



Infrastructure and Projects Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 11 February 2026 commencing at 9:30am.

1. Welcome and Meeting Opening

Cr S A Wallace (Chairperson), Mayor S M Gilmore, Crs C L Corlett (Deputy Chairperson), A J Amboy, P A Johns and E L Peeti-Webber.

In Attendance

Cr S M Wards

Cr E F Kennedy

Mr M Alexander	- Interim Chief Executive
Mrs K Tani	- Group Manager – Strategy and Information
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Operations
Ms T McDonald	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr M Dunn	- Manager – Programmes and Projects
Mr A Desmond	- Network Manager
Mr E Priest	- Project Management Office Team Leader
Mr M Clifford	- 3 Waters Asset Manager
Mr V Lim	- Water and Wastewater Operations Manager
Mrs A Howell	- External Communications and Intelligence Lead
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Nil

6. Reports

6.1 Infrastructure Management Report

The Infrastructure and Projects Committee considered the report of the Group Manager – Operations dated 28 January 2026 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 5 September 2025 to 28 January 2026.

In response to a question raised during discussion of the Transport Activity Management Plan item in the report, regarding footpath maintenance funding, it was noted that funding had been cut significantly by NZ Transport Agency in the previous funding round. The Council had set aside \$150,000 through the Long Term Plan to assist with maintenance requirements. It was advised that a clear policy on how to respond to CRM requests for repairing driveway entrances was required.

It was asked that a more detailed report be provided with options for repairing driveway crossings, for Council to work through, potentially in an open to the public workshop, prior to coming to the Council for decision.

It was noted that roading policies were being worked on and these would be considered through the Transport Activity Management Plan in the Long Term Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am and resumed at 10:30am.

Officers then spoke to the Three Waters part of the report. In response to a question about the recent high water take in Eketāhuna, it was noted that usage had dropped following communications about the need for reduction. With regard to the Dannevirke Impound Supply, it was advised that during the recent period of high turbidity in the Tamaki River, the water take from the river was paused. During this period the stored water from the Impound Supply was used, with the water level within the Impound Supply dropping to 7 metres. This provided an opportunity for testing of the new pump system. Once the river turbidity levels had dropped, the supply returned to being drawn from the river and the impound supply water level soon increased, and was currently back up to 8.6 metres. Similarly in Woodville, during periods of high turbidity the impound

supply was used until the turbidity levels in the river dropped.

In response to a question about the installation of a new flowmeter in the infiltration gallery, it was advised that this replacement had been scheduled to take place soon. It was noted that replacement of the flowmeter had been scheduled.

Members noted there was still some confusion in the community about the status of the Dannevirke Impound Supply, and it was questioned whether there was an opportunity for simple explainers to be made to talk about the success and resilience of the impound supply, and then providing that information out to the public in an easily digestible way.

With regard to the Akitio water supply, it was advised that faulty ballcocks on the water storage tanks had been replaced and this had addressed the reported problems with overflowing water from the tanks.

With regards to Wastewater, a question was asked in relation to the Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant wetlands about whether there would be additional works required to protect this area from flooding. It was noted that this project was covered in the next report on the agenda.

With regards to the solid waste section of the report, it was asked that comparative data for the previous year be included in the report going forward.

A comment was made about the height of the racks on the Drop Off Centre bins as these were set too high for many people to rest their recycling bins on.

In response to a question about whether there was a cost to dispose of batteries at the Dannevirke Transfer Station, it was advised that it was free to drop these off at the kiosk. With regard to disposal of dangerous chemicals such as brake fluid at the transfer station, it was advised that officers would check the requirements and report back to the committee.

That the report from the Group Manager - Operations dated 28 January 2026 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.

Johns/Gilmore

Carried

6.2 **Portfolio Programme Project Report**

The Infrastructure and Projects Committee considered the report of the PMO Team Lead dated 22 January 2026 that provided an update to the committee on the key portfolios, programmes and project statuses.

With regards to the Carnegie building in Dannevirke, it was asked whether it was planned to provide an update to Council on this project. It was advised that an update was planned to be provided to Council once the Executive Leadership

Team had reviewed the report.

With regard to the improvements underway at the Dog Pound, it was noted this was in order to comply with regulations.

It was also asked that the report include milestone dates.

Information was requested on the integration of services in Woodville and when the completion date for that was expected. An update was expected to be provided in the near future.

That the report from the PMO Team Lead dated 22 January 2026 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.

Peeti-Webber/Amboy

Carried

7. Items not on the Agenda

8.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12:01pm.