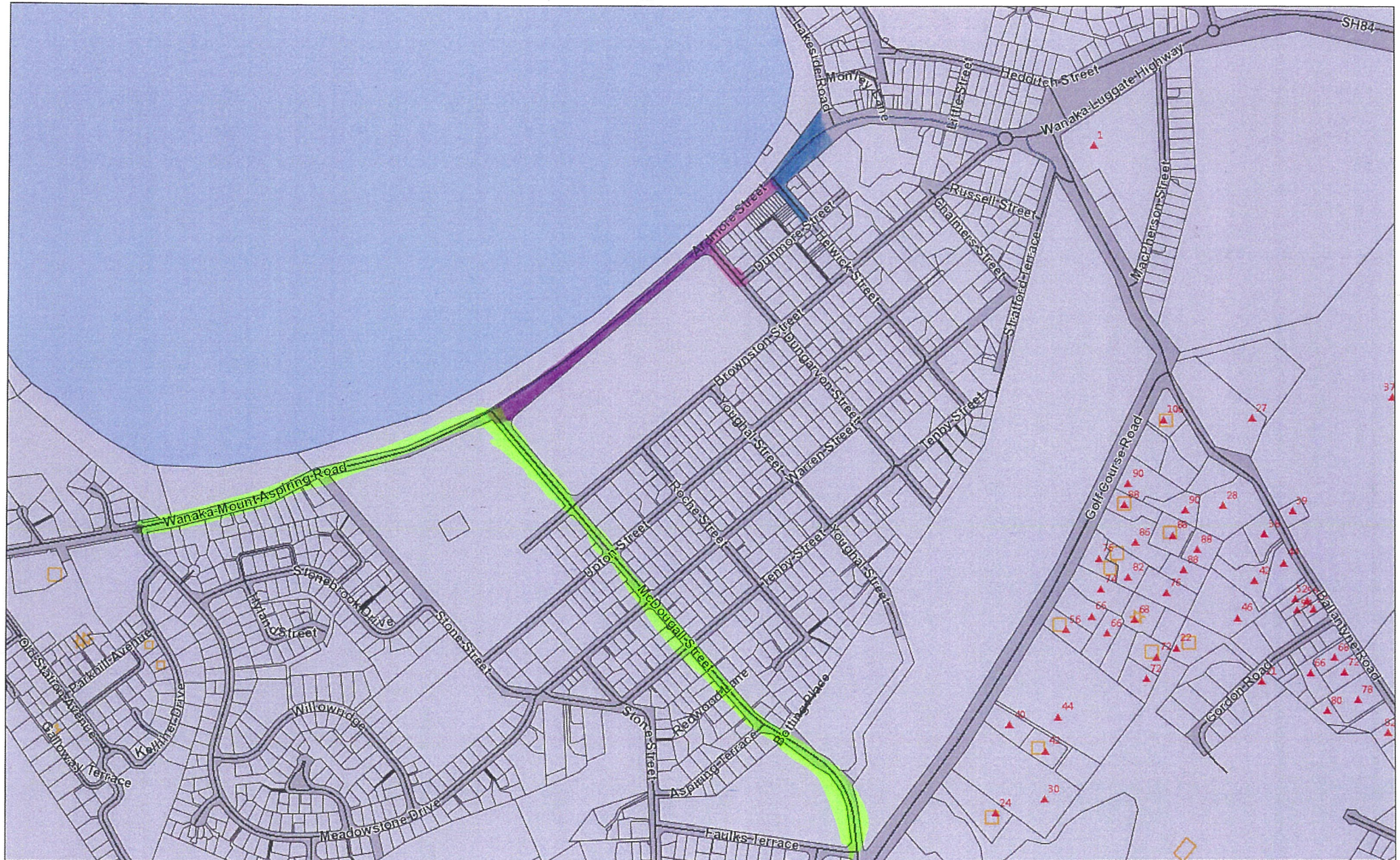
- 31 No media statements or public communications are required in association with this report.

Attachments

- A Road Closure map and road closure schedule

ROAD CLOSURE	DATE & TIME	PURPOSE	ALTERNATIVE ROUTE
Ardmore Street from Dungarvon to MacDougall Streets	Friday 20 February 2015 from 0800 to Monday 23 February 2015 at 1800	Infrastructure build up and breakdown	Via Brownston Street
Dungarvon Street from Dunmore Street to Ardmore Street	Saturday 21 February 2015 from 1400 to Monday 23 February 2015 at 0300	Infrastructure build up, Junior Challenge and Challenge Women	Via Helwick Street or Brownston Street
Ardmore Street from Helwick Street to Lakeside Road	Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0300 to Monday 23 February 2015 at 0300	Infrastructure build up and safe passage of athletes	Via Brownston Street
Ardmore Street from Helwick Street to Dungarvon Street	Friday 20 February 2015 from 1200 to Sunday 22 February 2015 at 0300	Infrastructure build up and safe passage of athletes including Junior Challenge and Challenge Women	Via Brownston Street
Single lane closure of Mt Aspiring Road from Meadowstone Drive	Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0645 to 1200	Challenge Wanaka to allow safe passage for both athletes and motorists	Via Meadowstone Drive to return to town until road re-opens. Access to residents and tourism operators will be permitted.
Closure of Ardmore Street from Macdougall Street to Meadowstone Drive	Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0630 to 1730	To allow safe passage of athletes	Via Faulks Terrace and Meadowstone. Access to residents permitted
One way closure of Macdougall Street from Faulks Terrace to Ardmore Street. Traffic to flow as usual out of town.	Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0900 to 1730	To allow safe passage of athletes travelling at high speed down the hill	Via Faulks Terrace and Meadowstone or Golf Course Road. Access to the Motor Camp will be provided through a traffic control point on the Brownston/Macdougall Streets junction
Helwick Street from Dunmore Street to Ardmore Street	Saturday 21 February 2015 from 0300 to Sunday 22 February 2015 at 0300	Create a pedestrianised family zone with entertainment, food and shopping	Via Dunmore Street, Dungarvon and Brownsont Streets
One way closure of Red Bridge (northbound)	Sunday 22 February 2015 from 0830 to 1700	Challenge Wanaka to prevent long traffic delays to northbound traffic (a detour will be quicker)	Via Camphill Road, Hawea Flat and Kane Road

Challenge Wanaka



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