

From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: French crêperie cart
Date: Sunday, 12 May 2024 3:07:54 pm

Hello Tom.

I recently met two young Frenchmen, Vincent Le Roux and Paul Charneau, who have moved to New Zealand and established a crêpe food cart. One of them is an engineer, but I can't remember which one! They LOVE Wellington.

They are calling their business 'La Parisienne'. They have imported a mobile crêpe kitchen trailer, and a commercial crêpe maker (double). They are keen to make contacts in Wellington. I suggested they try to get a position at the Wellington Railway Station, as the supermarket has closed; I think they have done that. They are also keen to meet other French and/or food people to get local knowledge etc (helping source ingredients, such as buckwheat flour). If you can do anything to help them, that would be terrific. Their contact numbers are below, and I will tell them I have alerted you but I won't give them your contact details.

s7(2)(a)

Vincent Le Roux - **s7(2)(a)** - **s7(2)(a)** [@gmail.com](#)

Paul Charneau - **s7(2)(a)** - **s7(2)(a)** [@gmail.com](#)

Kind regards, Nicola

Nicola M J Young
Wellington City Councillor
Pukehīnau Lambton Ward
M: **s7(2)(f)(ii)**

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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
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Subject: Re: Wellington Water comms spend
Date: Sunday, 12 May 2024 11:15:24 am

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The driveway: would cost \$\$\$ to maintain. Have you read the bio of Shirley; commissioned by daughter Helen and son-in-law, with full access to papers etc. They were so upset by the manuscript they didn't attend the book launch. It's a fantastic book.

LTP consultation: totally up to speed. And people aren't submitting cos of Council's reputation for ignoring submissions; I have been told that by SO many people. And now the latest clusterwhuck. Hopeless

From: Tom Hunt <[x@xx](#)>
Date: Sunday, 12 May 2024 at 11:43 AM
To: Councillor Nicola Young <[x@xx](#)>
Subject: Re: Wellington Water comms spend

June sounds good! I went up to Sutch house a few years back to interview Bill and Shirley's daughter. An amazing place and what a driveway! Have you caught up on the kerfuffle on the LTP consultation? It seems people were marked as supporting things they didn't!

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Subject: Re: Wellington Water comms spend
Date: Sunday, 12 May 2024 12:27:51 pm

You would make a great Council officer!

From: Tom Hunt <[x@xxx](#)>
Date: Sunday, 12 May 2024 at 12:26 PM
To: DL: Councillors <[x@xxx](#)>
Subject: Re: Wellington Water comms spend

Hi all - I seem to have messed up my numbers. They went from 3 to 8, not the other way!

On Sun, May 12, 2024 at 7:50 AM Tom Hunt <[x@xxx](#)> wrote:

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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: Re: Arlington tower
Date: Sunday, 19 May 2024 9:40:56 am

Silence from me. I'm out of the loop on this one although - off the record - suspect it's cost related

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From: Tom Hunt <x@x>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2024 7:45:40 AM
To: x@x<x@x>; Councillor Iona Pannett <x@x>; Councillor Nicola Young <nicola.young@x>; Councillor Geordie Rogers <x@x>
Subject: Arlington tower

Good morning Tamatha, Iona, Geordie, and Nicola,
Can you give me a call when you have a second?
Back in 2020, [when the Arlington tower block was being demolished](#), Kāinga Ora said the new plan would do away with the isolation caused by high-rise apartments.
Below is an extract from the recent Mt Cook Mobilised minutes saying they are now planning a nine storey tower there ... which seems to go against what was said in 2020!
Cheers

Kāinga Ora – Josh Clark was unable to attend, but Jonathan Scholes came on his behalf at short notice. Jonathan is the Programme Manager, Construction and Innovation, Wellington for KO. Jonathan reported on recent developments with respect to the opening of Te Ō on Rolleston St and answered questions from those present. The questions covered the slow pace of the development (e.g. compared with the Reservoir), safety issues for staff, the use of 'red' lights, privacy issues, and related matters.

Jonathan Scholes then explained the current status of the planned social housing development on Hopper St (Arlington), which will be the largest such development in New Zealand. He said that the revised plans would mean fewer and taller buildings (one of nine floors), which in turn would result in more open space, a better use of the site, and better value for money. Kāinga Ora is expecting to see the revised drawings soon and would be seeking the views of the Minister of Housing (Chris Bishop) on the development, given its size and cost.

