



I, John Freeman, Interim Chief Executive Officer, hereby give notice that a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 14 September 2017
Time: 12.30pm
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

14 September 2017

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7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Ordinary Meeting - 10 August 2017

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE HINEMIHI MARAE, RUATANIWHA ROAD, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2017 AT 1.20PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little (Mayor), Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert, Mr Paul Kelly, Mr Kiwa Hammond, Ms Whaiora Maindonald, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mr Adrian Manuel

IN ATTENDANCE: J Moses, K Tipuna (WDC's EC & E Manager), J Cox (WDC's EM – In at 2.34pm), A King (WDC's COMM Officer), D Culshaw (WDC's MRM), G Waikawa (WDC's Admin Assistant). C Te Amo, Te Mini Smith, R Thompson, M McIlroy, A Revington (Wairoa Star)

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia by A Manuel.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the whanau of Hinemihi Marae for holding the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from H Nissen, J Freeman and C Knight.

APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2017/15

Moved: Mr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the apologies received from H Nissen, J Freeman and C Knight be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Embankment – Wairoa Skate Park
River Erosion – Ruataniwha Marae Urupa
Streetlight – Hinemihi Marae
Murupara-Te Urewera-Te Wairoa Route

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PANUI – HUI ROADSHOW

Mrs J Moses presented a Panui dated 28 May 2017 to the Committee outlining the Introduction of Ngati Ruapani Directors, Claims to Settle and Introduction to Te Kaunihera Kaumatua.

Mrs Moses also explained the beginnings of Te Tatau Pounamu/Ngati Ruapani Ki Waikaremoana.

Mrs Whaiora Maindonald presented on behalf of Ruataniwha Marae (Te Miini Smith) an issue regarding the erosion of their urupa into the Wairoa River. The Marae was asking if the Wairoa District Council and/or the Hawke's Bay Regional Council can assist.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLUTION 2017/16**

Moved: Mr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Ms Sharon Cooper

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

The Maori Relationship Manager presented his report. He reported on Ratification of Sitting Fees, Te Reo Maori Policy Submission Hearing (Decisional), Te Kawa O Te Urewera Draft Document, Equip Workshops – Chief Executive Officer Recruitment (Decisional), Waste Water Consent Stakeholders Group (Decisional), Te Maruata Hui – 22 July 2017 and Meeting and Governance Solution Half-Day Workshop (Decisional).

8.1 MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT - AUGUST 2017**RESOLUTION 2017/17**

Moved: Mr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

RESOLVED

That the Maori Standing Committee receives the Māori Relationships Manager report.

CARRIED**8.2 RATIFICATION OF SITTING FEE****RESOLVED**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the Maori Standing Committee accept retrospective ratification of attendance and payments for members attending outside of ordinary meeting.

CARRIED**8.3 PAYMENT FOR ATTENDING MEETINGS**

Moved: Ms Sharon Cooper

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

RESOLVED: *That:*

- 1. Payment for A Manuel be ratified for attending the Te Reo Maori Policy Submission hearing on Tuesday, 18 July 2017 in the absence of H Nissen.*
- 2. Payment for K Hammond be ratified for attending the Equip Workshops for the recruitment process for the Chief Executive Officer on Tuesday, 18 July 2017 and Thursday, 27 July 2017.*
- 3. Payment for K Hammond and P Kelly be ratified for attending the Waste Water Hui-a-Iwi at Te Rauhina Marae on Sunday, 30 July 2017, as well as ratify payment for K Hammond for attending the Waste Water Public Meeting at the War Memorial Hall on Monday, 31 July 2017.*

4. *A sitting fee be approved for the Maori Standing Committee to attend the Meeting and Governance Solution Half-day Workshop being held on Tuesday, 12 September 2017.*

CARRIED

General Business

TAKIWA REPORTS

Pahauwera – reported that the Raupunga Water Project will be having an opening and blessing ceremony on Friday, 8 September 2017, time to be confirmed.

An update from Putere Marae that they now have internet and WIFI connection.

Waikaremoana – Thanked Pahauwera for updating Putere Marae. Reported that due to heavy rainfall, Piripaua Village Road has sunk due to erosion and there was a request for the Engineering team to assess the damage.

