



**I, Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive, hereby give notice that
a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 17 February 2022
Time: 1.30pm
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

17 February 2022

MEMBERSHIP: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Mrs Here Nissen, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mrs Fiona Wairau, Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton, Mr Paora Puketapu, Cr Hine Flood (Deputy Mayor), Ms Alex-Ann Edwards, Ms Liz Palmer, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

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A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 15.1 requests to speak must be made to the Chief Executive Officer at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Ordinary Meeting - 2 December 2021

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM,
ON THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2021 AT 1.30PM**

PRESENT: Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mrs Fiona Wairau, Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton, Mr Paora Puketapu, Cr Hine Flood (Deputy Mayor), Ms Alex-Ann Edwards, Ms Liz Palmer

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Alannah Marshall** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Governance and Economic Development Officer), **Gay Waikawa** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer), Karen Akuhata, **Michelle Mihaka** (Central East Regional Manager, Community Engagement Stats NZ), **Audrey Tolua** (Hawke's Bay Community Engagement Advisor, Stats NZ), **Nigel How** (Chairperson, Wairoa Taiwhenua), **Karnak Heremia** (Community Engagement Advisor ,NZ Stats)

1 KARAKIA

Karakia was given by Henare Mita, Chairperson, Maori Standing Committee

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/192

Moved: Cr Hine Flood

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little and Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive advised Wairoa District Council has made the decision to do vaccine pass to five (5) sites ie Wairoa District Council main office, Library, Isite, Gaiety Theatre and the Water Treatment Plant. The Chief Executive also advised the Wairoa Library staff have been supporting the Wairoa community who do not have access to vaccine pass.

Cr Hine Flood commented she is highly frustrated for the community of Wairoa who wish to obtain their vaccine pass, who do not have technology access, who do not have email addresses, who choose not to have a cell phone and are not being able to navigate the system where the traffic light system might be able to assist them and knowing that the Wairoa Library has been fully booked the REAP office is also running a vaccine pass at the Wairoa Ski Club.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

LATE ITEMS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/193

Moved: Ms Liz Palmer

Seconded: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the **Items HBRC Relationship Manager – November 2021, Wairoa District Pandemic Plan & Regional Economic Development Agency** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this matter is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Mihaka, Central East Regional Manager Stats NZ. Ms Mihaka explained the region starts at Maketu goes down through Kawerau, Murupara then down in to Central Hawke's Bay and encompasses Easter Bay of Plenty and Tairāwhiti.

Audrey Tolua, Hawke's Bay Community Engagement Advisor Stats NZ introduced Kanak Heremia, Hawke's Bay Community Engagement Advisor Stats NZ. Audrey Tolua advised what is census , every five years, census survey everyone in Aotearoa and the next stats will be in 2023. It provides an official count of the people and the dwellings.

Audrey Tolua spoke on their presentation being Community Engagement Team, Central East team, Census 2018, 2018 results of Wairoa rohe, Census 2023 and local engagement with the first Wairoa scheduled visits being Tuesday, 14th, Wednesday 15th December, Tuesday, 25th, Wednesday 26th January 2022 Tuesday, 8th and Wednesday 9th February 2022.

The Chief Executive thanked Michelle Mihaka and Audrey Tolua, Stats NZ for giving their presentation and spoke on working with community, community lead and for Wairoa by Wairoa.

The Chief Executive spoke on the Waikaremoana takiwā recommendation regarding providing a copy of COVID 19 readiness plan to the Waikaremoana takiwā and replied Wairoa District Council does not have a plan but have a whole of Wairoa community response and acknowledge Wairoa Taiwhenua with the collation and formation of the Wairoa District Pandemic Plan. The Wairoa District Pandemic Plan, a living document has been created “By Wairoa For Wairoa Approach, community led, iwi partnered, government agency enabled and supported.

