

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Agenda

For meeting to be held at the Council Chamber, Northland Regional Council,
36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on Thursday 11 July 2013,
commencing at 1 pm

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<p>ACC - Accident Compensation Corporation AHB - Animal Health Board ALGIM - Association of Local Government Information Management AMA - Aquaculture Management Area BOI - Bay of Islands BOPRC - Bay of Plenty Regional Council CAPEX - Capital Expenditure (budget to purchase assets) CBEC - Community, Business and Environment Centre CDEM - Civil Defence Emergency Management CEG - Co-ordinating Executive Group – Northland Civil Defence management team CEO - Chief Executive Officer CIMS - Co-ordinated Incident Management System (emergency management structure) CMA - Coastal Marine Area CPCA - Community Pest Control Areas CRI - Crown Research Institute DHB - District Health Board DOC - Department of Conservation DOL - Department of Labour DPMC - Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet ECA - Environmental Curriculum Award ECAN - Environment Canterbury EE - Environmental Education EECA - Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority EEZ - Exclusive Economic Zone EF - Environment Fund EMA - Employers and Manufacturers Association EMC - Environmental Management Committee EOC - Emergency Operations Centre EPA - Environmental Protection Authority FDE - Farm Dairy Effluent FNDC - Far North District Council FNHL - Far North Holdings Limited FPP - First Past the Post – voting system for NRC elections GE - Genetic Engineering GIS - Geographic Information System GMO - Genetically Modified Organism HASNO - Hazardous Substances & New Organisms Act HBRC - Hawke's Bay Regional Council HEMP - Hapū Environmental Management Plan Horizons - Brand name of Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council HR - Human Resources IEMP - Iwi Environmental Management Plan IPPC - Invited Private Plan Change: a process to allow Aquaculture Management Areas to be established IRIS - Integrated Regional Information System: new computer system being developed collaboratively with other Regional Councils KDC - Kaipara District Council KPI - Key Performance Indicator LATE - Local Authority Trading Enterprise LGA - Local Government Act 2002 LGNZ - Local Government New Zealand LGOIMA - Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 LGOL - Local Government Online LTP - Long Term Plan LTFS - Long Term Financial Strategy MCDEM - Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Mgmt MFE - Ministry for the Environment MHWS - Mean High Water Springs MNZ - Maritime New Zealand MOH - Ministry of Health MOT - Ministry of Transport</p>	<p>MPI – Ministry of Primary Industries MSD - Ministry of Social Development NCMC - National Crisis Management Centre NES – National Environmental Standards NDHB - Northland District Health Board NZRC - New Zealand Refining Company (Marsden Point) NGO - Non-Governmental Organisation NIF - Northland Intersectoral Forum NIWA - National Institute of Water and Atmosphere NORTEG - Northland Technical Advisory Group NPC - Northland Port Corporation NZCPS - New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement NZTA - New Zealand Transport Agency NZQA - New Zealand Qualifications Authority NZWWA - New Zealand Water and Wastes Association OFI - Opportunity for Improvement ORC - Otago Regional Council OSH - Occupational Safety & Health (now Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) PDF - Portable Document Format PPE - Personal Protective Equipment RAP - Response Action Plan RAQP - Regional Air Quality Plan RCP - Regional Coastal Plan RFI - Request for Information RFP - Request for Proposal RTC - Regional Transport Committee RLTS - Regional Land Transport Strategy RMA - Resource Management Act 1991 RMG - Resource Managers Group (Regional Councils) RMZ - Riparian Management Zone ROI - Return on Investment RPMS - Regional Pest Management Strategy RPS - Regional Policy Statement RSG - Regional Sector Group RTO - Regional Tourism Organisation RWASP - Regional Water and Soil Plan SCAR - SmartStream Council Activity Reporting SITREP - Situation Report SMF - Sustainable Management Fund SOE - State of Environment (or) State Owned Enterprise SOLGM - Society of Local Government Managers SPARC - Sport & Recreation New Zealand SRC - Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland) STV - Single Transferable Vote SWAG - Surface Water Allocation Group SWPA - Sustainable Water Programme of Action TA - Territorial Authority: City & District Councils TAC - Technical Advisory Group Tier 1 - Site level plan or response for an oil spill Tier 2 - Regional level plan or response to an oil spill Tier 3 - National level plan or response to an oil spill TLA - Territorial Local Authority – City & District Councils TMP - Treasury Management Plan TOR - Terms of Reference TPK - Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Maori Development) TRAION - Te Rūnanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi TRC - Taranaki Regional Council TROTR - Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa TUANZ - Telecommunications Users Association of NZ WCRC - West Coast Regional Council WDC - Whangarei District Council WHHIF - Whangarei Harbour Health Improvement Fund WRC - Waikato Regional Council WWTP - Wastewater Treatment Plant</p>
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ISSUE: Chairman's Report to Council**ID:** A549128**To:** Council Meeting, 11 July 2013**From:** Craig Brown, Chairman**Date:** 28 June 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to provide an update from the Chairman for June 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

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Meetings/events attended:

During the period I attended the following meetings/events/functions:

- Meetings attended with the council's CEO, Malcolm Nicolson:
 - Audit NZ workshop – Working together for better results.
 - Local Government Commissioners – further information regarding local government reform.
 - Moorings and Marina Subcommittee – Marina Developments Ōpua.
 - Resin and Wax - Northland minerals and added-value processing opportunity.
 - Northland Mayoral Forum hosted by Northland Regional Council (NRC).
 - Lianne Dalziel, Opposition Spokesperson on Civil Defence, along with staff from NRC's Civil Defence team.
 - First annual hui for Northland Economic Action Group.
 - UNISA Mayors and Chairs meeting Tauranga.
- Ken Cooper and Richard Ayton, Northland Community Foundation.
- Catch up meeting with Morris Cutforth, Mayor, Whāngārei District Council.
- Ruakaka Parish Residents' and Ratepayers' Association AGM.
- Ruakaka business breakfast meeting.
- Northland Effluent Project Improvement Group.
- Craig Busch – Kingdom of Zion.
- Chaired Kaeo River-Whangaroa Catchment Liaison Committee meeting.

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Correspondence:

During June I sent out the following correspondence:

Date	Addressed To	Subject
12.06.13	Commissioners Local Government Commission	Local government reform – feedback
13.06.13	James Bellamy Whāngārei Community Gardening Group	Formal complaint – breach of code of conduct by elected member
14.06.13	Zelka Grammer	Environmental Management Committee iwi/cultural rep and GE issues
14.06.13	Anna Murphy	GE issues
19.06.13	Basil Morrison Chairman Local Government Commission	Change of timeline for reorganisation of Local Government in Northland
19.06.13	Jim Ashby	Mooring access Upper Kawakawa River
19.06.13	Hon Chris Tremain Minister of Local Government	Local boards for Northland
19.06.13	Hon Phil Heatley Member of Parliament for Whāngārei	Local boards for Northland
24.06.13	David Linton	New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement
24.06.13	Kiwi North	Letter of support for funding application
25.06.13	David and Robyn Clarkson	GMO's and the NRC Regional Policy Statement proposal

Legal compliance:

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the Chairman's report dated 28 June 2013 be received.

ISSUE: Chief Executive's Report to Council**ID:** A547503**To:** Council Meeting, 11 July 2013**From:** Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer**Date:** 1 July 2013**Summary:** The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of recent council organisation activity. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

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Report:**5.1 – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT****GOVERNANCE MATTERS****Annual Plan**

The final Annual Plan 2013/14 was adopted at the council meeting on 18 June 2013. Final response letters summarising the outcomes of the consultation process have now been sent to all submitters. During the deliberations meeting council requested that staff follow up with some submitters directly on issues raised. These requests have now been logged in council's system and will be dealt with as part of normal business processes. The final Annual Plan has been printed and is available at all council offices and on our website as well as being distributed via our mailing list.

Local government reorganisation

During June, meetings and information exchange has continued with the Local Government Commission as it progresses its investigation of "reasonably practicable options" for the reorganisation of local government in Northland. In previous communications the Commission had indicated that it was intending to confirm its preferred option as well as an associated revised timeline for the process in mid-June. That deadline has now passed. At the time of writing there has been no official word from the Commission as to a likely timetable/the next steps in the possible reform process. The Chairman has written to the Commission asking for an update on the process and revised timeframes.