Rakaipaaka – Reported that an issue from Tanenuiarangi Marae in which the Secretary sent a personal letter using Marae letterhead to the Wairoa District Council has now been resolved. Rakaipaaka are now awaiting confirmation of a Community Hui to be hosted by Manutai Marae. A tentative date was given, namely Wednesday, 23 August 2017 – yet to be confirmed.

Wairoa Whanui – had nothing to report.

Mahia Mai Tawhiti – No report was received.

Ruakituri – No report received due to absence of representative.

Wairoa Matangirau – Activity report for July/August 2017 attended Wairoa District Council's Forum on 11 July 2017, Maori Standing Committee hui on 13 July 2017 and Hui a Iwi at Te Rauhina Marae for Wairoa District Council's Wastewater discharge consent.

Wairoa Hopupu – The past month has been extremely busy with numerous events throughout the district and matters related to the Wairoa District Council and the Maori Standing Committee.

EMBANKMENT – WAIROA SKATE PARK

Mrs Maindonald commented on the eroding of the embankment near the Wairoa Skate Park. The Engineering Manager advised eroding has been happening at certain parts of the Wairoa river and Council with Hawke's Bay Regional Council have been monitoring it.

STREETLIGHT – HINEMIHI MARAE

Mrs Maindonald advised Hinemihi Marae had paid \$10,500 to have street lighting outside their Marae. The Engineering Manager Jamie Cox explained that if every Marae needed a streetlight outside then he could make an assessment of all of them and he also advised Council is undergoing a street light review.

At 2.29pm His Worship the Mayor Craig Little left the meeting.

MURUPARA – TE UREWERA – TE WAIROA ROUTE

The Engineering Manager presented a report on Murupara-Te Urewera-Te Wairoa Route. It outlined the Purpose, the Project, What do we need to do, Where are we now and Advice required.

At this stage, the Engineering Manager is seeking advice from the Maori Standing Committee on who Council should engage with to collectively speak for tangata whenua in the Wairoa district along the route – during the drive-over in September and an ongoing engagement role as the project develops through to the end of the year.

RESOLUTION 2017/18

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the Maori Standing Committee resolve that the Waikaremoana representative (S Cooper) and the Wairoa Hopupu representative (K Hammond) work with the WDC Engineering Manager on the Murupara-Te Urewera-Te Wairoa route project..

CARRIED

At 3.15pm Cr Jeremy Harker left the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 3.53pm with a karakia by Mr A Manuel.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Author: Luke Knight, Property Manager

Authoriser: Jamie Cox, Engineering Manager

Appendices: Nil

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To identify the benefits of regional collaboration in the waste services area and confirm commitment to further explore these opportunities with Gisborne District Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The property manager RECOMMENDS that Committee [\[Type Recommendation here\]](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Wairoa District Council have commissioned Morrison Low and Associates to undertake the Section 17A review on waste services with a particular focus upon the Wairoa Landfill.

2. Scope and reason for the Section 17A review

- 2.1 Section 17A of the Local Government Act requires that “A local authority must review the **cost-effectiveness** of current arrangements for meeting the needs of communities within its district or region for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions.”
- 2.2 This review has been triggered by the end of the contract period of the waste management services contract which expires within the next twelve months, as well as the requirement for services to be reviewed under section 17a of the LGA.
- 2.3 The scope of the Section 17A review covers all waste services which include the waste strategy and policy, waste education, waste collection services (via kerbside collections or refuse transfer stations) and the Wairoa landfill. This review has a particular focus on the Wairoa Landfill.
- 2.4 As part of this review, opportunities for regional collaboration has been a key focus and an initial discussion between Wairoa and Gisborne District Council staff officers was held on 25th May 2017. This meeting identified a number of opportunities in the waste services area, particularly around the Wairoa Landfill. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to update Councillors from both councils on this process and confirm commitment to explore regional opportunities in the waste area going forward.

3. EXISTING SITUATION – WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 3.1 The Wairoa landfill is currently owned and operated by Wairoa District Council. It receives in the order of 2,000 tonnes/year, predominantly from Wairoa District. Its consent expires 2031 but has capacity beyond this date. It is the only landfill in the district and has the ability to increase its annual tonnages significantly. The Section 17A analysis work has identified the opportunity for the landfill to be a regional facility.
- 3.2 WDC is reviewing their section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 and have initiated discussions with GDC about real opportunities to gain efficiencies, cost savings, better environmental outcomes and greater control of both councils' destiny through less dependence on the waste contracting industry.