Nigel How, Chairperson, Wairoa Taiwhenua commented on the Wairoa District Pandemic Plan, this Plan covers the whole of the Wairoa district and basically as many people were gathered together at short notice. The Plan is a living document and acknowledged Waikaremoana to include their parts in the Plan. The Plan belongs to the entire community and the Plan does not belong to any entity it belongs to the entire community and the community to work together to support each other in the Plan. Acknowledged Waikare Kruger, Waikaremoana Tribal Authority for their input.

The Plan is a living document made up of a few parts being By Wairoa, For Wairoa Approach, Community Communication Tree, Community Triage – Clinical Care & Welfare Support, Wairoa Hospital & Queen Street Practice Facility, Upscale of Testing and Vaccination Capacity, District Border Monitoring if Required, Scope of Other Community Pandemic Planning.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/194

Moved: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

Seconded: Ms Liz Palmer

That the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 TA TE POUAHUREA MAORI PURONGO

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/195

Moved: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

8.2 WAIKAREMOANA TAKIWĀ REPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/196**

Moved: Ms Theresa Thornton

Seconded: Mrs Fiona Wairau

That the Committee receive the report and associated action items.

CARRIED

The Waikaremoana Takiwā representative noted concerns for the up and coming summer holiday period especially for Mahia and Waikaremoana area and testing and regularity of testing of wastewater

The Chief Executive advised have been working on a Plan for the last three weeks and maybe it shows that we are not connected and invite the Waikaremoana representative to telephone anytime instead of waiting for a meeting to talk on various issues ie, wastewater testing for COVID and meth and Pandemic planning.

The Chief Executive iterated Wairoa District Council have a resurgence plan for staff only. Ministry of Police is the department

Action – wastewater testing – followup.

Action – integration of the Wairoa District Pandemic plan & Waikaremoana.

Question from Ngati Pāhauwera representative with regards to vaccine pass does it need to be downloaded and printed out. The Chief Executive explained there is a vaccine pass application that can be downloaded to your cell phone.

8.3 HBRC AREA MANAGER UPDATE – OCTOBER 2021**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/197**

Moved: Cr Hine Flood

Seconded: Ms Alex-Ann Edwards

That the Committee receive the October and November 2021 report.

CARRIED

8.4 TAKIWA REPORTS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/198**

Moved: Ms Liz Palmer

Seconded: Mr Paora Puketapu

That the Committee receive the Chairperson, Rakaipaaka & Mahia Mai Tawhiti Takiwā reports.

CARRIED

The Mahia Mai Tawhiti representative queried Mahia Beach has been secured in for waste water testing. Wairoa – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and Mahia is tested once a week.

The Utilities Manager advised the Chairperson of Ruawharo Marae contacted Council as they had an issue at Ruawharo Marae and the outcome is the kohanga reo building will be connected to the wastewater scheme and two days' notice will be given to the Marae being mindful of machinery and who will be on the premises. The Marae has been also advised that they will be given updated plans on what Council is doing and a drone has been at Ruawharo Marae taking some more aerial shots. Quality wastewater testing is also being done not for meths or COVID it is for the quality of wastewater that is discharged and Council also has those results.

The Waikaremoana takiwā representative spoke on Point 5 of the Ruawharo Marae Trustee's report – request to the Wairoa District Council that all waste water systems within Mahia be COVID tested before, during and after the Christmas period. The Chief Executive asked for a response from the Utilities Manager as Council has locked in Mahia Beach not Opoutama. The Utilities Manager advised Wairoa is tested on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and move out to Mahia Beach on Thursday. Testing is not done on a Friday as results have to be couriered to Science for Communities (ESR) as there are specific for days for COVID testing.

The Chairperson asked about the floodgates and the Utilities Manager will catch up with the Chairperson, Ruawharo Marae and will enquire whether it falls under Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

The Waikaremoana takiwā representative also spoke on when Mahia gets tested once a week the lack of regularity, the numbers could blow out and also notice in the report a COVID testing machine is on order and do not have to rely on sending tests off and asked when is that coming. The Chief Executive commented official COVID tests are only recognised by ESR and Ministry of Health scientists and Wairoa District Council are ESR to ramp up COVID testing Organisations might test by these machines but would not be recognised by Ministry of Health or ESR. The Chief Executive advised COVID is coming to Wairoa whether we like it or not, let's not wait for waste water testing get whanau prepared and get whanau to look at District Health Board Plan, if COVID goes into your whare what is the Plan and let us not to depend on waste water testing.