October 2013 elections

Prospective candidate information evenings are currently being held throughout the region and will be completed on 4 July 2013 at Kaitiāia.

The Local Electoral Amendment Bill had its third and final reading on 25 June, and was formally enacted from 29 June. Key changes for the 2013 election process relate to the rules regarding anonymous donations and timeframes for the nomination period (opening on 19 July and closing at noon on 16 August 2013). Further information about the changes is available in the Candidate Information Handbook, which is available on the council's website: www.nrc.govt.nz/elections.

Governance review

Staff are currently preparing a governance review programme to obtain both councillor and senior staff views on the current triennium. The purpose of the review is to obtain feedback from current elected members and senior staff prior to the next election.

This information will support improved governance, management standards and decision-making in the future, primarily at the governance level, but with associated linkages to management/operational aspects of the organisation.

The governance review will focus on:

- Committee structures; including subcommittees, delegations and proposed portfolios (as per June council meeting);
- Delegations;
- Community engagement;
- Information provision; and
- Reporting structure for council representation on external bodies.

Regional Software Holdings Ltd – final Statement of Intent 2013/14

The Northland Regional Council has a 16.75% shareholding in the Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL) Council Controlled Organisation (CCO). The shareholders of RSHL are made up of the councils that use the IRIS software.

RSHL delivered a draft Statement of Intent (SOI) to council which was tabled at the March 2013 council meeting. Council determined at that meeting that it did not wish to provide any further comment on the draft SOI.

The CCO has now, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 provided a final SOI 2013/14 prior to June 30 2013 to the council. The SOI can be found in **Attachment 1**.

5.2 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

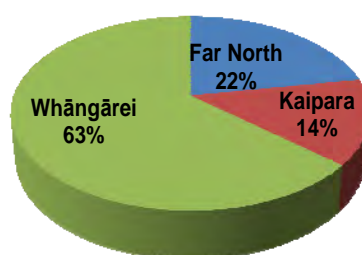
Northland Inc.

Over the past 12 months 104 businesses have been supported through the Business Growth Regional Business Partnership Programme of which:

- 22% are in the Far North
- 14% are in Kaipara, and
- 63% are in Whāngārei.

While this is currently marginally skewed to businesses in Whāngārei, further efforts will be made to ensure that it more closely reflects the distribution of business across the region.

Businesses supported by the NZTE Business Grow Programme:



Northland Economic Action Group (NEAG) economic development hui

Staff provided analytical support to Northland Inc. to assist their preparation for the first annual NEAG economic development hui held at the Turner Centre in Kerikeri on Tuesday 18 June 2013. Mike Sabin and Prime Minister John Key made presentations to the hui during the morning session.

MBIE Regional Economic Activity Report

The first annual Regional Economic Activity Report (REAR) produced by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) was launched in April this year with a hard copy received in May. REAR provides a very up-to-date and comprehensive picture of regional economic performance across New Zealand. It complements the detailed reporting on Northland and its territorial authorities provided by Infometrics in their Annual Economic Profiles which were distributed at the May council meeting.

Earlier this year staff provided feedback to MBIE on a draft version of the Northland section in relation to both the statistics being used and the narrative commentary. It should be noted that the two page Northland section was the only part of the whole report provided to us for comment. The published version takes into account the concerns raised by staff at that point.

The data contained in REAR is consistent with information provided by Infometrics and used by council with the major exception of employment. Employment in REAR is measured by the number of filled jobs in the Business Demography Statistics. As such, it does not include working proprietors. The employment numbers provided by Infometrics and used for example in the State of the Environment report include adjustments for self-employed persons.

REAR was produced as part of central government's effort to improve the consistency and thoroughness of regional economic information. As a further step, Statistics New Zealand released on 28 June 2013 regional GDP data for the years 2007-2010. Council staff have encouraged the production of such data through various e-mails and survey responses over the past year. The GDP data will be published in current prices so it will need to be deflated to constant prices to ascertain growth in real terms. Infometrics will use this work as another benchmark for their regional economic model, especially for measuring differences in regional productivity. Staff will work closely with Infometrics to ensure consistency in reporting.

Northland Competitive Tender 2012 - Permits Announced

New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals announced on 13 June 2013 that five minerals exploration permits have been offered to three companies within the Northland 2012 tender area.

Exploration permits are offered and only granted once the successful bidders agree to comply with terms and conditions of the permits, and submit a mineral status report to identify Crown minerals. The exploration permits are awarded under the amended Crown Minerals Act 1991 (which came into effect on 24 May 2013).

De Grey Mining Limited – Copper, gold, lead, silver, zinc, mercury

De Grey is an exploration company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) with epithermal gold-silver projects in the Deseado and Somuncura Massifs, Argentina and various interests in Western Australia. De Grey recently secured by transfer the Puhipuhi exploration permit (EP 51985) in Northland.

Tai Tokerau Minerals Limited – Gold and silver

TTM is a newly incorporated company set up specifically for the purpose of applying for mineral exploration permits in Northland 2012 Competitive Tender. TTM have no other permit interests in New Zealand. GNS Science has been appointed as geological and technical adviser, and also as Agent for TTM’s bids.

Waimatenui Exploration Limited – Copper, gold, nickel, silver, zinc

WEL is a New Zealand registered company formed for the purpose of applying for bids under the Northland 2012 Competitive Tender. The directors and shareholders of WEL are Northland residents who own a large portion of the land in the application area. WEL have no other permit interests in New Zealand.

A map of the permit areas is provided below. A representative from New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals will attend the August council meeting to provide an update to council on the permit announcements and the process moving forward. Unfortunately this could not be arranged for the July meeting as originally intended.



5.3 – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Waioira Northland Water project

Key decisions have now been made by the Environmental Management Committee - regarding the collaborative stakeholder groups, the complimentary roles of good management practice and actions to maintain and improve water management and policy development. As a result staff have revised the composition of the steering and project groups to match the Environmental Management Committee's direction for Waioira Northland Water and the NPS for Freshwater implementation programme. The development of a project communications plan has also commenced.

A summary version of the Whāngārei Harbour Water Quality Improvement Strategy is due for release in July 2013 and will be available on the web and in print form. A call for members (to input and participate in the Whāngārei Harbour Catchment Group in line with the group's Terms of Reference) will be included in a news article scheduled for July in the Northern Advocate and Whāngārei Leader.

The Mangere River Catchment Group will hold their first meeting in early August 2013 and the Doubtless Bay Catchment Group's first meeting will be on 31 July 2013.

In line with the council's decision to work with existing groups on improving water management for priority catchments and water bodies, staff are working with Kaipara District Council's subcommittee, the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee, to scope the development of a catchment group for Kai Iwi Lakes (because the lakes are identified as outstanding water bodies in the council's programme). Staff anticipate bringing Draft Terms of Reference to the Environmental Management Committee for discussion and approval at the committee's July meeting.

Complimentary to the development of the catchment group for Kai Iwi Lakes, staff made a presentation to the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee on how their 11 year old Reserve Management Plan could be revised to focus on catchment management and reserve management within and beyond the reserve. The purpose of the discussion was to highlight integration opportunities between the committee's Reserves Act responsibilities and other responsibilities/initiatives occurring within the wider catchment, e.g. biosecurity and navigation and safety, water quality, actions by catchment land owners and Mana Whenua agreements. While the revision and refresh of the Reserve Management Plan is a matter for the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee, initial discussions around collaboration and integration were positive. Staff will keep the Environmental Management Committee and council updated on progress.

In addition to the priority catchment work, there are a number of initiatives and programmes that the council is working on in the wider Kaipara Harbour catchment including participation in the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG) and the Kaipara Harbour Joint Political Committee (which is co-chaired by Councillor Ramsey), land management and water quality improvement programmes, farm water quality improvement plans and supporting the IKHMG flagship farms project.

The IKHMG has formed a Kaipara Harbour Freshwater Futures sub-komiti, with initial membership as follows:

- Northland Regional Council representative - Natalie Glover and another;
- Auckland Council representative - Roger Bannister, Dominic McCarthy;
- IKHMG and Te Uri o Hau hapu - Willie Wright;
- IKHMG - Leane Makey; and
- DairyNZ - Helen Moodie.

The sub-komiti will meet in July 2013. Staff anticipate that this sub-committee will be very useful in:

- joining up initiatives of key stakeholders in the wider catchment;
- implementing decisions of and delivering recommendations to the Kaipara Harbour Joint Political Committee; and
- shaping and delivering the IKHMG work programme and programmes of its members.