4. EXISTING SITUATION – GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 4.1 Gisborne District Council currently have a contract for waste services with Waste Management NZ Limited. As part of this contract Gisborne generated waste is transported to a Waste Management owned landfill at Tirohia, near Paeroa, a distance of over 300 kilometres.
- 4.2 While the current contract does not expire until 2022 there is the order of 700 tonnes per annum generated in the Ruatoria area that need to go to alternative landfill site from 2018 when the Waiapu landfill closes.
- 4.3 GDC is currently in the process of writing a new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018–2024 (WMMP). The timing of the investigations for potential benefits from a regional collaboration will ideally be added to new WMMP objectives and actions which will then be consulted on through the Long Term Plan process for both communities.
- 4.4

5. DISCUSSIONS TO DATE

- 5.1 A meeting was held on 25th May attended by Wairoa representatives - Jamie Cox (Engineering Manager) and Luke Knight (Property Manager) and Gisborne District Council representatives – Andrew White (Director Liveable Communities) and Dwayne Pomana (Solid Waste Engineer). Morrison Low and Associates Limited were also in attendance.
- 5.2 At this meeting, regional opportunities for waste services were discussed with a particular focus on the Wairoa Landfill. There was agreement that there were clear opportunities and that bearing in mind where current contractual arrangements were the timing was appropriate to look at these in more detail.
- 5.3 It was recognised that both councils have similar communities and issues that need to be addressed. There are real opportunities to gain efficiencies (both financial and non-financial) through regional collaboration including cost savings, better environmental outcomes (e.g. transport related carbon efficiencies) and greater control of both councils' destiny through less dependence on the waste contracting industry.
- 5.4 In addition to the Wairoa Landfill, which has been a catalyst for discussions, further opportunities for regional collaboration were identified. In the waste area, these could include alignment of objectives and actions in Waste Management and Minimisation Plans, exploring joint procurement options, and consistent waste minimisation messaging.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Officers from both councils believe there are significant benefits from exploring regional initiatives. The waste services area is an ideal service to commence discussions on, given the potential opportunity to explore the joint use of Wairoa Landfill.
- 6.2 The purpose of this report is to get confirmation from the Maori Standing Committee on the commitment for both Councils to investigate the regional opportunities in order that these can be reported back to Council in time for inclusion in the next LTP round as appropriate.
- 6.3 In addition, it is proposed that a joint Councillor working group be set up to work with Council officers from both councils to explore the options and refine the benefits from a regional approach. It is proposed that a site visit to the Wairoa Landfill and other waste facilities be arranged for Councillors.
- 6.4 A report to Wairoa council meeting in June 2017 was approved for their officers to engage in further discussions and investigate opportunities with GDC officers.
- 6.5 A report to Gisborne District Council on 4th August 2017 was approved for their officers to engage in further discussions and investigate collaborative opportunities.

7. OPTIONS

- 7.1 The options identified are:
- a. Do nothing and this opportunity would lapse and the 17 a review would be reduced
 - b. Further investigate collaboration over waste management.
- 7.2 The preferred option is (b); this meets the purpose of local government as it will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality infrastructure in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

8. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

What is the change?

Nothing at this point.

Compliance with legislation and Council Policy

This review complies with section 17a service review provisions.

What are the key benefits?

Information gathering on inter-regional collaboration.

What is the cost?

Minimal but managed within current budgets.

What is the saving?

No savings at this stage.

Who has been consulted?

Not required at this point.

Service delivery review

This option is being assessed as part of an ongoing service delivery review (17a) of solid waste management.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

9.1 Current and planned service delivery would identify opportunities with Gisborne District.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

10.1 The strategic risks (e.g. publicity/public perception, adverse effect on community, timeframes, health and safety, financial/security of funding, political, legal – refer to S10 and S11A of LGA 2002, others) identified in the implementation of the recommendations made are as follows:



- a. Public perception

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

	
<p>Author Luke Knight</p>	<p>Approved by Jamie Cox</p>

8.2 MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT - AUGUST 2017

Author: Duane Culshaw, Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development and Engagement Manager

Appendices: 1. Chairperson's Report [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on Council and community activities.

