



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

Date: Tuesday, 1 October 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

1 October 2024

MEMBERSHIP: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton, Ms Fiona Wairau, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Ms Erena Hammond, Ms Amanda Reynolds, Ms Whaiora Maindonald

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- 1 KARAKIA**
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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 - 20 August 2024

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2024 AT 10:02 AM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little (via zoom), Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton, Ms Fiona Wairau, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Ms Erena Hammond, Ms Amanda Reynolds,

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Michael Hardie** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Juanita Savage** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services and Development), **Frances Manase** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Nathan Heath** (Māori Relationship Manager Northern HB), **Steve Fabish** (Senior Project Manager)

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by the Chair Mr Henare Mita.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/228

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

That the apology received from Cr Ms Whaiora Maindonald be accepted and leave of absence granted and His Worship the Mayor Craig Little for lateness.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To be declared as the agenda progresses.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair, Mr. Mita, acknowledged the recent passings of local community members and welcomed public participant, Mr Steve Fabish.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Steve Fabish introduced himself as the Senior Project Manager employed by Hawkes Bay Regional Council for the Flood Mitigation Scheme for Wairoa.

- Mr. Fabish sought direction from the Committee on their expectations for his role. It was advised that any Māori-specific reporting should be submitted to the Māori Standing Committee (MSC) in advance. Mr. Fabish will provide the reporting schedule to MSC members, allowing them to indicate where they would like to contribute to projects, discussions, or reports.
- Fortnightly meetings have been scheduled with the Māori Relationships Manager for Wairoa District Council and the Māori Relationship Manager Northern HB.

His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little arrived via zoom at 10:07am.

Mr Steve Fabish left the meeting at 10:19am.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/229

Moved: Ms Fiona Wairau

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 July 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 WAIROA LIBRARY - NAME REVIEW

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/230

Moved: Cr Benita Cairns

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

The Pouwhakarae - Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services & Development RECOMMENDS that the report to be presented to mana whenua to add Mānukanui into the library and present to Council an approved process to the name review of the Wairoa Library.

CARRIED

The Group Manager of Community Services & Development introduced the report and highlighted the below key points:

- The report was presented to the Strategy, Wellbeing, and Economic Development Committee (SWED). Key points discussed included:
 - The name change was initiated by the SWED Committee.
 - The proposed name change is from Wairoa Centennial Library to Mānukanui.

- The suggestion to rename the reserve in front of the Library from Library Green to Mānukanui Green.
- Emphasis on the importance of community consultation for the Wairoa Library review.
- The first step should be developing the cultural pou, recognizing the Pa sites in the community.
- Acknowledgment of the historical name of Wairoa Centennial Library.

Feedback received from MSC:

- Direct hapū must be consulted on the name change and further discussions.
- The report needs to correct the spelling of the name.
- It is recommended to consult with local hapū and then return to the committee with their suggestions.
- To include information about Mānukanui to the community.

8.3 CHAIRMAN'S AND RAKAIPAACA TAKIWA REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/231

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

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

CARRIED

8.4 HBRC MAORI RELATIONSHIP MANAGER NORTHERN HB) REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/232

Moved: Ms Fiona Wairau

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

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

CARRIED

The Pouahurea Māori Relationships Manager introduced the report and highlighted the below:

- Ongoing flood mitigation work in Nuhaka and Whakaki.
- Currently focusing on drainage work upstream, with previous efforts downstream.
- River management in Nuhaka includes the removal of wood, debris, and trees at risk, particularly in the railway stream.
- Participated in the planting of the mauri stone at Nuhaka School last week.

Ms Theresa Thornton left the meeting at 10:59am

Ms Theresa Thornton returned to the meeting at 11:03am

8.5 TĀ TE POUAHUREA MĀORI PŪRONGO**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/233**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

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

CARRIED

The Pouahurea Māori Relationships Manager introduced the report, and the below points were highlighted:

- The landfill lifespan is at approximately 6 months.
- Fraser Street landfill will continue to operate as a transfer station.
- Ōmarunui and Wairoa District council will be meeting in regards a short-medium term plan on out-of-town disposal.
- A workshop was suggested around waste minimisation and the possibly to form a working group.