Developing a new Regional Policy Statement (RPS)

The hearings started on 20 May 2013 and finished on 1 July 2013. Over 200 presentations were made at the hearings, with the RPS maps, mining and GE being the most presented on subjects. The hearings committee, made up of three independent commissioners, is now preparing their recommendations for council. It is expected that their recommendations will be ready for adoption at the September 2013 council meeting.

Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture) to the Regional Coastal Plan

There are no changes from last month to report.

Moorings and Marinas Strategy

There are no changes from last month to report.

National Marine Park for Northland

Establishment of a national marine park has been proposed for Northland's east coast. The Regional Council considered that there is merit in further investigation of the proposal and during June 2013 called for expressions of interest (EOI) to prepare a preliminary business case assessment for the proposal. The EOI outlined that the proposal could be undertaken in two phases. Phase 1 should identify and gather the information required to fully test the impacts (positive and negative) of the existing proposal, while Phase 2 would encompass the business case assessment (assuming that the proposal is demonstrated to be viable).

The EOI close off date was 4 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2013. A total of four expressions were received at this time. Staff are now analysing the expressions to determine whether to proceed to negotiate a contract for services.

OTHER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Land use and subdivision applications

During June 2013, seven non-notified resource consent applications were formally received from the district councils. Comments were made on one application in the Far North with regards to potential flooding issues.

District council plan changes

Council received a copy of Far North District Council's Proposed Plan Change 15 – "Rural Provisions" on 5 June 2013 (submissions close on 5 July 2013). This plan change proposes changes to the policy and rule framework in Chapter 8 "Rural Environment" and Chapter 18.3 "Waimate North Zone". Changes are aimed at addressing the potential for incompatible land uses adverse and cumulative effects in the rural environment. Staff are reviewing the plan change to determine whether a submission should be lodged.

CONSENTS**Consents in Process**

- 29 Applications were received in May 2013.
- 12 Applications were received in June 2013.

Of the 116 applications in progress at the end of June 2013:

- 27 were received more than 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
- 49 were received between 6 and 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
- 40 less than 6 months.

Appointment of Hearing Commissioners

The following commissioner was appointed in June 2013:

- Mr Dave Roke for consents associated with dredging, deposition of dredged material and a rock revetment in the CMA, Waitangi River near Haruru Falls. The hearing is scheduled for 31 July 2013.

Consents Decisions and Progress on Notified Applications in Process, Objections and Appeals

The current level of notified application processing activities at the end of June 2013 is (by number):

- Applications Publicly/Limited Notified During Previous Month 1
- Progress on Applications Previously Notified 12
- Hearings and Decisions 3
- Appeals/Objections 7

A more detailed summary of the above activities can be found in **Attachment 2**.

MONITORING

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

A summary of the results of compliance monitoring for the period 25 April – 31 May 2013 and from 1 June – 30 June 2013 are discussed below. Further details are being reported to the Environmental Management Committee on 30 July 2013.

Air discharges

All compliance assessments for air discharge consents including industrial site visits during the reporting period were found to be fully compliant with conditions of resource consent.

Ambient air monitoring results for PM₁₀, sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide at Robert Street, Whāngārei showed compliance with the National Environmental Standard (NES) for Air Quality during May 2013. Monitoring results for PM₁₀ at the Bream Bay College, Ruakaka, also showed compliance with the NES in May.

Coastal

Stormwater sampling was undertaken in various locations, including the upper Whāngārei Harbour and One Tree Point. Northport undertook self-monitoring of its stormwater discharge, with the results indicating full consent compliance. Stormwater and marine sediment sampling was undertaken at a number of Whāngārei and Bay of Islands boat maintenance facilities with sample testing results pending. A number of marine construction projects were also monitored during the reporting period.

The Kaipara Harbour water quality sampling run was undertaken in June in conjunction with Auckland Council.

Land use monitoring

Staff investigated a number of earthworks incidents and assessed applications for winter earthworks extensions.

Hazardous Waste

The hazardous chemical collection programme continued with the collection, sorting and packaging of waste hazardous substances which are currently being stored prior to disposal in the new financial year.

Requests for assistance with dealing with hazardous substances during the reporting period included one for removal of approximately 100 litres of 2,4-D found in a shed on a lifestyle block. Thirteen enquiries regarding potentially contaminated land were also received and attended to during June.

The only reported hazardous substances incident during the reporting period related to a large spill of bitumen from a truck that had rolled over.

Water quality and discharge monitoring

Routine monitoring during the reporting revealed no particular issues of concern.

Farm Dairy Effluent (FDE) Monitoring

During the month staff attended:

- The Northland Effluent Improvement Project working party meeting. All agreed actions are on target.
- The Northland Effluent Improvement Project full meeting. The 2012/13 season figures were re-capped and the council's FDE monitoring team advised that preparations were underway for the commencement of the 2013/14 monitoring season. There were no particular issues or concerns raised that required action in relating to FDE monitoring.

ENFORCEMENT**Abatement Notices**

There were fourteen abatement notices issued during the period in relation to non-compliance with conditions of resource consents for marine farms. These farms were located in Kaipara, Hokianga, the Houhora harbours and the Bay of Islands. Marine farms are assessed annually for condition of structures, presence of farm debris, shell build-up and appropriate navigational markers. If the farm is significantly non-compliant with one or more of these categories they receive formal enforcement. The monitoring and enforcement process is explained in each marine farm consent; including monitoring guidelines illustrating how compliance is assessed for each category.

Below is a summary of the significant non-compliances, for which abatement notices were served, in each category per harbour. Note some farms may have significant non-compliances in more than one category.

	Structures	Seabed	Debris	Navigational Markers
Kaipara	7	4	5	1
Te Puna Inlet	1			
Orongo Bay	1			1
Hokianga				1

Infringement Notices and Formal Warning Letters

There were no infringement notices or formal warning letters issued during the reporting period.

Other Enforcement**FDE prosecutions**

Sentencing of a Waipū farmer convicted of discharge offences which occurred in 2011 was adjourned. No new date has been set. This is the only outstanding FDE prosecution.

Haruru Falls (land and water contamination)

Charges have been laid against two individuals and the company, which operated the site. The parties pleaded not guilty to all charges in the Kaikohe District Court on 28 February 2012. Since then, the case has been adjourned several times. The next court date is set down for 8 July 2013.

Waitangi River (illegal diversion and earthworks)

On 22 April 2013 in the Kaikohe District Court, the judge granted leave for NRC to withdraw the charges against all parties. NRC will proceed with an enforcement order for reimbursement of costs for the remedial work. A joint memorandum to the court was filed on 8 May 2013 which recommended a timetable of 9 July 2013 for reply evidence from the respondents and 9 August 2013 for any evidence in reply from the council.

Kaimaumau Swamp (vegetation clearance and earthworks)

Charges have been laid against three parties who were involved in the vegetation clearance and drainage operation. An interim enforcement order was granted and subsequently amended in relation to the works. Further charges were laid for breaches of the enforcement order. The defendants entered not guilty pleas to all charges and elected trial by jury. The council has also commenced committal proceedings. These proceedings are running concurrently with the prosecution procedures against the defendants.

A pre-trial hearing was held from 10 to 12 June 2013 to hear several matters including the Crown's Judge-Alone application. The Judge has released two decisions on those matters ruling the following:

- Laying of charges – limitation period: Found in favour of the Crown.
- The validity of the relevant regional plan rules: Found in favour of the Crown.
- Allegation that the council failed to comply with its obligations in making an ex parte application: Found in favour of the Crown.
- All four accused should stand trial before a Judge alone.

Manganui River, Okahu (wetland clearance, earthworks and river diversion)

Charges have been laid against a dairy farmer and his company of Okahu for vegetation clearance in several wetlands, earthworks in the riparian management zone, diversion of a watercourse and deposition of soil. The charges relate to alleged offences which occurred between April 2011 and October 2012. Both parties have entered not guilty pleas and elected trial by jury.

Houhora Service Station (land and water contamination)

An affidavit has been sworn in the matter of Northland Regional Council versus Houhora Service Station, and an application for an enforcement order requiring the landowner to remove the in-ground petrol tanks has been submitted to the environment court. The Court's decision on the order is pending.