RECOMMENDATION

The Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

2. MĀHIA MAI TAWHITI (DECISIONAL)

- 2.1 At the previous Māori Standing Committee hui, the Māori Relationships Manager informed the committee that he would be seeking an audience with the Māhia Māori Committee to seek their guidance and feedback regarding representation for Māhia Mai Tawhiti due to the absence of P Whaanga.
- 2.2 The Māori Relationships Manager met with the Māhia Māori Committee on Sunday, 27 August 2017 at Te Rakato Marae. By resolution, the Māhia Māori Committee decided that they will seek approval from the Marae to confirm an interim representative on behalf of Māhia Mai Tawhiti, until such time that we hear from P Whaanga regarding his future plans. A decision was forthcoming. An email was sent (28 August) to P Whaanga to inform him of this matter.
- 2.3 On Friday, 1 September 2017, we received a reply email from P Whaanga. It is regret that we inform the Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee that he has tendered his resignation as Māhia Mai Tawhiti representative effective immediately. We take this opportunity to acknowledge all of his hard work on behalf of Māhia Mai Tawhiti and the manner in which he approached his responsibilities.
- 2.4 Within the Wairoa District Council Māori Policy, it indicates that '*If a takiwā position...becomes vacant during the term of office then the Committee will run another selection process for that particular takiwā in order for the takiwā to decide who they would like to fill the seat*'.
- 2.5 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve to run another selection process for the Māhia Mai Tawhiti takiwā to replace P Whaanga due to his resignation.

3. UPDATES

- 3.1 These are brief updates from the previous minutes of the Māori Standing Committee.
- 3.2 *Embankment – Wairoa Skate Park* – we understand that remedial work to the embankment will be undertaken – no date has been confirmed yet as to when work will start.

- 3.3 *River Erosion* – the Māori Relationships Manager has liaised with the Wairoa Hōnengenenge representative to organise a site visit with Cr Fenton Wilson (HBRC) on Thursday, 7 September 2017. This will include the urupā site at Ruataniwha Marae and Matiti Urupā at Hurumua.
- 3.4 *Murupara-Te Urewera-Te Wairoa Route* – the Waikaremoana takiwā representative confirmed with the Engineering Manager that Vernon Winitana will represent the interests of Ngāti Ruapani, and we understand that K Hammond will represent Wairoa Hōpūpū takiwā (yet to be confirmed).

4. MEETING AND GOVERNANCE SOLUTION HALF-DAY WORKSHOP

- 4.1 By the time this report is disseminated, we hope that the members of the Māori Standing Committee attended the half-day workshop on Tuesday, 12 September 2017 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm focusing on Chair Skills and Chairing a Meeting.

5. COMMUNITY MEETING – MANUTAI MARAE, NUHAKA (INFORMATIONAL)

- 5.1 A community meeting will be hosted at Manutai Marae, Nuhaka on Thursday, 14 September 2017 at 5.00 pm. This is an opportunity for the Wairoa District Council to give an update to the community regarding the Blucks Pit viewing site for Rocket Lab, but more importantly to allow the community to express their views and aspirations for not only Blucks Pit, but for Nuhaka as a whole.
- 5.2 This community meeting is open to anyone and we invite members of the Māori Standing Committee to attend if they so wish.

6. TE PAE URUNGI (INFORMATIONAL)

- 6.1 On Friday, 1 September 2017, the Māori Relationships Manager attended the Te Pae Urungi hui in Wellington. Te Pae Urungi is made up of representatives that are mandated and appointed through their respective regional clusters. Representatives need to be staff who have delegated authority to respond to Māori issues or Māori specific responsibilities within their respective local government authorities.
- 6.2 The purpose of Te Pae Urungi is to act as a national point of leadership and influence for Council-Māori relations, its role is:-
- To provide leadership and identify best practice concerning local government Māori responsiveness and effectiveness;
 - To empower and support Māori within local government through Te Waka Awhina;
 - To strengthen the development of Council-Māori relationships through Te Mātāpuna; and
 - To enable a collaborative and consistent approach to Māori responsiveness and effectiveness through regional networks and initiatives.

- 6.3 This hui covered a broad range of agenda items, such as a presentation on the consenting process with iwi and hapū (notified and non-notified, timeframes, etc); update on Te Waka Awhina – to be hosted by Gisborne District Council in 2018; a presentation by the Ministry for the Environment on Te Mana Whakahono-a-Iwi relating to the Resource Management Act; LTP – Working with Māori Policies (capacity building) and induction – what Māori content is in staff induction processes; received an update on the Marine and Coastal Area Act from Buddle and Findlay, as well as discussed the relationship with Te Pae Urungi and Te Maruata, and Te Pae Urungi and the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM).



