

**Community & Services Committee
6 April 2017**

Report for Agenda Item 4

Department: Property & Infrastructure

Renaming an Existing Reserve within the Queenstown Lakes District

Purpose

- 1 To consider and approve the renaming of 'Geoff Taylor Park', Luggate to 'Taylor Park'.

Recommendation

- 2 That the Community & Services Committee:
 1. **Note** the contents of this report and in particular;
 2. **Note** that on 23 February 2017 the Community Services Committee:
 - a. Accepted the recommendation to approve that the reserve legally described as Lot 401 DP 361422, was named 'Geoff Taylor Park'
 - b. Approved the gazetting of all reserves when vested.
 3. **Note** that following the acceptance of the recommendation above, the Luggate Community Association contacted Council to advise they wish the reserve legally described as Lot 401 DP 361422 is renamed '**Taylor Park**'.
 4. **Approve** that the reserve legally described as Lot 401 DP 361422, is re named '**Taylor Park**'.
 5. **Approve** the gazetting of the reserve.

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Background

- 3 The Luggate Community Association (LCA) requested that Council formally name a recreation reserve off Main Road, Luggate. The reserve legally described as Lot 401 DP 361422 was informally known as 'Harris Place Reserve'. Please refer to Attachment A for the location of this reserve.
- 4 The proposed name was 'Geoff Taylor Park'. Geoff Taylor passed away in February 2016 and was a highly respected and loved community stalwart and therefore the community association wish to honour him in this way.
- 5 The Community Services Committee resolved and approved the formal naming of this reserve on 23 February 2017. Following this resolution, the Luggate Community Association contacted Council to advise that they wish for the reserve to be renamed 'Taylor Park' instead.
- 6 The LCA agreed to this change following their AGM earlier in the year but did not inform Council. The Council were advised after an article was published in the Otago Daily Times following resolution on 23 February 2017.
- 7 The LCA agreed to change the name to 'Taylor Park' as it was seen to be more inclusive and acceptable.

Comment

- 8 The Parks and Reserves Naming Policy outlines the criteria to assess suggested names.
- 9 The approved name for the reserve on Main Road, Luggate met the following criteria contained within the naming policy - 2. Historical Person or Event as Geoff Taylor was a notable person with local association.
- 10 Amending the approved name for the reserve to 'Taylor Park' would still meet the criteria contained within the naming policy - 2. Historical Person or Event.

11 Options

- 12 The report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002:

13 Option 1 Formally rename the reserve

Advantages:

- 14 Relevant name formally adopted to provide the reserves a 'sense of place' and geographic reference and recognises significant contributions of an individual.

Disadvantages:

15 It may cause potential conflict as the wider community have not been consulted on regarding the name.

16 Option 2 Seek alternative name options

Advantages:

17 Allow for other name applications for the reserves and measure the best option as per the parks and reserves naming policy.

Disadvantages:

18 Alternative name applications may not be received

19 Costs associated with further consultation.

20 Option 3 Do not formally rename the reserve

Advantages:

21 Avoid any conflict or disagreement with other interested parties wanting to apply for an appropriate name.

Disadvantages:

22 The reserve is left with a name that the community are not entirely happy with.

23 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter.

Significance and Engagement

24 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the reserves are not considered strategic assets.

Risk

25 The matter does not have significant risk. The risk is noted as OR26 as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as low. Risk of judicial review can arise if Council fail to name reserves in accordance with the Naming of Parks & Reserves Policy. The recommended option considered above mitigates the risk by recommending names that are in accordance with Councils policy.

Financial Implications

26 There are no financial implications to formally name the reserves.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

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

- Significance Policy – this decision does not meet any of the significance thresholds.
- Parks & Reserves Naming Policy - to determine the process for naming these reserves.

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

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

28 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by providing a sense of place and geographic reference for each reserve which is formally named.
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter 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.

Consultation: Community Views and Preferences

29 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are residents and ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community and local Iwi.

30 The community has not been consulted because the matter is not considered to be of such significance to require wider consultation.

31 As per the naming policy requirements, the Parks & Reserves Officer has consulted with local Iwi to determine whether the open space or surrounding area is of significance to Maori in accordance with the processes and protocols developed with the relevant Papatipu Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

32 Kai Tahu Ki Otago (KTKO) Ltd has advised that there is no objection to the proposed names

Attachments

A Geoff Taylor Park, Luggate aerial map