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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: Re: Thorndon Quay pipes.
Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024 1:07:49 pm

Hi Tom. The work on TQ needs to be paused immediately; actually I think the whole project should be stopped!

Nicola

From: Tom Hunt <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024 at 8:08 AM
To: Pearl Little <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman <[REDACTED]>, Councillor John Apanowicz <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Tim Brown <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Diane Calvert <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Ray Chung <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Sarah Free <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Rebecca Matthews <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Ben McNulty <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Teri O'Neill <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Iona Pannett <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Tony Randle <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Geordie Rogers <[REDACTED]>, Councillor N [REDACTED] ikau Wi Neera <[REDACTED]>, Councillor Nicola Young <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Thorndon Quay pipes.

Hi all,

As I am sure you are aware, Diane Calvert has asked for urgent advice on immediately pausing work on Thorndon Quay until the state of the pipes can be checked. If not that, she is asking for an urgent report from WW on the state of the pipes there.

Can I please find out from each of you whether you support this (please specify if the full pause or the urgent report). If you do want to comment, please keep it short.

If you could get back to me by 1pm.

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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: Re: A couple of questions
Date: Monday, 27 May 2024 12:14:39 pm

I can't make an informed comment on your pipes question.

Biz interests question: have asked for advice (not sure when I will have a response).

NMJY

From: Tom Hunt <xxx.xxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx>
Date: Monday, 27 May 2024 at 7:57 AM
To: DL: Councillors <xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>
Subject: A couple of questions

Apologies if you are getting this twice but I seem to be having some email issues.

But two questions please:

* Does anyone want to comment (briefly) on the attached LGOIMA, showing that even with increased spending on pipes, the backlog of pipes needing replacement (under current planned funding) in the next 10 years will grow by 154km from 406km to 560km.

Do you believe these figures are accurate and does this mean Wellington's pipe issues will actually be worse in 10 years time?

* Can I please check with each of you whether you (personally or via trusts etc) have any business interests/shareholdings in any company that stands to gain from the airport share sale?

If so, can I get details?

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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: Fwd: GM petition
Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 1:34:32 pm

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From: Tom Hunt <[xx@xx](#)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 12:24
To: Councillor Nicola Young <[xx@xx](#)>
Subject: Re: GM petition

On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 12:18 PM Councillor Nicola Young <[xx@xx](#)> wrote:

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Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 10:00 AM
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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: Re: Reading
Date: Wednesday, 26 June 2024 9:22:03 am

Great news! We might finally get some progress on this abandoned site, which is a huge block of land with plenty of potential.

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From: Tom Hunt <x@xx>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 9:03:25 AM
To: Councillor Iona Pannett <x@xx>; Councillor Nicola Young <x@xx>; Councillor Geordie Rogers <Geordie.Rogers@wcc.govt.nz>; Pearl Little <x@xx>
Subject: Reading

Hi all,

I'm sure you are all having a quiet day and have scope to look at this.

But Reading is seemingly looking at selling up its land. Would you like to comment on what this could mean for the CP area.

Ellen Cotter to shareholders:

"With respect to our assets in Wellington, New Zealand, we were approached by the Wellington City Council in late 2022 about accelerating the redevelopment of our Courtney Central building. For approximately 18 months, we engaged with representatives of the Wellington City Council about a transaction that would accelerate the redevelopment. While we were able to negotiate an agreement that was approved by the council and which would have facilitated financing for the initiation of the project, that agreement required the negotiation of definitive additional documentation.

After months of negotiating that documentation and believing that we've substantially finished it in all material respects, negotiations were purportedly terminated by the Wellington City Council on a unilateral basis without warning. This action followed a leak of the anticipated deal terms and a flood of adverse press asserting that the deal was too favorable to Reading. Following this, the company is reassessing its options with respect to all of our real estate holdings in Wellington."