BIOSECURITY**Tutukaka Community Pest Control Area**

Staff are liaising with the newly formed "kiwi coast" project to establish a multi-agency funded programme with the Tutukaka Landcare Coalition. A large scale CPCA proposal of 2700 hectares is being discussed which adjoins other pest control work along the eastern seaboard of Northland. In total pest control, aimed at protecting kiwi and Pateke, would be undertaken over 8700ha of land.

Paparoa Lions Club pest control

Dargaville biosecurity staff delivered mustelid trap bait and the remaining possum poison to the coordinator of the Paparoa Lions Walkway Project as part of the Environment fund pest control grant. Assistance was also provided to several Paparoa Lions club members with positioning and setting predator control traps adjacent to the walkway between the Paparoa Village Green and Pahi road

Pest Plants

Staff began a follow-up on all sites for the invasive Mickey Mouse plant (*Ochna serrulata*) in Whāngārei with many new and large plants found and eradicated. This plant is very invasive and spreads rapidly throughout forest and along roadsides. However, the seed has a very short life and this fact, combined with new Australian

research on the most effective herbicide to kill the plant, means that eradication in all known sites within a couple of years is possible.

Marine pests - Mediterranean fanworm

Staff completed a dive check of piles and hulls in Marsden Cove marina with over 200 piles were checked and only eight fanworm found. A full survey of all sites is expected to be undertaken during September.

A draft version of the Marine Charter and a risk assessment matrix for review by the 'partners' has also been developed and further meetings are expected during the coming month. Two partners have already put in place a number of the suggestions from the charter document.

The use of selected herbicides over water

Consultation with interested parties over the application for renewal of the resource consent for the use of haloxyfop over water is underway with a letter being sent to iwi groups and other interested parties. Haloxyfop is used by NRC staff and contractors mainly for spraying spartina and Manchurian wild rice and the letter provides information on the application and offers further meetings and information if desired.

LAND AND BIODIVERSITY

Environment Fund

Final claims for Environment Fund projects have been processed during the month. As of 2 July 2013, all Environment Fund projects are complete with claims totalling \$530,218.

CoastCare

Coastcare site visits were undertaken at Tokerau, Taipā, Rarawa, Ahipara, Rangiputa, Tāpeka, Long Beach and Aurere during June to distribute plants to CoastCare Groups and to confirm requirements for planting and other resources.

The winter 2013 edition of CoastCare News has been published and will be distributed via the CoastCare mailing list and will be available at the NRC offices and CoastCare events. The newsletter includes updates on CoastCare groups around the region.

Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group

The IKHMG quarterly hui was hosted by NRC on 12 June 2013. Mal Green from NIWA gave an update on CLUES ([Catchment Land Use for Environmental Sustainability model](#)) modelling for predicting sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus and *E. Coli* contribution from the different sub-catchments within the greater Kaipara catchment. Two different landuse scenarios were modelled; the first was pre-European and the second as it was in 2002. Dylan Clarke, a student at Waikato University presented the results of his trials into the utilisation of detainment bunds to reduce the run-off of sediment and associated phosphorus.

June was a busy month on the Kaipara catchment flagship farms with the NZ Conservation Volunteers carrying out planting, weed control and water quality testing on all the flagship farms in the region. This work will continue throughout the Winter. Coastal fencing on one of the flagship sites, Hanerau Farm at Batley, was completed with assistance from the NRC Environment Fund. This fenced off area is currently being planted.

Planning for the proposed Kaipara Harbour research symposium, to be held March 2014, continues.

Soil Conservation

Land Management Specialist, Bob Cathcart, working with a Whāngārei multimedia company, has completed the first part of filming old soil conservation works to create a video for staff training and for the council's website. Still photographs of eroding sites before remedial works will be added to the video to show how methods used have been or have not been effective and why. The video material will be supported by 'Fact Sheets' for public use and more detailed procedures in staff manuals.

Planting of poplar pegs has commenced at the council's poplar nursery on Flyger Road, Mata, with several thousand cuttings being planted during June. Further planting will take place during July. Some willow cuttings will also be planted to supply tree willows for farm use and some river works.

Waiora Northland Water and Farm Water Quality Improvement Plans (FWQIPs)

To date 168 FWQIPs have been initiated, with approximately 54 plans or 36% completed and the remainder at various stages of development.

Mangere Catchment Group

Nominations for representatives on the Mangere Catchment Group have all been received, with the exception of iwi and the non-dairy farmer nominees. Received nominations went to Environmental Management Committee on 28 May 2013 and have been approved for membership of the Group.

5.4 – RIVER MANAGEMENT

Awanui

Staff are preparing next year's proposed maintenance programme and will present this to the next Liaison Committee meeting tentative scheduled for mid to late August.

Kaeo-Whangaroa Rivers

At the Kaeo-Whangaroa River Liaison Committee meeting of 27 June 2013, the committee resolved its unanimous support to proceed with the Stage 1 Kaeo flood scheme works, and to monitor the results of Stage 1 works before determining if to proceed with Stage 2 works in the future.

A proclamation under the Public Works Act 1981 is being prepared for the taking of land (via an easement) required for the flood scheme where settlement has not been able to be reached with two land owners.

Kerikeri-Waipapa River

Staff are working on design of the proposed Kerikeri flood scheme spillway option, which will assist alleviate flood risk in areas immediately upstream and downstream of the state highway near the Kerikeri River. Model simulation of the proposed Kerikeri-Waipapa flood scheme is currently being developed.

Waitangi River

The Waitangi River model calibration was completed during June. Design storm runs are currently in progress to generate the flood maps.

Kaihū River

Due to delays beyond the contractor's control (mechanical breakdowns), and following consultation with stakeholders and the contractor, it was agreed to issue the certification of practical completion during June for the works contract. Whilst the majority of works were completed (and done to a high standard), the conditions were too wet to continue further works.

Staff have invited tenders for the five-yearly river cross section survey, which will be used to monitor machine cleaning effectiveness.

Whāngārei Urban Rivers

The river maintenance works programme is complete.

Detailed design for the Kotuku Street dam is progressing, with intermediate detailed design and peer review works complete. A decision on resource consent and designation applications for the dam is anticipated during August, pending the appointment of an independent commissioner to consider the applications. Negotiations to secure the land required for the dam are continuing.

Kawakawa River

The model run to simulate overland spillways to reduce flood risk in Otria and Moerewa is progressing and results are anticipated by late July.

Flood Mapping

Flood map production for Kerikeri-Waipapa and Kaeo has been completed. The flood maps are being prepared for posting on the council's GIS site. Affected land owners will be notified as with other catchments.

Minor River Works

A summary of the minor river works programme for the year is presented in the following table.

River	Description of Work Programmed for this Work Season	Proposed Date for Physical Works
Rotokakahi @ Pawarenga	Gravel/Shingle Management with FNDC	COMPLETE
Panguru and Lower Waihou	Gravel Management around Bridges	Will not be done this season due to insufficient gravel build up
Whirinaki	Maintenance Assistance for Whirinaki Toiora Project	COMPLETE
Waimā	Clear Gravel under SH Bridge	COMPLETE
Awapokonui	Remove Arundo Donax	This will not be completed this season, because, establishment costs are prohibitive. Staff will look at merging several minor works in one contract to offset establishment costs.
Waihou	Lower Earth Mounds/Berm along Rahiri Road with FNDC	COMPLETE
Waihou/Rangiahua	Rock Armour bend adjacent to SH1 at Clunies Farm	COMPLETE

