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# Park hopes for gully land

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Paekakariki residents are rallying to brainstorm ideas for surplus Transmission Gully farmland that could be sold as rural subdivisions.

A community meeting is planned for January 31, where locals can consider uses for surplus land bought by the New Zealand Transport Agency as part of the 405 hectare Perkins family farm.

Organiser and resident Paul Hughes said he had discussed ideas with agency staff, who indicated the agency could subdivide the land and sell it.

"I've personally met with them and they say they are open to the community acquiring the land . . . for community purposes, but it would have to be on a reasonably commercial basis of course . . . they have to produce a return to the taxpayer."

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He said the agency could begin selling the land the day after it signs off the purchase.

A report by Mr Hughes, a surveyor, suggests using land to develop a park and a community orchard, extend Queen Elizabeth Park and create pathways.

Kapiti Coast District and Greater Wellington Regional councils could buy it, he said.

Agency spokesman Anthony Frith said the agency was not in a position to speculate on the sale of surplus land for the project.

It "would not be appropriate" to discuss the sale of the land because property acquisition details were confidential between the agency and the seller, he said.

Sale of surplus land was covered by the Public Works Act, Mr Frith said, but to the best of his knowledge the agency had yet to even determine how much land would be surplus.

Kapiti council leisure and open space asset manager Lex Bartlett said the council was always open to community suggestions.

However, using former Perkins farm land would not address the immediate shortage of open space in the town, Mr Bartlett said.

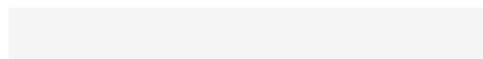
"The timeframe could be three to five years before anything is relinquished."

He said councillors would need to debate the issue.

"That's not to say that in the future they [councillors] may not be interested in it, but at the moment it's not . . . on the table."

Mr Hughes said the meeting would be at St Peter's Hall, from 7.30pm, and would be chaired by former State Services Commissioner Don Hunn.

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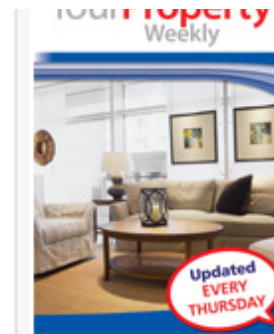
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