

Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 5 May 2026
Time: 3:31 pm
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Level 2, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street

Present

Chair	Tutehounuku Korako
Deputy Chair	Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock
Members	Mayor Phil Mauger Councillor Kelly Barber Dr Te Maire Tau

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- Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision**
Part B Reports for Information
Part C Decisions Under Delegation
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Karakia Tīmatanga

The agenda was dealt with in the following order. Where no voting record is shown, the item was carried unanimously by those present.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Committee Resolved ŌARCR/2026/00001

That the apology from Tania Wati for absence be accepted.

Member Henstock/Councillor Barber

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Committee Comment

1. Councillor Barber nominated and Mayor Mauger seconded, Tutehounuku Korako as Chair, and Deputy Mayor Henstock as Deputy Chair. There were no other nominations and when put to the vote, was declared carried.

Committee Resolved ŌARCR/2026/00002

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Election of Chair and Deputy Chair Report.
2. Elect Tutehounuku Korako as the Chair for 2026 in accordance with Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committees Terms of Reference (Attachment A to this report).
3. Elect Victoria Henstock as the Deputy Chair for 2026 in accordance with Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committees Terms of Reference.
4. Approves meeting in 2026 on the following days:
 - a. 11 August 3.30-5pm
 - b. 24 November 3.30-5pm

5. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Councillor Barber/Mayor

Carried

4. OARC - Work Programme Update

Committee Resolved ŌARCR/2026/00003

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee:

1. Receives the information in the OARC - Work Programme Update Report.

Mayor/Member Tau

Carried

Attachments

- A OARC Update Presentation [⇒](#)

5. OARC Scheme Design - 'Advance Works' projects

Committee Resolved ŌARCR/2026/00004

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee:

1. Receives the information in the OARC Scheme Design - 'Advance Works' projects report.
2. Notes that the decisions in this report are of low-medium significance in relation to the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy 2019.
3. Approves the progression of design for the parks and landscape elements identified in Table 1 of this report, across the following OARC sectors:
 - a. Sector 1 – Avon Loop
 - b. Sector 4 – Avonside Loop
 - c. Sector 7a – Halberg
 - d. Sector 10 – Kerrs Reach Northeast
 - e. Sector 12 – Culver
 - f. Sector 17 – Bexley
4. Notes fully developed concept plans with accompanying cost analysis and benefit descriptions consistent with the approved OARC Assessment Framework (*Ka Whata Kai a Te Rakihouia - The Food Storehouse of Rakihouia*) will be brought back to the Committee for a decision to proceed prior to committing to delivery.

Mayor/Member Tau

Carried

6. Stopping of Wetlands Grove and Velsheda Street, Bexley Committee Resolved ŌARCR/2026/00005

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Stopping of Wetlands Grove and Velsheda Street, Bexley report.
2. Notes that the decisions in this report are of low significance in relation to the [Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy 2019](#).
3. Instructs staff to commence the formal road stopping process under the Local Government Act 1974 for:
 - a. Wetlands Grove (between State Highway 74/Anzac Drive and Velsheda Street);
 - b. Velsheda Street (between Wetlands Grove and 9 Velsheda Street).
4. In the event that there are no objections received through the road stopping process, authorises staff to complete the road stopping.
5. In the event there are objections, authorises staff to manage those in accordance with the Local Government Act 1974 procedures.
6. Delegates authority to the Manager Property Consultancy to do all things necessary and make any decisions at his sole discretion that are consistent with the intent of this report to implement the above resolutions.

Councillor Barber/Mayor

Carried

7. Edge Housing Areas – Proposal to Commence Request for Information process for Third Party Delivery

Committee Resolved ŌARCR/2026/00006

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Edge Housing Areas – Approval to Commence Expressions of Interest for Third Party Delivery report.
2. Notes that the decisions in this report are assessed as being of low significance in relation to the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy 2019.
3. Agrees to commence a Request for Information (RFI) process for third party delivery of housing on the Edge Housing Areas identified in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Development Plan.

4. Notes that the decisions in this report relate only to commencing a RFI process, and that no commitment to dispose of, lease or otherwise grant interests in any Edge Housing Area land is made by this decision.

Member Tau/Mayor

Carried

8. Pump Station 8, Retreat Road Demolition

Committee Resolved ŌARCR/2026/00007

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Pump Station 8, Retreat Road Demolition Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Directs staff to implement the mitigation recommendations outlined in Section 4.23 and 4.24, including photographic and digital recording of the structure, and development of a site interpretation strategy.
4. Approves the demolition of the former Pump Station 8, located at 1 Retreat Road.

Mayor/Member Tau

Carried

Meeting concluded at 4.32 pm

CONFIRMED THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2026