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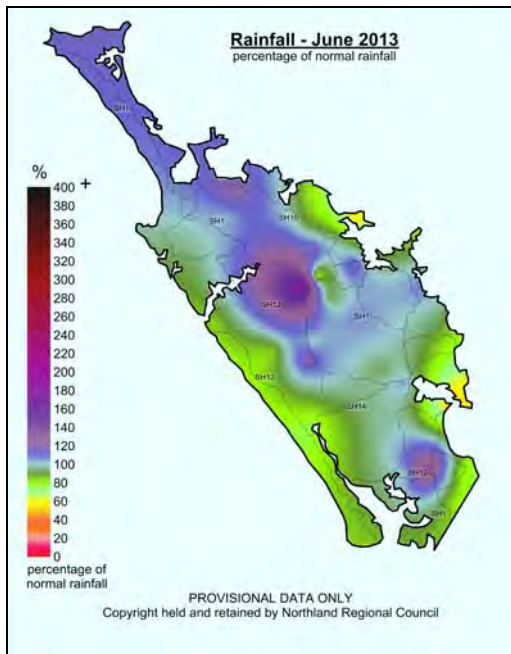
Waitangi River	Haruru Falls RC application to allow removal of shingle island build up in CMA	Hearing of application will be held sometime prior to September 2013.
Otiria Stream, Turntable Hill	Shingle Extraction at SH-1 Bridge (NZTA to do)	NZTA COMPLETED
Otiria and Morewa	Clearance around Spillway and Waiharakeke Bridge	COMPLETE
Otiria Spillway Proposal	Spillway Modelling Assessment by URS	DRAFT COMPLETE
Waiharakeke (Willowbank)	Remove Tree affecting NRC Gauging Station	COMPLETE
Kawakawa	Engineering Design & Resource Consent for Town Stopbanks	Decision made not to progress due to a lack of support from affected stakeholders.
Maungahahuru (Piano Hill)	Remove Tree/Island blocking Flow Upstream SH 1 Bridge	COMPLETE
Ngunguru River	Assist WDC with Pine Tree Removal	COMPLETE
Whāngārei Heads Road	Remove Flame Tree (Waikaraka) with WDC	COMPLETE
Otaika Stream	Willow Spraying/Removal	COMPLETE
Mangapai	Tree Removal	COMPLETE
Ruakaka - Flygers Road	Willow Removal	COMPLETE
Ahuroa River (Waipu)	Removal of Willows	COMPLETE
Tauroa River	Tree Removal	COMPLETE
Paparoa	Removal of Fallen Tree with KDC	COMPLETE
Te Hihi Stream (Barge Park)	Tree removal	COMPLETE

HYDROLOGY**Rainfall, Ground Water and River Flows**

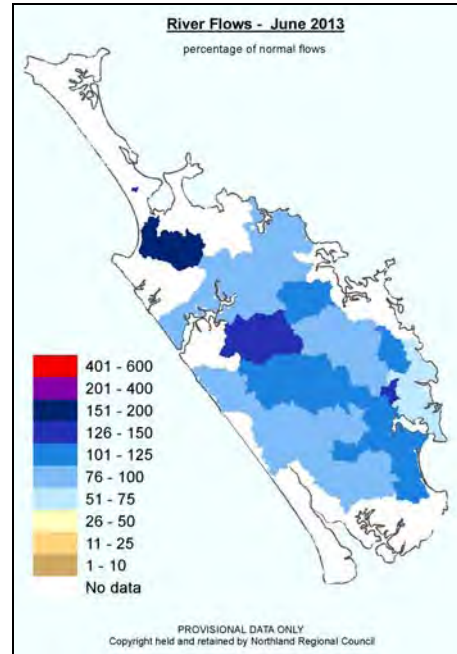
June highlights included:-

- Near average to above average rainfall in northern and central areas and below average in western and eastern areas.
- Two severe weather watches were issued by the MetService in mid and late June. Neither of these events reached warning status.
- Groundwater levels are recovering well from their low levels recorded during the drought months and are near or above their normal levels for this time of year.
- River flows were near average to above average over the greater part of the region but below average in the eastern areas of Whāngārei.

Rainfall June 2013



River Flows June 2013



Seasonal Outlook

The seasonal outlook for Northland from July to September 2013 indicates:

- temperatures are likely to be above average,
- rainfall totals, soil moisture levels and river flows are expected to be in the near average ranges.

The probabilities for Northland are shown in the following table.

	Temperature	Rainfall	Soil Moisture	River Flows
Above Average	60%	35%	35%	30%
Near Average	30%	45%	45%	45%
Below Average	10%	20%	20%	25%

5.5 – HAZARD MANAGEMENT

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MetService warnings and activations

A number of weather watches and warnings, were issued in June by the MetService. The wild weather that impacted the lower North and South Islands did not impact on the Northland region. These events were monitored by civil defence personnel. No issues arose out of these watches.

Social media, Facebook, continues to be utilised for the distribution of warnings. Over the past months all warnings and watches have been added to the Civil Defence Northland Facebook page. The page now has 319 “likes” (up from 264 in May) or people who follow the page.

In June AA Roadwatch issued a media release highlighting and supporting the Northland CDEM Group’s proactive approach in using their website for emergency events. The purpose of the media release was to encourage other groups to engage with the AA website for the distribution of emergency information.

CDEM activities

The Northland CDEM Group and CEG meetings were held on 4 June.

To ensure that the Northland CDEM Group continues to build on its good progress, align its goals, objectives and resourcing with its intended work programme, and to take into consideration the Minister's and Ministry priorities, a strategic review is proposed by the Coordinating Executive Group in mid-July. The outcomes of the review will be reported to the September CEG and CDEM Group meetings.

A three-day Coordinated Incident Management Course (Level 4) was held in mid-June.

Lifelines Group

The Northland Utility Lifelines Group met in early June and considered the first draft of its severe weather event plan. This plan is specifically designed for the lifelines utility sector. The group also reviewed existing business continuity plans with a view to identify any potential gaps in the plans. The group are also proposing an exercise in September to test their ability to provide information during an emergency response using the national electronic Emergency Management Information System.

Resilience Fund

The formal notifications for the outcomes of the 2014 Resilience fund applications have recently been released with the Northland CDEM Group receiving funding for three projects – community response plan reviews (\$40,000 over two years), community resilience for vulnerable people \$22,000 and Kaipara District Council for capability and capacity building in CDEM arrangements \$62,000; a total of \$124,000. In the past five years Northland has received in excess of \$500,000 to support a number of local and regional initiatives and projects.

The tsunami community signage project which was reported on in the last agenda has been put on hold indefinitely although the funding has been allocated. GNS has discovered that further work is required before any release of inundation mapping can proceed.

The business continuity project which has created significant interest amongst other CDEM Groups and there has been a request that Northland share the project content with Southland, Otago and Marlborough CDEM groups. To this end MCDEM have made available funding to support expenses associated with facilitating a programme of "introduction and train the trainers." This project has been carried out in Northland in partnership with the NZ Fire Service who has provided resources for the presentations and workshops.

5.6 – TRANSPORT

REGIONAL TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA) – Freight Update

At the recent Regional Transport Committee (RTC) meeting a detailed presentation on the High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMV) project was made by the NZ Transport Agency. A further update occurred at the UNISA Chairs meeting. Points of interest were:

- this project covers all vehicles carrying between 44 and 63 Tons.
- over 1000 bridges have been reassessed nationally under this program.
- a differentiated FAR will be implemented to provide for the national interest component on first and last mile local roads.
- permitting will be for specific routes for up to a two year period.
- the new standardised vehicle configuration, as explained in the RTC presentation, will be permitted by areas.
- if targets tonnages can be achieved by 2016 this will reduce the rate of growth in truck movements
- implementation is targeted by August of this year.

Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2013

The Land Transport Management Amendment Bill was enacted and took effect on 12 June 2013. The Amendment Act makes changes to the Land Transport Management Act which include:

- Simplification of the Objective of the Act to now read “Contribute to an Effective, Efficient and Safe land transport system in the public interest”;
- Reducing the statutory membership of the Regional Transport Committee (takes effect on 13 July 2013);
- Government Policy Statement expanded to include strategic direction and an investment strategy and a minimum six year horizon;
- A new “Regional Land Transport Plan (the new Plan)” to be prepared which sets out the region’s land transport objectives, policies and measures for a minimum of ten financial years. The new Plan must include detail of funding of land transport priorities for the first six years. The new Plan is to have a lifespan of six years and a review is required every three years. Essentially it is the current Regional Land Transport Programme with the addition of objectives and policies and a longer lifespan. There is no longer a requirement for a separate Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- The existing Regional Programme and Regional Strategy may remain in effect until 30 June 2015.
- National Land Transport Programme adoption formally moved to 1 September (was 1 July);
- Public Transport Management Act 2008 repealed and provisions for regulation of passenger transport included in Land Transport management Act;
- Formalises the Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) as the framework for planning and contracting public transport. The PTOM focus is on the Regional Council and operators working together, engaging with public, and determining what services are integral to the network;
- All councils to have prepared and have in place a new Regional Public Transport Plan by 1 July 2015.

- Reduces the consultation requirements - removing requirements to pre-consult but retaining reference to undertaking consultation in accordance with the principles of the Local Government Act.