7. RATIFICATION OF SITTING FEES (DECISIONAL)

- 7.1 At the previous Māori Standing Committee hui on 10 August 2017, the members did not resolve who would be attending the upcoming Council Forum, followed by Submission Hearings. Consequently, after discussion with the Chair, an email was sent on 18 August 2017 to inform the Māori Standing Committee members that K Hammond (Chair) and S Cooper would be attending the Council Forum on Tuesday, 22 August 2017.
- 7.2 Furthermore, K Hammond (Chair) and S Cooper would also be attending the Submission Hearings for the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, and the Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policies, on Tuesday, 22 August 2017
- 7.3 It is recommended that the MSC resolve to ratify payment for S Cooper for attending the Council Forum on Tuesday, 22 August 2017 and a further payment to K Hammond (Chair) and S Cooper for attending the Submission Hearings on Tuesday, 22 August 2017.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 It is recommended that the MSC resolve to ratify payment for S Cooper for attending the Council Forum on Tuesday, 22 August 2017 and a further ratification for payment to K Hammond (Chair) and S Cooper for attending the Submission Hearings on Tuesday, 22 August 2017.
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Signatories

	
Author Duane Culshaw	Approved by Kitea Tipuna

Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee
Chairman's Report
Kiwa Hammond
Thursday, 14 September 2017

Pā mai tō reo, paoro mai tō reo i runga i ngā hau angiangi. He reo tipuna, he reo atua, he reo mau tonu ko taku reo Māori e. Whakanuia tō tātau reo whakahirahira.

It is my pleasure to present this brief Chairman's report for the month of August 2017 with reference also to early September 2017 (up to and including this Māori Standing Committee meeting).

As usual the past month has been busy with several events throughout the district and matters related to the Wairoa District Council (WDC) and the Māori Standing Committee (MSC).

As MSC Chairman I have been requested by WDC or required to represent the MSC at several scheduled and unscheduled meetings. These include the following:

- (22/08/17) WDC Public Forum
- (22/08/17) Extraordinary Meeting – WDC Policy Submission Hearing.
- (12/09/17) WDC Ordinary Meeting.

Further to those meetings MSC members also had the opportunity to attend the half day workshop on Chairing Meetings and Skills (12/09/17). From a professional development perspective it is important that MSC members take advantage of every possible leadership training opportunity afforded through WDC. This is part of our commitment to the communities and organisations we serve by ensuring that MSC members are well equipped to provide and support strong leadership and governance in our takiwā and throughout the rohe whānui o Te Wairoa.

MSC members will be aware that members of our community have recently strongly expressed their views on some of the recent activities and decisions of the WDC. An important issue has been in regard to the allocation of the Eastland Energy settlement money for various community projects. It is the right of our community to have their voices heard and it is our responsibility to be a conduit for their concerns. It is our role as MSC to ensure that we advise WDC accordingly and this has been stressed by members of the public. As MSC we also need to ensure that we are as fully informed as possible about such matters so that the advice and recommendations we provide to WDC is robust and effective. Over the past few weeks I have held discussions with WDC to identify where any possible communication and procedural break downs may have occurred and how MSC could have been more appropriately involved to assist the WDC in its decision making process.

On another subject I was saddened to recently learn that Peter Whaanga (Te Mahia Mai Tawhiti) has tendered his resignation from the MSC for personal reasons. Peter has been an invaluable member of the MSC during the past three and a half years. His life experience, wise counsel, and calm demeanour have been an asset to the committee, and I personally will miss his contribution and the respectful manner in which he has represented his takiwā and the MSC.

Finally, as this is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week, I whole heartedly encourage all members of MSC to support any and all reo Māori events and activities happening here in Te Wairoa this week. With the recently adopted Te Kaupapa Here mo Te Reo Māori, this is a prime opportunity for MSC to encourage WDC to walk the talk and demonstrate its commitment to te reo Māori in its every day operations.

Nō reira, ka whakakapia tēnei rīpoata ki te whakatauākī mā tāu kete kōrero, mā taku kete kōrero e ora ai tō tātau reo rangatira. Hui te marama. Hui te ora e!