8.6 RUAKITURI TAKIWA REPORT 12 AUGUST 2024**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/234**

Moved: Ms Erena Hammond

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

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

CARRIED

Ms Erena Hammond provided an update of the report to the Committee highlighting the below:

- The Te Tiriti Wānanga is scheduled to take place in September.
- Mahi Atua Wānanga pop-ups are planned for November, with one session to be held at Te Reinga Marae.
- The rebuild of Erepēti Marae has been delayed, and a new architect is now working on the project with the marae.

8.7 RECEIPT OF MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 24 NOVEMBER 2022**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/235**

Moved: Ms Theresa Thornton

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the open minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2022

be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

8.8 RECEIPT OF MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 25 JULY 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/236

Moved: Cr Benita Cairns

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 July 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

8.9 RECEIPT OF MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 31 OCTOBER 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/237

Moved: Ms Erena Hammond

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 31 October 2023 be received with amendments.

CARRIED

Amendments:

- 2:29am to 2:29pm
- Erena not Erana

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/238

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 11:30am.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
9.1 - Receipt of Māori Standing Committee Meeting Public Excluded Minutes - 24 November 2022	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s7(2) - Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to
9.2 - Receipt of Māori Standing Committee Public Excluded Meeting Minutes - 25 July 2023	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s7(2) - Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to
CARRIED		

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/239 Moved: Mr Henare Mita Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 11:48am.	CARRIED
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The closing karakia was given by the Chair, Mr Henare Mita closing the meeting at 11:49am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 1 October 2024.

Māori Standing Committee – Actions Sheet 2022

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>MEETING THE ACTION WAS RAISED IN</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>OFFICER RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>PUBLIC EXCLUDED</u>
Discuss with the GM Planning and Regulatory about bringing something back to the committee on the building code of compliance for marae	16/04/2024	01/10/2024	Hinetaakoha Viriaere	In progress	Will speak to the action at the next scheduled Māori Standing Committee (01/10/2024)	No

Draft recovery plan to MSC members and advise of next steps on reporting this to the Māori Standing Committee	20/08/2024	Each Plan will be addressed as time allows	Te Aroha Cook	In progress	<p>Individual consolidated Recovery Plans are being drafted under the following Pou; Social, Economic, Built, and Environment, to enable an appropriate response in the Recovery phase for any event, including transition of responsibility to respective organisations/entities.</p> <p>The first of these, a Social Recovery Plan has been drafted and shared with health and social support services and government agencies, for comment by Friday 27th September, prior to circulating a finalised draft to Council and Committees of Council for comment.</p> <p>An Economic Recovery Plan is the next to be drafted.</p>	No
Crown Manager to be introduced to the Māori Standing Committee at next scheduled meeting.	20/08/2024	12/11/2024	Kitea Tipuna			No

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 MONTHLY RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT - AUGUST 2024

Author: Frances Manase, Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer

Authoriser: Juanita Savage, Pouwhakarae - Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake |
Group Manager Community Services & Development

Appendices: 1. Monthly Relationship Manager Report - August 2024 [↓](#)

- **PURPOSE**

1.1. The purpose of this report is to update the Māori Standing Committee on the work undertaken by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Māori Relationship Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay) for the month of August 2024.

1.1

RECOMMENDATION

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



Monthly Report for Wairoa, Mohaka & Northern Catchments – August 2024
Nathan Heath – Māori Relationship Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)

4 September 2024

Wairoa HBRC activity report for August 2024.