Although the Land Transport Management Act has been enacted, the Ministry of Transport and NZ Transport Agency have yet to complete and release:

- The approved guidelines for the compilation of a Regional Public Transport Plan;
- The revised NZTA procurement manual relating to the contracting of subsidised public transport services.

At this time, no definitive timelines have been provided for the completion of the above documents.

The detail of the changes made by the Act will be presented to the August RTC meeting along with the development of a draft work programme setting out the timeframes and processes for preparing the new documents required.

The Act removes the “objective” representatives from the membership of Regional Transport Committee (RTC)’s. The membership of the RTC reduces to the district councils, NZTA and the Regional Council. This provision comes into effect on 13 July 2013 (note the next meeting of the Northland RTC occurs in August). Council is currently seeking legal advice regarding what, if any, opportunities are available to engage advisors to the committee.

It is proposed that the RTC considers this matter at the August RTC meeting and make an initial recommendation to council regarding the potential to include advisors to the committee. An example that has been discussed previously is the inclusion of a representative from the NZ Police.

Funding Assistance Rate Review

No progress reports have been released on the Funding Assistance Rate Review.

Dust on Unsealed Roads

A paper was tabled at the 5 June 2013 Regional Transport Committee (RTC) on this matter. This paper requested approval for NORTEG to commence compilation of a Draft Regional Mitigation Strategy for dust from unsealed roads.

At the meeting, the RTC approved:

1. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the proposed structure and content of the Draft Regional Dust Mitigation Strategy.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve that NORTEG compile the Draft Regional Dust Mitigation Strategy and the Northland District Health Board be invited to provide input into this process.
3. That a progress report be tabled at the next Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Staff will commence work on the draft strategy with the members of NORTEG during July 2013.

ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

One further fatality on Northland roads was recorded during June, bringing the total fatalities year to date in the region to nine. There had been seven fatalities this time last year.

PASSENGER TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION**Total Mobility (reported one month in arrears)**

	Total clients	Monthly Actual Expend	Monthly Budget Expend	Variance	Year/Date Actual Expend	Year/Date Budgeted Expend	Variance
May 2013	1102	\$16,002	\$16,666	-\$664	\$154,806	\$183,326	-\$28,520

The use of the Total Mobility Scheme has remained below expectation due to the continuing recessionary impacts being experienced in Whāngārei.

A meeting to resolve outstanding issues was held with Taxi Charge personnel on 10 June 2013.

Work is continuing on the updating of the Total Mobility Assessment form and the individual agency vouchers.

City Link Whāngārei May 2013 (figures include Gold Card and exclude GST)

	Month Actual	Budget	Variance	May 2012
Passenger numbers	28,973	29,166	-193	28,700
Farebox revenue (GST excl)	\$62,146	\$62,888	-742	\$62,803

In the May 2013 CEO Report, it was explained that North City Bus Ltd was sold by NZ Bus to Ritchies Transport Holdings Ltd. The CityLink Whāngārei contract was assigned by North City Bus Ltd (NZ Bus) to Ritchies. Legal counsel was sought to ensure there would be no detrimental effects as a result of the assignment.

All of the regular CityLink drivers have been retained by Ritchies, and passenger loading recorded have indicated that the changeover had little adverse effect to the travelling public.

Ritchies have moved quickly to begin the process of tidying up the fleet, repairing damaged panels and replacing missing decals. Ritchies continue to review the existing run times, which has meant some delays in introducing the new timetables, and launching the new website. NRC staff continue to aim for an implementation date of 1 August 2013 for the new trip times.

It has however become apparent that administratively, the change in operator has created a number of information provision issues. Ritchies have stated that they are working with the ticket machine company and that these issues will be resolved by July 2013.

Due to the above problems coupled with the required statistical information normally being provided by the fifth working day of the month, there are no month and year end statistics available for this report. These figures will be provided in the August 2013 CEO report.

Staff and contractors are continuing with the development of the CityLink dedicated website, www.citylinkwhangarei.co.nz.

SuperGold Card Scheme – May 2013

Month Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance	Average 2011/12
5,143	4,613	+530	4,610

BusAbout Kaitāia

CBEC has advised that they now have an additional staff member who will be assisting with the promotion of the service.

NAVIGATION, SAFETY AND MARITIME OPERATIONS**Oil Spill Preparedness and Response**

Staff dealt with six oil spill incidents during this period. The Houhora harbour warden advised the owner of a barge to fix a machinery leakage which was resulting in oil spills into the harbour. The sources of two diesel slicks reported as significant, one inside Houhora harbour and the other at Ōpua, could not be identified and both slicks dispersed naturally. The other incidents involved were minor slicks, which were all dispersed naturally.

Port and Harbour Safety

Four hot work permits were issued during this period.

An isolated danger navigation buoy was placed to mark the site of a vessel that sank on a mooring in Parua Bay. An abandoned wreck in Whāngārei harbour was demolished and disposed-of by staff.

Machinery maintenance work on the council vessel Waikare was completed in Whāngārei and the vessel has now been repositioned to Ōpua.

Maritime Incidents, Enforcement and Safety

Staff dealt with 19 maritime incidents during this period.

A new port hand buoy was installed to replace the damaged Otamatea channel buoy and a new battery was installed on the Tinopai special mark buoy in the Kaipara harbour. A new light was installed on the Narrows Cardinal Mark in the Hokianga Harbour after it was reported extinguished.

A vessel that broke loose from its mooring and ran aground on rocks in the Kerikeri Inlet was retrieved by maritime staff and towed to the Doves Bay marina.

Logs and debris recovered from harbour waters were disposed of by maritime staff.

Moorings

Staff are in the process of cancelling more than 30 mooring licences which are well overdue on service requirements or have unpaid licence fees. Another 50 mooring licences with similar shortcomings are being followed up.

Improvements to the application procedure for changing mooring permit conditions such as length of permitted vessel or location has already been found effective in dealing with both existing moorings and new mooring applications.

Staff are working on improving the newly implemented IRIS and associated GIS mapping systems to obtain reports and mapping data to help in tidying up the moorings database.

Other

Skipper assistance was provided to other departments for site visits to the Whāngārei and Kaipara harbours, the Kai Iwi lakes and Lake Ōmāpere. Staff assisted with site inspections of the Houhora Bay mussel farms and Clendon Cove wharf prior to consent hearings.

Staff reviewed new and renewal applications for Tier One oil spill response plans and hot work dispensation applications. Maritime staff attended various in-house and external training sessions during the month.

5.7 – SUPPORT SERVICES

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**Media and publications**

Northland's media was monitored for items of interest to the council. Media releases were sent to appropriate media concerning the following:

- Illegal boat hull cleaners risk fines
- Kaitāia, Kerikeri and Whāngārei to host free weed workshops
- Ultra-fast broadband champion hired (media release on behalf of Northland Inc.)
- Three resign from Northland Inc. board
- 23 schools share \$20,000 NRC awards
- Monthly pest watch column in Whāngārei Leader: Elephant ear
- Monthly land management column in Rural Advocate and Northern Farming Lifestyles: Winter has suddenly arrived.

Publications completed during June:

- State of the Environment Report 2012
- Regional Report June 2013 – eight-page regional newsletter including updates on major flood works projects, Ballance Farm Environment Award winners, election changes, updates on Waiora Northland Water, a Hikurangi swamp eel survey, and a civil defence community response plan for North Hokianga
- CoastCare News Issue 14
- Boating in Northland 2013-14 – tide tables and safe boating information booklet
- Whāngārei Harbour Water Quality Improvement Strategy – full
- Whāngārei Harbour Water Quality Improvement Strategy – summary.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**Northland Regional Council Environmental Curriculum Awards**

Strong interest has this year seen a record 23 Northland schools receive a Northland Regional Council 2013 Environmental Curriculum Award (ECA).

The winning schools each win a share of the \$20,000 Northland Regional Council Environmental Curriculum Awards with winners selected by Councillors Hunt and Rossiter on 13 June 2013.

This year's award applications saw a record \$40,000 worth of funding sought for the award's \$20,000. This shows growing interest in the awards, in line with ongoing environmental education expansion in Northland schools over the last 20 years.

Just nine Northland schools received an award when the ECAs began in 1995.

The ECAs aim to recognise and support Northland environmental education excellence, with schools eligible for up to \$2000 each for their efforts to educate children “in, about and for” the region’s environment. The twenty five 2013 award-winning Environmental Education projects cover a wide range of environmental education-themed work.