Nāku nei,

Kiwa Hammond
Chairman, Māori Standing Committee
(Te Wairoa Hōpūpū Takiwā)
WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

8.3 TAKIWA REPORTS

Author: Duane Culshaw, Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: John Freeman, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Appendices: Nil

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for Committee on Takiwa Report/s. No decisions are required by Committee at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

The Maori Relationship Manager RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

RAKAIPAAKA**Ngāti Kauwaha:**

The Wairoa District Council and Ngāti Kauwaha of Nuhaka meet today at 5pm to discuss proposed developments at Bluck's Pit, Tahaenui. The meeting convenes at Manutai Marae and has been called because Ngāti Kauwaha, a hapū of Rakaipaaka, holds mana whenua within Tahaenui. Originally a meeting had been organised for Thursday 31 August, but due to unforeseen circumstances another date was required. After some discussion, today's date was agreed upon. Wairoa District Council deem it right and proper that Kauwaha as mana whenua, be consulted and kept apprised of planned developments for a parcel of land situated next to Bluck's Pit. Accompanying this urgent consultation, will be an unreserved apology from the Council, for their belated recognition of Kauwaha mana whenua, and omitting to consult with them prior to the commencement of work on the present Rocket Viewing Platform. Māori Relationships Manager, Duane Culshaw personally expressed his regret for this omission, and reassured me that engagement between Council and Kauwaha hitherto, would reflect a more robust and resilient long-term relationship.


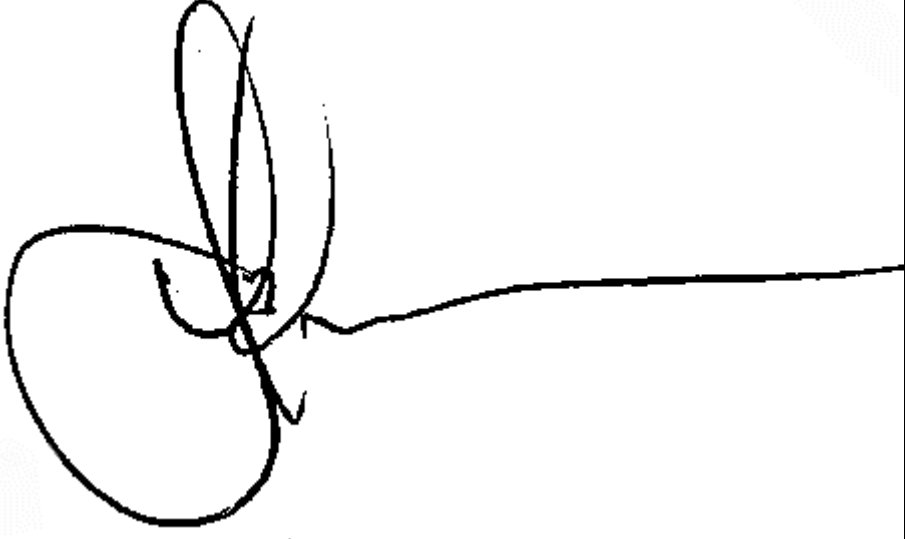
Rates Petition:

Last week I came across a petition, held at the Nuhaka General Store, seeking an urgent review of the Councils' 10% rates increase, with the aim of demanding a 3% rates reduction. The petition looked as if it was receiving strong local support and although I did not add my signature to the list, two thoughts immediately sprang to mind. One that it was heartening to witness democracy alive and well in Nuhaka and two, I recalled a MSC meeting, where we were asked to endorse a proposed 9% rates increase with the understanding, that revenue gathered from this increase would be used to clean up three waterways in our district: Lake Tutira, the Wairoa River and Whakaki Lake.

A significant portion of this meeting dealt with Wairoa District Councils' relationship with the HB Regional Council, and how Wairoa dwarfed by far, the water catchment capacity of all the other catchment areas of Central Hawke's Bay, Hastings and Napier combined. The aim of Council was to request Regional Council for our waterways, reflective of this much larger catchment capacity. This, in association with the rates increase, would ensure Wairoa had the financial ability to target a clean-up of these three waterways. MSC was unanimous in our endorsement of this 9%

increase based unequivocally upon the need to mitigate and remedy the poor health of these three waterways. The earlier mentioned petition, in association with a recent public march protesting stalled funding of the Wairoa River cleanup, has raised some real concerns for me. As a ratepayer and as a member of the Wairoa Maori Standing Committee, I trust that today's meeting will go a long way in allaying those concerns.

Signatories

	
<p>Author Duane Culshaw</p>	<p>Approved by John Freeman</p>