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To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: PoW field
Date: Monday, 29 July 2024 3:20:13 pm

Have talked with my Mt Cook expert, s7(2)(a) . He is unaware of any issues with the top field; says it's the bottom field – too wet for sport, and has irrigation nozzles which are potentially dangerous. HEB were the contractors. Needs a gravel pit cos of issues around the bund. He's happy to talk with you: s7(2)(a) . NMJ

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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#); [DL: Councillors](#)
Subject: Re: Barbara McKerrow
Date: Tuesday, 30 July 2024 10:43:33 am

No.... 😊

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From: Tom Hunt <[x@xxx](#)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 10:36:47 AM
To: DL: Councillors <[x@xxx](#)>
Subject: Barbara McKerrow

Morning all,
Does anyone want to comment on Barbara McKerrow not reapplying?
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From: Tom Hunt <xxx.xxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx>
Date: Monday, 12 August 2024 at 12:26 PM
To: Councillor Iona Pannett <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>, Councillor Nicola Young <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>, Councillor Geordie Rogers <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>, Pearl Little <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>
Subject: <no subject>

Hi all,

Does anyone want to weigh in on the attached LGOIMA: The council spent \$84k on a bike rack that (according to council data) gets used 2.7 times a week.

s7(2)(a), who lives locally took photos last week, twice a day for five days. Six times it was empty, three times there was one bike, and once there was two. It should be pointed out that **s7(2)(a)** is not anti-cycle - he used to ride 300km a week and still regularly does 30km rides. But he says the council has its priorities wrong when it is spending \$84k on a bike rack while the pipes are falling apart.

Hello **s7(2)(a)**,

Thanks for reaching out with your questions. Find the answers below;

1. The total cost of the Freyberg Pool Bike Box cycle parking is \$84,208.88 (inc GST). This includes design, manufacturing of the structure and two-tiered bike racks, transport, asphalt ramp, and bollard. It is worth noting this project was 51% funded by NZTA as part of our Cycle Minor Works fund agreement.
2. This bike parking was monitored recently from the 16/04/24, twice a day, two times a week for six weeks. The weekly average use during this autumn period was 2.7 bikes. The weather associated with this monitoring was recorded as wet and cold, with numbers dropping to single digits. This bike count is planned to be repeated in

January-February 2025 during summer months. It is to note the count data records an average of 3 bikes per week parked in other bike racks in front of the pool. This is to be expected as the Bike Box is meant to be used as additional capacity for busy days.

3. In addition, the Freyberg pool signage is being updated as part of a separate project. This update will include symbols to highlight the availability of bike parking in the carpark as feedback tells us the Bike Box may be underutilised as members of public may have not realised it is there or unsure of its purpose.

If you have any more queries, feel free to get in touch directly.

Kind regards,

Guillaume Bennani

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From: [Councillor Nicola Young](#)
To: [Tom Hunt](#)
Subject: FW: STOP GOLDEN MILE
Date: Friday, 16 August 2024 3:26:21 am

s7(2)(a) is happy to discuss with you: s7(2)(a) 88. Her first email spells out the reasons for her opposition to the Golden Mile.

Nicola

From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)>
Date: Thursday, 15 August 2024 at 8:25 AM
To: Councillor Nicola Young <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>
Subject: RE: STOP GOLDEN MILE

Hi

Yes I would be open to talking to him. Im just an average rate payer who has had enough.

Thanks

s7(2)(a)

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From: Councillor Nicola Young <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 4:55 PM
To: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)>
Subject: Re: STOP GOLDEN MILE

I have been talking with Tom Hunt, at Stuff/The Post, suggesting he might be interested in a story about people's anger over the Golden Mile...especially now the rates demands are out. He is keen. Would you be prepared to talk to him? I like him... he's always been very fair. If so... what is your phone number? Nicola

Nicola M J Young
Wellington City Councillor
Pukehinau Lambton Ward
M: s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)>
Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 at 4:02 PM
To: Councillor Nicola Young <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>
Subject: RE: STOP GOLDEN MILE

Thank you for your reply Nicola. I am an avid supporter of you.

s7(2)(a)

I believe that the council is going ahead with this project, even though that means paving,

etc will be laid over extremely old pipes and will need to be pulled up **when** there is an issue?

Extreme madness, but hey its ratepayers footing the bill...