Verbal reports:

Te Wairoa Honengenenge

Matangirau

Ngati Pāhauwera

Te Wairoa Hopupu

At 3:21 pm, Cr Hine Flood left the meeting.

8.1 HBRC RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/199**

Moved: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

Seconded: Ms Alex-Ann Edwards

That Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

8.1 LATE ITEM - WAIROA DISTRICT PANDEMIC PLAN**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/200**

Moved: Ms Liz Palmer

Seconded: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

That the Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

8.2 LATE ITEM - REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/201**

Moved: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

Cr Hine Flood advised the document has been worked on over the past 18 months and has been required to be reviewed and one of the benefits it is to be driven by Wairoa.

The Chief Executive are seeking Maori Standing Committee support.

The Maori Relationship Manager spoke on the Geographic board is reaching out to members within the Wairoa district about some of the Maori place names within our district and will send out spreadsheet and keep members updated.

The Meeting closed at 3.22pm with a karakia by Henare Mita.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 17 February 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 TĀ TE POUAHUREA MĀORI PŪRONGO

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Appendices: 1. Schedule of Council Meetings - 2022 [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

2. KUPU WHAKATAKI

- 2.1 Ka tākiri ake ngā haeata a Tama-nui-te-rā i te rāwhit, i te whenua, ka awatea. Ka haukūnui a Papatūānuku, ka ngarue e te whenua. Haere mai a Ranginui e tū iho nei. Te oha o te ao, te oha o te pō, kia tūturu ka whakamaui kia tina, haumi e..., hui e...tāiki e.
- 2.2 With the rays of the rising sun from east, the morning has broken. Mother Earth is covered in a blanket of morning dew encompassing the land. With the coming of the morning Sky, we farewell the dawn and welcome a new day. Together, we stand united. Bind it...draw together...affirm it.

3. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 3.1 This is a follow up from the Māori Standing Committee ordinary meeting held Thursday, 2 December 2021.
- 3.2 **Client Service Request** – a kindly reminder for MSC members to refer any repair requests or complaints to the Client Service Request form (Telephone complaint in or it is accessible via the Council website – From Home Page, click on the Envelope icon (top right of page), scroll down to **Report an Issue**. Fill out online form and click **Submit**).

4. UPCOMING BRIDGE REPAIRS (INFORMATIONAL)

- 4.1 Our Community Assets and Services team have provided us with a work schedule of upcoming bridge repairs happening throughout the district. Some of these work project may require road closures. Please let your respective communities know. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any progress when it comes to hand.
- 4.2 *Mātoitoi Bridge Deck Replacement* – located on Mangapoike Road this works includes the replacement of the timber deck with a new laminated ply timber deck. It is expected that this will have a bridge closure of 5 days from 28 February-4 March 2022. There will be pedestrian access across the bridge via scaffolding that the contractor will install.
- 4.3 Other bridge repair work scheduled throughout the year, with dates still to be confirmed, include:-

- 4.3.1. *Tukemokihi Bridge* – extension of the footing on Pier B and replacement of one of the timber deck planks, this will involve a bridge closure and a river diversion. A resource consent has been obtained from HBRC for the river diversion.
- 4.3.2. *Hole Bridge* – concrete spall repairs and painting, no bridge closure.
- 4.3.3. *Knocklayde Bridge* – concrete spall repairs and painting, no bridge closure.
- 4.3.4. *Boothman Bridge* – joint repair, this will have traffic management in place, but one lane of traffic will be able to cross.
- 4.3.5. *McRaes Bridge* – Replacement of the bridge bearings, this will have a very short bridge closure while they are jacking the bridge.
- 4.3.6. *Mohaka Township Bridge* – repair of the concrete piles under the bridge and some spalls to concrete guardrails, no bridge closure, but maybe some traffic management in place while they repair some of the guardrails.

5. PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT (INFORMATIONAL)

- 5.1 The project team have undertaken several on site visits with a cross section of private water suppliers within the Wairoa district. This included site visits to six marae, including Putere, Kotahitanga, Te Poho o Te Rehu, Tamakahu, Tānenuiārangi and Kaiuku.

6. COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COUNCIL FORUMS (DISCUSSIONAL / DECISIONAL)

- 6.1 We have attached a Schedule of Meetings for the MSC members to peruse. We have populated this schedule and if anyone wishes to swap dates, please advise at this hui.
- 6.2 The Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the MSC resolve to accept the Schedule of Meetings for Council Meetings and Council Forum, pending any changes.

7. MRM MEETINGS (INFORMATIONAL)

- 7.1 The Pouahurea Māori *Māori Relationships Manager* has attended several meetings, some of which were via Zoom due to COVID-19 Alert Level conditions.
 - Continued discussions with the Road to Zero Action group.
 - Regular catch up with Planning, Consenting and Infrastructure teams to discuss projects within the district.
 - Regular catch up with Nathan Heath from HBRC.
 - Regular hui with Te Kupenga – Māori Specialist team for Hawke's Bay Councils.
 - Hui with Fiona Wairoa – MSC Representative for Māhia Mai Tawhiti.
 - Hui with Kuki Green – Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust.
 - Hui with Jonny Hardie – WDC Project Manager, Infrastructure.
 - Hui with Michal Hardie – WDC Transport Asset Manager.
 - Hui with Ropata Ainsley – Aatea Solutions.

- Hui with Ruawharo Marae Trustees.
- Hui with the Library Archives Project team.
- Hui with Tripartite and Whitiwhiti Ora Project team.

8. KUPU WHAKAKAPI

- 8.1 Tukua te wairua kia rere ki ngā taumata, hei ārahi i ā tātau mahi me tā tātau whai i ngā tikanga a rātau mā. Kia mau, kia ita, kia kore ai e ngaro, kia pupuri. Kia tūturu ka whakamaua kia tina. Haumi e...hui e...tāiki e.
- 8.2 Allow the spirit to reach for its potential, to guide us in our objectives, as well as our pursuit of our ancestral traditions. Take hold and preserve it, to ensure it is never lost. Hold fast, together we stand united. Bind it...draw together...affirm it.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The Pouahurea Māori *Māori Relationships Manager* recommends that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

MSC Schedule for Council Forum and Ordinary Meetings
All meetings are on Tuesday in Council Chambers

Forum	Ordinary	Chairperson	MSC Member
8 March – 1.30 pm	22 March – 1.30 pm	Henare Mita	Fiona Wairau
19 April – 1.30 pm	3 May – 1.30 pm	Henare Mita	Paora Puketapu
31 May – 1.30 pm	14 June – 1.30 pm	Henare Mita	Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton
12 July – 1.30 pm	6 July – 1.30 pm	Henare Mita	Alex-Ann Edwards
23 August – 1.30 pm	6 September – 1.30 pm	Henare Mita	Theresa Thornton
4 October – 1.30 pm	18 October – 1.30 pm	Henare Mita	Liz Palmer
15 November – 1.30 pm	29 November – 1.30 pm	Henare Mita	Here Nissen

Council Forum – these are informal meetings that allow the public to make presentations to the Council. These meetings are not recorded (minuted). Under current COVID conditions, these hui may be via Zoom and are subject to change.

Council Ordinary Meetings – these are formal meetings that Council hold every six weeks. These are recorded (minuted) and normally media is present. Under current COVID conditions, these hui may be via Zoom and are subject to change.

