

7. Notice of Motion

Reporting officer M P Simpson (Chief Executive Officer)

Date 15 February 2011

Notice of Motion – Councillor Williamson

Councillor Williamson has given notice, in accordance with Standing Order 3.10.1, that he intends to move at this council meeting (23 February 2011) the following motion:

- “ 1. *That Council develops a series of story boards for each historic Park in Whangarei District. The story boards to include a brief history of the park and the family it is named after, along with physical details of the Park.*
2. *That staff develop a report detailing the feasibility, implementation and indicative roll out of the story board project for Whangarei District Parks.*
- 3 *That an initial amount of \$30,000 be provided for this work in the 2011-2012 draft Annual Plan.”*

Background

Much of Whangarei's history is captured in the names of our founders as assigned to our various public parks. Yet for most of these parks, the name is the only indication of that history. Parks such as Cafler Park, Mander Park, Hodges Park, Carruth Park, Cookson Park, Laurie Hall Park, William Fraser Memorial Park and Pihoi have nothing other than the name on them. Mair Park and A H Reed Memorial Reserve have some acknowledgement of their significance on signage at their entrances. Council maintains all these Parks in great condition.

Visitors to our District are interested in our history and to encourage them to stay explore and research is a passive way by which we can encourage them to stay longer and learn about who we are. A more significant benefit, however, is the way that our local residents learn more about who we are, their sense of place within that, and how we honour those who have made a significant contribution to our District.

This project is capable of being staged over a number of years, so that eventually all Public Parks have their own stories in place on the Park itself.