Regards

s7(2)(a)

From: Councillor Nicola Young <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx >

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 2:50 PM

To: Megan McKee <xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xx.xx >

Subject: Re: STOP GOLDEN MILE

Hello s7(2)(a). Thank you for your email, and I agree with you completely. This project is wrong on so many fronts. Council's top priority should be the city's infrastructure; instead we get this: <https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/350366435/rates-work-down-wellington-city-lags-pipe-spend>

Like you, I am desperately concerned about Wellington, yet the majority of councillors don't seem to understand the perilous state of our city. I walk through Courtenay Place most days (s7(2)(a)) so I am only too well aware of the madness of these proposals.

Kind regards

Nicola

Nicola M J Young
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From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a) >

Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 at 12:35 PM

To: DL: Councillors <xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx >

Subject: STOP GOLDEN MILE

Apart from devastating the financial situation the council has continued to put **ratepayers** into – I am considering moving away from Wellington because of the Rate costs and the disgusting choices made throughout central city – I no longer feel safe and feel that wellington city has lost many positive things to visit for. Amongst loss of parking and an oversaturation of Bike lanes that are destroying businesses and **ratepayers** quality of life.

Golden Mile should not happen (it is a beautify project which **WE** cannot afford)

Just a few of the negative reasons.

1. Cycle/scooter lane runs through the pedestrian zone all the way along Courtenay Place. This

creates a huge likelihood of conflict between pedestrians and the lane users which will undoubtedly see injuries to public. Extreme safety risk

2. Narrow bus lanes with very little room for error. No medium strip for people crossing the roads safely. (Bus drivers hate this plan)

3. In the event an emergency vehicle is required (which is quite regularly) ...ie fire engine (false alarms and real fires), ambulance and police... there is no room for these vehicles to stop other than in the bus lanes, meaning the buses on our main public transport route will be backed up and delayed for long periods of time.

4. In the case of a fire call out in Allen Street, which will see a minimum of 3 fire trucks attending, the fire trucks will need to reverse on to Wakefield Street to exit as the street is blocked off to Courtenay Place and is not wide enough for 2 trucks to pass each other.

5. In Blair St. there is no turning area for private vehicles, yet they are unable to exit on to CP. (There is also a disabled car park ear marked for the exact place cars would need to turn around to make things worse)

6. There are 2 loading zones in each direction for the entirety of CP! With so many deliveries happening at any given time this is so far below sufficient. Currently loading vehicles use car parks when the loading zones are full- which is often! With the amount of delivery vehicles that need access to CP businesses for deliveries this will see diesel trucks circling around and down Wakefield Street repeatedly until a loading zone becomes free! Carbon emissions????

7. Distance from loading zones to some businesses will make delivery of bulk items extremely difficult and time consuming (even once you eventually can stop).

8. No provision for plumbers, electricians, refrigeration repairmen, air conditioner servicemen, signwriters, builders, laundry providers, rubbish trucks and other tradesmen that need close access to businesses due to the equipment, often very heavy, that is required to keep the businesses running and to allow the councils building WOF requirements to be met. With the limited parking that remains, where can they go?

9. Taxi and Uber pick-ups and drop offs have not been allowed for in an appropriate way considering the volume used in Wellingtons entertainment area. (Safe access and good accessibility is vital to ensure confidence to come to CP.)

10. No bus stops in Courtenay Place between Tory Street and Taranaki Street! Whatever the Reading center becomes it will involve a lot of people. St James theatre has a lot of patrons on show day.....no bus stop in this extremely popular area is ridiculous.

11. All the traffic that currently uses Courtenay Place, as well as the circling delivery trucks will gridlock Wakefield Street (one of the major thoroughfares across our city). This will see the route around the bays backlogged further. NB. The council are also looking to put bus lanes down Wakefield and along the Quay!

12. Uber Eats is a major source of income for many restaurants. No sensible provision for how

they access restaurants to collect orders.

13. Pedestrian island linking the Embassy theatre to Courtenay Place has a pedestrian crossing through a bike lane. Once again, a probable safety issue for pedestrians.

14. I feel unsafe by people who can be aggressive and scary. Gangs frequent the city more. Larger spaces for open paved areas will only encourage more of this. More "outside homes" will appear. We need to consider that a large part of summer there are Cruise ships arriving with tourists who spend money and frequent the city. They will not see a "beautiful city" or feel safe.

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