8.2 CHAIRMAN & RAAKAIPAKA REPORTS

Author: Gay Waikawa, Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi Governance Officer

Authoriser: Courtney Hayward, Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Here, Mana Arahi me te Whakawhanake Ohanga Policy, Governance & Economic Devel

Appendices: 1. Chairman & Raakaipaka Takiwa Reports [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for Committee on the Chairman and Raakaipaka Takiwā. No decisions are required by Committee at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

The Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

**Te Hui o te Kōmiti Māori o te Kaunihera a Rohe o Te Wairoa
Tā Te Tiamana Pūrongo
Rakaipaaka Purongo-a-Takiwā
Rāpare, 17 Huitanguru 2021 (mā te Huitopa)**

E tika ana kia tangihia ngā tini aitua o te wā, rātau kua eke ki te ahurewa tapu o mate, haere koutou, haere. Haere ki tō nui me tō rahi, rātau kua nunumi ki te pō, kua rūpeke ki paerau. Moe mai rā koutou i roto i ngā manaakitanga o te kaihangā, tōna temepara kore auē, kore mamae, tōna korōriatanga whakaokioki. Heoi anō rā, rātau te hunga mate ki a rātau, ā, tātau kua pae nei, hei waha kōrero, hei reo wānanga a takiwā, tēnā tātau katoa. Tēnā tātau me ngā mihi maioha o te tau hou, mō tēnei te hui tuatahi o te Kōmiti Māori.

Wairoa Covid Response:

I want to commend the incredible work of our many organisations regarding Wairoa's COVID pandemic response. I realise these efforts are ongoing and there remain concerns about Māori vaccination numbers, but it is important to give credit where it is due. The tireless work of Queen Street Practice and Kahungunu Executive staff for example, has been nothing short of superhuman, and have been ably supported by Te Whare Māire o Tapuwae and Wairoa Taiwhenua. There has been too the contribution of council, assisting a large number of our community, myself included, to acquire digital and hardcopy vaccine cards, as well as featuring prominently in promotional work. And it is here where these organisations have done especially well, the use of government funding to promote vaccine rollout, a win-win situation for whānau and local business. Well done to everyone.

Whakaora Marae:

Two years ago, 24 Wairoa marae had the good fortune of securing funding under the Provincial Growth Fund, an initiative developed by New Zealand First and supported by their coalition partners, Labour, and the Green Party. Kahungunu Executive facilitated the collective application, working closely with TPK and if successful, agreed to be the administrators of the Wairoa Whakaora Marae programme. Without a doubt, this initiative has proven an overwhelming success, not only for marae, local tradespeople and businesses, but also for some of our youth, who aspire to be tradesmen too. The two marae in Nuhaka fortunate enough to be a part of this programme are Manutai and Te Rehu Marae. The photographs below uploaded from their facebook pages. These photographs, it should be noted, do not reflect the full complement of works.

Manutai Marae:



Te Rehu Marae:**Sport Hawke's Bay:**

On Monday 24 January, Wairoa Sport Hawke's Bay, facilitated a seminar with their Napier, Hastings, and Central HB counterparts. The hui was held at Kahungunu Marae and the purpose of their hui, was to grow cultural capacity within their organisation. This was their second seminar, the first having taken place in 2021. Invited speakers were auntie Liz Hunkin (Reo and The Classroom), Mayor Craig Little and CE Kitea Tipuna (WDC Cultural Capacity), Pauline Symes (Pronunciation), Graeme Symes (Brief History of Kahungunu Marae) and Daelan Karangaroa (Mana Enhancing Teaching). I commend Sport Hawke's Bay on this ongoing initiative and trust their staff have gleaned something of value and purpose from their shared experience.

Water Services Act 2021 – Private Water Suppliers Survey:

On Wednesday afternoon 9 February, Pania Ormond (Tamakahu Marae), Katarena Smith (Te Rehu and Tānenuiārangi Marae) and I (Kotahitanga Marae/Unity Hall) will meet with the project team regarding a survey, the project team is facilitating, concerning the recently enacted Water Services Act 2021, and its implications for private water suppliers such as marae. We are looking forward to the meeting, but were disappointed with the information forwarded us, in preparation of a possible sit-down. If government entities want to engage whānau/hapū/iwi, they will need to seriously consider how they present such information.

