

Council Workshop
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Date: Tuesday 31 March 2026
Time: 12.31 pm
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauger
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor David Cartwright
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Pauline Cotter
	Councillor Celeste Donovan
	Councillor Tyrone Fields
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt
	Councillor Nathaniel Herz Jardine
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

An apology for early departure was received from Mayor Phil Mauger.

2. Venues Ōtautahi Ltd - Draft Statement of Intent 2026/27

Caroline Harvie-Teare, Venues Ōtautahi Chief Executive and Jamie Mountier, Chief Financial Officer joined the workshop to present Item 2 (refer to agenda report and the attached presentation), and to answer questions from elected members.

Venues Ōtautahi Board Chair Gill Cox and member Brent Ford were in attendance.

Key presentation points:

- The presentation provided an overview of the Statement of Intent (SOI), including strategic priorities, risks and opportunities, performance measures and financial performance targets.
- It showed a planned shift from a preparation and readiness phase in FY years 2026 – 2028 to a commercially mature, performance-driven operating model in FY 2027 – 2029.
- The opening of the stadium represents a step change in scale for Venues Ōtautahi, and it will become the core anchor asset. Revenue is expected to increase significantly as a result, and the stadium's metrics and targets will be reported separately to give visibility of its performance within the portfolio.
- Venues Ōtautahi (VŌ) expects no operational funding from the Council will be required for this SOI period and beyond. It anticipates becoming a fully self-sustaining commercial entity, driven largely by stadium-related revenues.
- If the recent events in the Middle East affecting international oil supply continue, that could affect food costs (due to increased transport costs) and international touring costs, making New Zealand a less attractive destination.

Key discussion points:

- The consultation VŌ is currently undertaking in relation to its review of whether, with the stadium opening, it should operate an in-house, outsourced or hybrid model for cleaning its facilities.
- Confirmation that VŌ is confident it will become self-funding due to the stadium becoming operational.

Attachments

- A Venues Ōtautahi FY 2027 - 2029 Statement of Intent presentation 

Councillor Harrison-Hunt joined the workshop at 1.03 pm during consideration of Item 3.

Deputy Mayor Henstock left the workshop at 1.05 pm and returned at 1.07 pm during consideration of Item 3.

Mayor Mauger left the workshop at 1.10 pm during consideration of item 3.

Deputy Mayor Henstock assumed the Chair at 1.10 pm for the remainder of the workshop.

3. One New Zealand Stadium at Te Kaha - Traffic Management Plan

Stephen Wright, Head of Transport and Simon Hodges, Team Leader Temporary Traffic Management joined the workshop to present Item 3 (refer to the report in the agenda and the attached presentation), and to answer questions from elected members.

Key presentation points:

- A multi-agency working group is responsible for developing comprehensive traffic management plans (TMPs) and identifying infrastructure needs to support smooth event operations while minimising local disruption. It considered a study on the anticipated impacts of the stadium, including opportunities to use permanent infrastructure improvements to reduce effects on the wider city along with implications for the venue operator's operational costs.
- In November 2025, Venues Ōtautahi submitted proposed traffic management plans to Council that relied on the permanent infrastructure delivered through Council's Te Kaha surrounding streets project.
- In early 2026, a security assessment by New Zealand Police recommended a shift in approach. In response, the venue operator has proposed a more comprehensive traffic management methodology for events, which Council officers support.
- The new plan includes road closures on Madras, Tuam and Barbadoes Steets and restricted access on neighbouring streets. Road closures will occur one hour prior to the stadium gates opening and up to an hour at the conclusion of an event.
- Road closures for the first stadium event, the Super Rugby Super Round, to be held from 24 to 26 April 2026 were considered and approved by the Council Road Closure Subcommittee on 20 March 2026 and will be processed in the coming weeks.
- A multi-agency Communications Group will ensure consistent and coordinated messaging about transport impacts on the network.

Key discussion points:

- Parking restrictions and management of the ride-share drop-off/pickup area, including ease of access and egress, and additional parking enforcement.
- Communications to promote different modes of transport for getting to and from the stadium.
- The effect of roadworks on Fitzgerald Ave in conjunction with road closures on the roading network.
- Access to parking buildings and restricted access areas.
- It was confirmed that staff and TMP operators plan to be highly responsive to the live situation at the first (and following) large events and adapt as necessary.
- There will be a review of the TMP following the first event and this will include looking at costs.

Attachments

- A One NZ Stadium at Te Kaha Traffic Management Council presentation 

4. Items Closed to the Public Ngā Take mō te wāhanga o te hui e rāhui ana ki te hunga tūmatanui

The session went into public excluded to consider the confidential items advertised at the end of the public agenda.

The Workshop concluded at 2.42 pm.