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

- On Wednesday 28 August, HBRC Councillors voted unanimously to retain our Māori constituency seats on Council. This secures Māori seats for the 2025 local election, however, the amendments to the Bill requires Council conducts a binding poll at the 2025 local government election to determine whether Māori Constituencies can be kept for the 2028 local election onwards.
- Lawrence Yule has been appointed as the Crown Manager for Wairoa to oversee the flood protection project in North Clyde and the reduction of potential impacts from future flooding in Wairoa. Lawrence will be working closely with the Wairoa Tripartite of HBRC, TToTW and WDC and local flood protection project team to ensure the project progresses at pace.
- There has been a slight delay to the release of the Wairoa flood event independent reviews that have been carried out over the last month. It is anticipated that these will be released early next month.
- A reminder to all that there are opportunities for those suffering significant financial hardship at the moment for a rates remission from HBRC. More information on the eligibility for a remission and how to apply for one can be found via <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/services/properties-and-rates/rates-remissions/>
- HBRC Council and Committee items of significance –
 - **21 August – Māori Committee Meeting & Workshop** – Decision making for the Electoral Legislation and Māori Ward & Constituencies Amendment Bill & HBRC Mātauranga Framework
 - **28 August – Regional Council** – Decision made re: Electoral Legislation and Māori Ward & Constituencies Amendment Bill, Implementation recommendations from reviews arising from Cyclone Gabrielle.

2) Wairoa District Update.

- I would first like to acknowledge the passing of Kate Wood who recently joined HBRC as a Senior Rural Advisor. Many of you may know Kate in her role with MPI, she was heavily involved in supporting our districts farmers during and following on from all the storm events we have experienced over the last few years. Kate was a great advocate for Wairoa and played a significant role in the successful North Island Weather Event application for \$800,000 to support the development of community resilience hubs. Our hearts go out to Kate's whānau and friends.
- This month both Steve Fabish and Sue Wilson joined the HBRC Wairoa office team. Steve joins HBRC following his significant time with both WDC and GDC supporting them during the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and managing the GDC FOSAL home buy out process. Steve has been appointed as the Senior Project Manager for the Wairoa Flood Protection Project. Sue is well known throughout the district with all the huge work she does supporting our rural communities. Sue will be coordinating the community engagement around the project locally. We welcome them both to the HBRC Wairoa whānau.

- Some of you may have noticed the boat traversing the awa around the Wairoa township over the last few days. Bathymetric surveying is being carried out on the depth of the Wairoa River channel at multiple locations in the river. This is done on a reasonably regular basis and following on from both flood events adds valuable information to the flood protection kaupapa.
- Asset Management update - Work is about to begin on drain maintenance at Tawhara, Whakakī & Nuhaka drainage schemes as shown below. Cultural impact and ecological assessments have been carried out and all landowners contacted. 40% of the drain maintenance work is now completed on the Paeroa scheme and Staff are continuing to work with other landowners and marae to progress the remainder while ground conditions improve. Further planning and scoping of drain maintenance work in the coming months is currently occurring. Inanga are spawning at the moment which will have an effect where work can be done in the short term.



- Local HBRC business this month has included, attending the WDC Māori Standing Committee and HBRC Māori Committee hui, working with Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa on the Taiao Unit project and planning, Ngāti Rakaipaaka to update on local activity and better coordinate communication, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust with on-going Te Mana o Te Wai project progression, the HBRC Kotahi planners and PSGE Taiao Leads and Managers hui, an update from HB Emergency Management team members and coordination of an agency hui to progress issues at Māhanga.

- Finally I would just like to thank Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Trust and Nuhaka School, for the invite to the planting of the mauri stone and karakia at the Nuhaka School site this month. Construction has now begun with rebuilding the school after Cyclone Gabrielle. It was a really enjoyable and positive event to attend, plenty of excited Nuhaka School kids in attendance as well on a beautiful day! Really nice to have something uplifting to go to after what seems like a particularly long winter.



Items of interest

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment produced a report recently looking at the use of models in Freshwater regulation and Management. The work being undertaken in the Mohaka Catchment by the Mohaka me Waihua awa project team was used as a case study in the report below.

<https://pce.parliament.nz/media/igznxd4d/taylor-te-mana-o-te-wai-te-oranga-o-te-tangata.pdf>

The Our Land & Water National Science Challenge has just released a white paper that warns there will be a significant transition of sheep and beef farms into pine forestry unless current government policies and economic signals are reconsidered. The paper can be found via -

<https://ourlandandwater.nz/news/pine-forests-will-take-over-farmland-unless-policy-changes-are-made-warns-new-research/>

The report below was produced by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research recently. One of the lead authors is Melissa Robson-Williams, who has been working in Wairoa over the last 3 years on the Whitiwhiti Ora project. The report is quite technical, looking at using systems thinking to broaden freshwater policy making processes and decisions, which has western science similarities to taking a Te Ao Māori approach in managing the taiao.