Sport Hawke's Bay Seminar:

Nāku nei,

Henare Mita (Rakaipaaka Takiwā)
Chairman, Māori Standing Committee
WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

8.3 HBRC'S RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT - DEC-JAN 2021-22

Author: Gay Waikawa, Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi Governance Officer

Authoriser: Courtney Hayward, Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Here, Mana Arahi me te Whakawhanake Ohanga Policy, Governance & Economic Devel

Appendices: 1. HBRC Relationship Manager Report Dec-Jan 2021-22 [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the work undertaken by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Relationship Manager for the month of December 2021 – January 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

**Monthly Report for Wairoa - Mohaka – December 2021/January 2022****Nathan Heath – Relationship Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)****1 February 2022**

Tēnā koutou katoa

A belated New Year's greeting to you all. I hope you had a great break and time with whānau.

It has been a challenging start to the New Year already with Omicron now out in the community. We are having to adapt the ways we operate to keep all the kaupapa at hand going. No better place than Wairoa to again show our resilience, adaptability & manaaki to whatever challenges the coming year brings.

The following is a brief update for December 2021 & January 2022.

1. HBRC update – including issues and Council & Committee meeting items of local relevance

HBRC Council Meetings**3 December 2020 – Regional Transport Committee****15 December – Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.****15 December – Regional Council**

- Presentation of the Environmental Certificates of appreciation by Council.

26 January 2022 – Regional Council

- Significant Organisational Opportunities Looking Forward Report.

All agendas can be found online, and meetings are recorded and can also be found via the following link -

<https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/our-council/meetings>

2. I have had kōrero with representatives from Wairoa District Council, Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana, Waikaremoana Tribal Authority, Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust, Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Ruawharo Marae, Massey University & Ministry for the Environment since November's report.

3. Local Activity update for December/January 2020-21

- Our Wairoa Office is currently closed to visitors under the red traffic light system. We are functioning as normal, with local staff continuing to work with land holders in the community, with precautions and our teams from Napier still performing their usual tasks.
- Over the Christmas break we learnt that Peter Manson has resigned from his role as the Wairoa Catchment team manager to take up an exciting opportunity with MPI. Peter has been working on soil conservation in the Wairoa District for 36 years. He can quite proudly look upon many of the hills in the district that are now planted with trees for erosion control and say he had a hand in that. He has constantly searched for better ways to achieve erosion control that worked for farmers in Wairoa, from trialling new planting methods, new species of trees (including natives and foraging shrubs), bringing innovative research projects into the district and being active on many local and national bodies, including Chair of the McRae Farm Trust and sitting on the National Executive of NZ Association of Natural Resource Management. Peter has performed a wide range of functions for

HBRC in Wairoa as being the only HBRC representative based in Wairoa for a long period of time. We will miss his wisdom, knowledge, experience and humour in the office but wish him all the best for the future.

- There were no major issues locally over the Christmas period. Our River engineers attempted to open the Wairoa River mouth last month on the premise of significant rain coming from Cyclone Cody, which didn't eventuate. They will look again at further opportunities in March when river and ocean conditions are conducive to an opening.
- I met with Amanda Reynolds, who is the new Emergency Management Advisor for Community Engagement in Wairoa this month. Amanda is replacing Denal Meihana locally. She is going to be a great asset to the community and I look forward to working with Amanda in our Relationship and Civil Defence roles.
- The sheet piling on River Parade near the Ferry Hotel has now been completed. Work to put the guard rails in place and options for consideration with whānau for the planting of the area will continue into the next month.
- Whakatipu Mahia, Predator Free Project is in its final phases. The team is now intensively revisiting sites that were baited or trapped to eradicate any remaining possums.
- Easements for the construction of the weir in the Rāhui channel have been given by the Whakaki Lake Trust. Community hui to discuss the work plan will be held this month and it is anticipated that construction of the weir itself, will begin shortly after that.

Please contact me directly for any clarification or additional information you may require from the report.
Ngā mihi



Nathan Heath

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