Eight of the award-winning schools are based in the Far North, 11 in the Whāngārei district and four in Kaipara.

Detail on the schools and projects receiving funding is available on the council’s website: <http://www.nrc.govt.nz/News/23-schools-share-20000-NRC-awards/>

ENVIROSCHOOLS

Project Possum assessment camps held

Three assessment camps for Project Possum were held from 18-25 June 2013 at Trefoil Park near Kaikohe. The senior students were assessed on their skills and knowledge related to possum trapping, skinning, fur and pelt recovery, and possum biology and environmental impact.

Seventy-one out of the 79 students passed. Schools involved included Dargaville High, Kaitaia College, Kamo High, Ōkaihau College, Mangakahia Area School, Northland College, Ruawai College, Taipa Area School, Tauraroa Area School, Te Kura Taumata o Panguru and Te Rangi Aniwaniwa.

Local cluster meetings held in South Whāngārei and the Far North

After-school cluster meetings for primary and intermediate school teachers were held on 5 and 6 June 2013 in Ruakaka and Paparore respectively. The professional development focus for the meetings was “measuring change”. The measuring change tool is a set of web-based resources that supports schools to reflect on their environmental actions and monitor the outcomes of these actions over time.

One to three teachers from each of the following schools participated in the cluster meetings: Herekino, Otamatea, Paparore, Pukenui, Ruakaka, Maungaturoto, Te Rangi Aniwaniwa and Waiharara. Similar local cluster meetings will be held in Kohukohu and Umawera during July.

WaiRestoration project – Save a Species biodiversity component

On 12 June 2013, schools on board with the WaiRestoration project were sent a resource pack relating to the Save a Species biodiversity component. The resources were developed by council’s Royal Society Teacher Fellow, Philip Kippenberger. They consisted of databases highlighting selected threatened Northland plant species, containing photos, key facts and helpful advice for propagation.

The WaiRestoration pilot is about supporting farmers and engaging young people and local communities to get involved in restoring Northland’s waterways and biodiversity.

Facilitation of Enviroschools communities

In addition to the cluster meetings and Project Possum assessment camps, Enviroschools facilitators have worked in the following school communities during June: Bream Bay, Hukerenui, Hurupaki, Kaikohe West School, Kaitaia College, Kamo High, Kokopu, Mangakahia, Northland College, Russell, Te Rangi Aniwaniwa, Waima and Whananaki.

IWI LIAISON**Joint Iwi Monitoring Fund**

The Iwi Liaison Officer (ILO) has been working with the Estuary Management Advisor and monitoring staff on refining the sampling objective and regime for heavy metal testing in the Puhipuhi Catchment; a joint project between the Ngāti Hau Resource Management Unit (NRMU) and the Regional Council.

Due to weather, there have been two field trips to the catchment to ascertain if sediment sampling as well as water sampling can be undertaken and to confirm site selection.

Staff worked with the NRMU and local landowners who have kindly provided access to some of the sites selected.

Iwi Environmental Management Plan Fund

In June council received an application from the Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board for financial assistance to review their management plan as the first step in their strategic/future planning process.

A draft contract was presented to the Trust Board and was accepted with work beginning on the project during June.

Introduction to Treaty of Waitangi training

During June council hosted Robert Consedine of Waitangi Associates who ran a two day Introductory Treaty of Waitangi workshop.

The course was well received with 15 staff members attending the course. Evaluations from participants rated the course very highly with many seeking further training in this area.

Two staff who were unable to attend this training attended the Whāngārei District Council's Treaty of Waitangi training also held during June.

Meetings

The Regional Policy Statement hearings continued during June with two days of hearings being held at Otiria Marae in Moerewa. The ILO attended the pōwhiri and most of the first day of hearings at the marae to hear Māori submitters.

The Iwi Liaison Officer was invited to attend the signing of a contract between the Whāngārei District Council and Ngāti Hine for their Sites of Significance project. The hui was held at Tau Henare Marae in Pīpiwai (known as Te Horo).

LGOIMA'S**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act requests during June:**

Name	Parent
Linton D LGOIMA Request for full costs of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement	Chairman
Radio NZ LGOIMA request for information regarding the resignations of three Northland Inc. board members	CEO's office

HUMAN RESOURCES**Staff Matters*****Appointments:***

Sandra McKay a work experience student at TAFE College is to be based in Finance for four to six weeks on the basis of one day per week from 6 June 2013.

Vacancies:

An offer has been made for the position of Financial Accountant. Expected start date is 1 July 2013.

Employment relations:

Annual salary review and employment negotiations have commenced and will be concluded shortly.

Staff establishment

Status	June 2013	June 2012	May 2013
Full Time Permanent	134	123	134
Part Time (FTE)	10.6	11.5	10.6
Fixed Term (incl Part Time FTE)	5.4	7.6	5.4
Students/TFG and Temps	4.1	2	4.1
Vacancies	5	6	5
TOTAL FTE	159.1	150.1	159.1

Staff turnover

Staff turnover as at the end of June 2013 for the past 12 months was 10.6%.

Health and Safety***Accidents reported:***

No accidents reported.

Incidents reported:

One serious incident during the month involving a staff member who was assaulted and had bleach thrown into their face. They were travelling to work and had stopped for a vehicle flashing their lights. The incident has been reported to OSH/MBIE and the Police investigation is on-going. A health and safety investigation is to be carried out by the Consents/Monitoring SPM once the Police have concluded their investigations.

H&S issues, inspections and visits:

The Reception emergency response procedure has been updated and a new proposal is being submitted for approval.

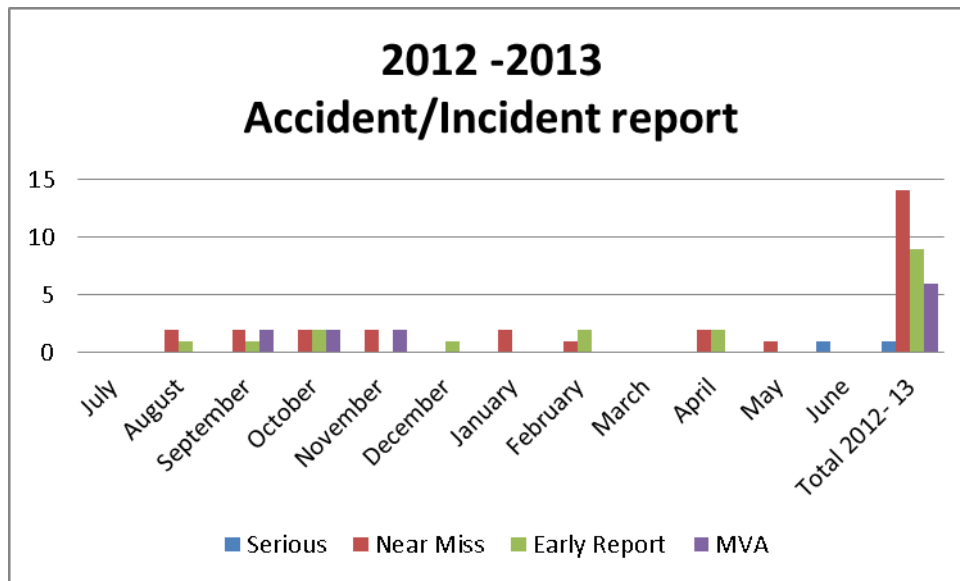
The stress questionnaire was collated and presented to the CEO and HR Manager for comment. This survey is to be conducted again in six months' time.

Defensive driver, 4WD and trailer training is on-going. First aid refresher courses are also on-going.

Below is the Accident and Incident Register information for the year July 2012 to June 2013.

Accident/Incident Register for period July 2012 to June 2013

	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Early Report	Near Miss	Serious	Monthly
July					
August		1	2		3
September	2	1	2		5
October	2	2	2		6
November	2				4
December		1			1
January			2		2
February		2	1		3
March					
April		2	2		4
May			1		1
June				1	1
Total 2012- 13	6	9	14	1	30
Total 2011-12	1	12	7	1	21



FINANCE AND IT

Fraud declaration

Fraud is an intentional act by one or more individuals among management, those charged with governance, employees, or third parties, involving the use of deception to obtain an unjust or illegal advantage. I am not aware of any fraud nor am I investigating any incidence or suspected incidence of fraud at this time.

