

# **Application for a Temporary Road Closure – BDO Tour of Northland Cycle Challenge**

**Meeting:** Kaipara District Council  
**Date of meeting:** January 2020 **Reporting officer:** Wendy Campbell, Corridor Access Coordinator

## **Purpose/Ngā whāinga**

To seek approval from the council for the application of a temporary road closure for the purpose of the BDO Tour of Northland Cycle Challenge

## **Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga**

Approve the application for a temporary road closure to allow the BDO Tour of Northland Cycle Challenge event to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be held on Saturday 21 March 2020 from 09:00am to 01:00pm on Victoria Street, Dargaville (between Edward St and Normanby St). Pedestrian access will remain open to allow access to businesses located within the closure.

## **Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga**

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approves the application for the temporary road closure which includes Victoria Street, Dargaville (between Edward Street and Normanby Street) as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (attachment A of this report) on Saturday 21 March 2020 from 9:00am to 01:00pm. A condition of approval being the event organiser to do a letter drop to all businesses/residents located within the road closure.

## **Context/Horopaki**

In terms of the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulation 1965, Council is required to advertise any road closures at least 42 days in advance of an event. The decision to close the road is to be approved by Council under the Local Government Act 1974, s319.

The BDO Tour of Northland Cycle Challenge 2020 event will be held on Saturday 21 March 2020 from 09:00am to 01:00pm and will be the ninth year that Dynamo Cycling & Sport Club Inc are running the cycle challenge successfully. To carry out the cycle challenge in a safe manner the applicants have applied to temporarily close Victoria Street (between Edward Street and Normanby Street). This event is widely supported every year with a financial and social gain for the local community and businesses.

## **Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero**

The proposed Traffic Management Plan requires the road to be closed for 4 hours on a Saturday between the hours of 09:00am to 01:00pm, for the purpose of finishing the cycle race in a safe manner. This may cause some minor nuisance to the businesses/residents located within the closure however, this event has been publicly notified in the Dargaville Lifestyler issue dated 10 December 2019 and no objections have been received during the notification period.

There is no history found of any issues raised by past events and the finish stages of the cycle tour held on Victoria and Edward Streets, Dargaville is an event enjoyed by many locals.

### **Options**

**Option A:** Approve the application for temporary road closure.

By choosing Option A Council can allow a safe event for the community, event participants and road users during the event. The closure will have a minimum impact on traffic and pedestrians

**Option B:** Decline the application for temporary road closure:

Declining this application would not allow for a safe event. The event organisers are committed to continuing the said leg of the event without the temporary road closures in place. Dynamo Cycling and Sports Club Inc. along with Council's Roading Team would prefer to enforce the temporary road closure due to improved safety for the community, event participants and road users.

### **Policy and planning implications**

Local Government Act 1974, s319 – General powers of Council in respect of roads.

Section 319(1)(h) includes "to stop or close any road or part thereof in the manner and upon the conditions set out in s342 and Schedule 10"

### **Financial implications**

The applicant will bear all costs of temporarily closing the road.

### **Risks and mitigations**

There are no major risks associated with the decisions or matters outlined in this report.

## **Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā**

The public have been informed of the application.

## **Next steps/E whaiake nei**

Advise the applicant of the council's decision. If approved, give public notice and advise stakeholders of the decision to close part of the road under Clause 11a of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974. Applicant to undertake letter drop to all residence/businesses located within the closure.

## **Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga**

Number	Title
A	Traffic Management Plan

Wendy Campbell, 18 December 2019