<https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/news/zooming-out-for-a-better-view-of-the-freshwater-policy-landscape>

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

Nathan Heath

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8.2 TĀ TE POUAHUREA MĀORI PŪRONGO**Author:** Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager**Authoriser:** Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive**Appendices:** Nil**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 E ara rā, e ara rā. E ara rā e te kōrero. E ara rā e te wānanga. E ara rā e te whakaaro nui. E ara rā e te ngākau whakaiti. Tūturu, whakamaua, kia tina! Haumi ē! Hui ē! Tāiki ē!
- 2.2 Arise, arise. Arise for discussion to transpire. Arise for deliberation to be contemplated. Arise for thoughtfulness to be considered. Arise for humility to be present. All these things shall come to pass, because we all agree in unison.

3. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 3.1 This is a follow up from the Māori Standing Committee (MSC) ordinary hui held Tuesday, 20 August 2024.
- 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**.
- 3.3 **Council Forum and Ordinary Meeting Roster** – the next three Council forum (10.00 am) and ordinary meetings (1.30 pm) roster is **Tuesday, 24 September (Whai-ora), Tuesday, 22 October (Erena) and Tuesday, 9 November (Amanda)** If you are unable to attend your designated date, please inform the Pouahurea Māori in the first instance.
- 3.4 **Takiwā Report Template** – we recently sent the takiwā report template to members to provide an update from their respective takiwā to Māori Standing Committee hui. A reminder that each report needs to be sent to either governance@wairoadc.govt.nz or duane@wairoadc.govt.nz and the below is the schedule MSC hui for the remainder of the year and the dates of when the reports are due:-

Ordinary Meeting	Report Due Date
12 November 2024	05 November 2024

3.5 Update for Solid Waste Programme

- 3.5.1. To reiterate, the WDC gave a presentation to the Joint Committee on 20 February 2024 whereby a resolution considered, '*...that the Committee is open to the possibility of accepting Wairoa District Council solid waste at the Ōmarunui Landfill on a short term and/or long term basis and that any confirmed request to accept*

Wairoa District Council solid waste would be the subject of a separate report to the Committee and/or the parent Councils (Hastings District Council and Napier City Council)'.

- 3.5.2. On Friday, 20 September 2024 a small contingent of WDC representatives attended the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee meeting at the Hastings District Council (HDC). The WDC was formally requesting that a temporary access agreement for disposal of solid waste to the Ōmarunui Landfill for a period of up to three years, until a permanent solution can be confirmed.
- 3.5.3. Whilst the WDC was already considering the future of its landfill and due primarily to extreme weather events and additional waste generated from these events, this request brings forward the WDC's previous request as the situation at its own landfill is now insufficient to adequately meet the ongoing needs of the Wairoa population.
- 3.5.4. The Joint Committee recommended and resolved that, '*...the Committee approve the request from the Wairoa District Council to accept up to 4,000 tonnes per annum for their solid waste at the Ōmarunui Landfill for a period of up to three years*'.
- 3.5.5. The formal conditions of this resolution are currently underway between the WDC and HDC, and among these conditions is the commitment of the WDC to continue to engage with mana whenua (Ngāti Hinepare, Ngāti Maahu and Ngāi Tawhao).

4. KUPU WHAKAKAPI

- 4.1 Kapakapa te manu i runga rere atu ra...ki tawhiti Nuku, ki tawhiti Rangi...kia inu ai koe te wai-tapu o whakatau. Koe e Rangi tukua, koe e Rangi horoia. Tu whanawhana, tu mai ihi, tu wanawana, ka rere ki te puna o te Pipiwharaua...Hui e... tāiki e!

5. CONCLUSION

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

8.3 MSC TAKIWĀ REPORT - RAKAIPAACA AND CHAIRMAN

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Appendices: 1. Tā Te Rakaipaaka Pūrongo [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on the MSC takiwā report for Rakaipaaka. No decisions are required by the Committee at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**WDC Māori Standing Committee Meeting 10am
1 Turei/Rātu Oketopa/Whiringa-ā-nuku 2024
Rakaipaaka Pūrongo ā-Takiwā
Henare Mita (MSC Heamana)**

Ka poroporoākitia rātou kua mene ki te po, kua rūpeke ki paerau. Rātou, ngā mate huhua o ngā rā, o ngā wiki, o ngā marama kua hipa atu nei, haere koutou, haere whakangaro atu. Haere ki o nui me o rahi, rātou e manaakitia nei e o tātau matua-nui-i-te-rangi. Noho wairua mai koutou i raro i te tuanui o tōna temepara, māna koutou e manaaki, e tiaki. Haere te po, nau mai te ao, rātou ki a rātou, ā, tātau ki a tātau. E te tī, e te tā tēnā koutou, tēnā tātau katoa.

[This report is informational only and requires no decisions to be made on the part of this committee. It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee receive this report.]

MSC Meeting Turei 20 Akuhata:

Thank you to Mayor Craig Little and Hōnengenenge member Whaiora Maindonald for tendering your apologies before our August meeting. I also want to acknowledge our remaining committee members for ensuring we satisfied a quorum. There are murmurs that we have some interest in one of our vacant takiwā seats and I look forward with interest to this development.

Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee:

I had the privilege of attending an Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee meeting in September and was impressed by their wide range of agenda items. I am convinced that we would benefit from having a seat on this committee as well as the Strategy, Wellbeing and Economic Development Committee. I know that Council is giving this serious consideration.

Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill:

I was privileged to sit in on a meeting between Mayor Craig Little, CE Kitea Tipuna, Pouahurea Māori, Duane Culshaw and the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee, hosted in the Hasting District Council Chambers on Friday 20 September. The purpose of our brief visit was to participate in the formal approval of an agreement between Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee and Wairoa District Council. The agreement, once ratified by Hastings District Council CE Nigel Bickle, will allow Wairoa District Council to dispose of residential Solid Waste Refuse at the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill for a three-year period. Mayor Little and Kitea present to answer questions, speak to the impending negotiations and thank the committee for their understanding, as WDC works to find a long-term solution to their solid waste disposal difficulties.

Kahungunu Marae:

Kahungunu Marae held a 75th commemorative anniversary for their wharenui on Saturday the 31st of August. Deputy Mayor Dennise Eaglesome-Karekare represented Council, but because proceedings got so far behind, Deputy Mayor Eaglesome-Karekare was unable to stay. Part of the commemoration ceremony paid homage to Kahungunu Marae as a war memorial, with Hawke's Bay Regional Naval Officer Lieutenant Commander Paul Eady officiating the laying of a wreath, to commemorate those of the armed forces who have passed on. Following Mr Eady was Ikaroa-Rāwhiti MP, Ms Cushla Tangaere who delivered a very entertaining speech. The highlight however was a zoom presentation by American Jonathon Fairbanks, based on

the memories, letters, journals and photographs belonging to his father, who undertook his mormon mission in Nuhaka at the time Kahungunu Marae was being built.



Maintaining A Marae:



One of the major responsibilities for all marae trustees and whanau, is the continual maintenance of their marae. During the commemorative celebrations, Kahungunu Marae chairman, Terry Hickling, spoke about some of the maintenance work they have had to deal with. You will note from the above photographs for instance that the exterior whakairo of the wharenuī have been removed. Heavily weather-beaten and infested by insects, only specialists workers can restore them, the tekoteko for example had literally been hollowed out. To add to their woes, the trustees found that the wharetaonga, Te Tahinga, although a more recent building also required significant maintenance work.

Manutai Marae:

Further to the maintenance theme, Manutai Marae whanau have spent two weekends pulling down an old fence, erecting a new one, installing bollards and building a brand new waharoa. They had a great turn-out mid-September, completing an amazing amount of work. Another working bee may well see an end to their labours. In August, Manutai was scheduled to host a wānanga by Mereana Pitman, but due to unforeseen circumstances was postponed.



Wāhi Repo:

Work on the Nuhaka wetlands continues unabated with the landscape now dramatically changed. Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Trust, Taiao facilitator, George Rārere has stated that there is still a lot more work yet to be done.



[It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee receive this report.]