Finance

The Finance team are working hard towards achieving an early year-end cut-off targeted at 10 July 2013. The pre-election report and June management accounts will be provided to the July Audit and Finance meeting.

IRIS

Staff are using the application with confidence and feedback remains positive. Residual data not critical to go-live has now been migrated. The application continues to perform well along with the integration of the financial and document management systems. Significant progress has been made on delivering the reports required from IRIS.

Infrastructure

Council has upgraded its internet link with new firewalls/routers. The new DR SAN is now located at the Gen-I datacentre. Staff are currently moving the DR data from the previous SAN to the new SAN. This is expected to be completed by 3 July 3 2013. During this cutover period we still have full DR in place to our previous site.

Council has also selected a generator supplier – WES Electrical - and are currently in discussions with our internal NRC hazardous waste staff and Hayman Construction about the external platform/enclosure requirements.

COMMERCIAL

Seismic review of council's Water Street building

Council has now received the results of the further seismic structural analysis on the 36 Water Street building. This included 3D models utilising a structural engineering programme to apply relevant gravity and seismic loadings with specific reference to the structural ductility factor. The main Water Street structure is essentially two buildings, the road front two-storey building and the rear four-storey building.

The seismic review results are reported in terms of % National Building Standard (NBS). The Whāngārei District Council is the Building Consent Authority with jurisdiction and pursuant to the Building Act 2004, it has adopted a Dangerous, Insanitary and Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy¹. The policy states that buildings assessed as being more than 33.3% NBS (i.e. over 33.3% as strong as a building of similar type, designed with the requirements of the current building code) are not considered earthquake prone.

The WDC Policy further states that:

“Should an earthquake prone building be upgraded to a level that satisfies the NZSEE requirements, (67% of the current standard), then any change to building codes or standards is unlikely to affect those buildings for a considerable time, and achieving

¹ <http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Policies/Pages/DangerousInsanitaryEarthquakeProneBuildingsPolicy.aspx>

the NZSEE level should have the effect of prolonging the possibility of the need for further upgrading.”

The NZ Society of Earthquake Engineers (NZSEE) have recommended that all buildings should meet at least 67% of NBS, and this recommendation has been adopted by some building lessees including government departments, banks and insurance companies.

The results of the Water Street building assessment are that in current conditions, the four-storey building is 58% NBS and the two-storey building 34% NBS. The engineers have reported that the cantilever column in the two-storey building could be strengthened to achieve 58% NBS for that building also.

The engineers have been requested to design the strengthening required to achieve 58% NBS for the two storey building as well as provide details and cost estimates on strengthening options to achieve the 67% NBS. The assessments are based on the assumption that the current type of building use will continue and that the building would not be used post an earthquake for emergency response purposes.

Compliance with decision making processes:

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 1 July 2013 be received.

APPENDICES

1. Regional Software Holdings Limited Statement of Intent
2. Detailed information – Consents decisions and progress on notified applications in process, objections and appeals.

Regional Software Holdings Limited

Statement of Intent

27 June 2013

Version 1.1

1 Introduction

This Statement of Intent is a public declaration of the activities and intentions of the Council Controlled Organisation, Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL). The statement outlines the Directors' accountabilities to the shareholders for corporate performance, as is intended by Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 2002.

RSHL has no subsidiaries or joint ventures.

RSHL's mission, vision, and key performance indicators are shown below.

1.1 Nature and Scope of Activities to be Undertaken

RSHL provides a framework for collaboration between the shareholders. It supports the procurement or development of shared software resource products and services in a manner that provides a more cost effective alternative than individual councils can achieve on their own.

The company operates through managed contractual arrangements, and by facilitating collaborative initiatives between shareholder councils' staff. Shareholder councils could be both customers of RSHL and providers of service to RSHL.

The scope of activities for RSHL is not necessarily limited to the IRIS application suite. Future activities will be identified by Shareholder Councils. New opportunities will be identified, and priorities set in the Business Plan, other opportunities may arise and be investigated on a case by case basis. New activities will require explicit Board approval.

The high level scope of the IRIS product is in Appendix 5 of the Business Plan

1.2 Mission

Provide long term shared software resources that are relevant to regional council activities and are fit for purpose, reliable, robust, resilient and cost effective.

1.3 Vision

To develop, maintain and licence the Software Intellectual Property to the Shareholders and other customers on an ongoing basis.

To ensure the Company operates in a cost effective manner that reduces costs and risks to the Shareholders.

To provide a framework for collaboration between the shareholder councils and other customers for the development and implementation of an IT platform or IT platforms over the long term,

To provide RSHL shareholders and customers with application software products and services in a manner that achieves: ¹

- Continuity of supply
- Influence / control of the destiny of Regional Council sector specific software
- Risk reduction
- Economies of scale
- Some standardisation of practice, or adoption of best practice.

The current flagship of RSHL is the Integrated Regional Information System (IRIS).

1.4 Values

In all RSHL decisions and interactions the board and staff together with member council participants who may be working within the RSHL framework will observe the following values and ethos:

- The best decision is that which provides the best end result, primarily for our shareholder councils but also our customer councils, and indirectly the communities they serve.
- We are forward thinking and innovative
- We are responsive and deliver value
- We are professional and accountable
- We are flexible and open
- Our solutions will be practical, appropriate to the scale of the problem and affordable
- Where appropriate we will utilise codes of practice and standards produced by industry groups
- All parties to any decision or interaction will be treated with respect, dignity, integrity, and honesty.

2 Objectives

The principal objective of RSHL is to deliver on the vision, mission and values.

The secondary objective of RSHL is to: ²

- (a) achieve the objectives of its Shareholders, both commercial and non-commercial as specified in this Statement of Intent;
- (b) be a good employer;
- (c) exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which the Company operates and by endeavouring to accommodate or encourage these when able to do so.

3 Board's Approach to Governance

¹From: Interim Memorandum of Understanding & Syndicated Purchasing Agreement – expanded to include 'products'

² From: Constitution of regional Software Holdings Ltd, Section 1.1

Members of RSHL's Board of Directors are appointed by the shareholders to govern and direct RSHL's activities. The Shareholders Agreement states that each shareholder has the right to appoint one Director, and that person will be the CEO, or a person nominated by the CEO.³ The Constitution allows each Director to appoint an alternative director.⁴ The Constitution also allows the Shareholders to appoint independent directors.⁵ The Constitution also requires that the Board collectively must have relevant knowledge and experience of finance, public bodies, management, governance, and IT management.⁶

The Board is the overall final body responsible for all decision-making within the company. The Board is accountable to its shareholders for the financial and non-financial performance of the company.

Directors' behaviour is to comply with Institute of Directors' standards for Code of Conduct. The purpose of the code is to clarify how the Board of Directors shall define and deal with:

- The role and fundamental obligations of the Board
- Independence and conflict of interest, including conflict with management
- Board procedures, including the role of the Chairman and interaction with the General Manager
- Reliance on information and independent advice
- Confidentiality of company information
- Board and Director performance review and development

RSHL will conduct itself in accordance with its Constitution, its annual Statement of Intent agreed with shareholders, and provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.

4 Ratio of Consolidated Shareholder's Funds to Total Assets

It is intended that the proportion of equity to total assets be in excess of 60%.

5 Accounting Policies

Financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, which includes the requirement to comply with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice (NZ GAAP), the Financial Reporting Act 1993 and the NZ IFRS Standards.

The following particular principles which have a significant effect on measurement of financial position are to apply:

- Accounts Receivable are to be stated at their expected realisable value after writing off any known bad debts and providing for doubtful debts.
- Investments to be valued at the prevailing market value.
- Fixed assets to be recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation.
- Depreciation will not be funded.⁷

³RSHL Shareholders Agreement clause 4.1

⁴RSHL Constitution clause 8.3

⁵RSHL Constitution clause 8.4

⁶RSHL Constitution clause 8.6

⁷PriceWaterhouse Coopers Report *IRIS CCO - Advice on Preferred Structure* dated 23 December 2009 Section 4

- Depreciation / Amortisation is to be provided on a straight line basis on all assets other than land, and align with normal accepted depreciation for the types of services being developed.

Intangible Assets

- Where intangible assets are purchased, such as intellectual property and computer software, these are to be capitalised and written off on a straight line basis over their expected life, but no greater than ten years.

Impairment Testing

- Assets with a finite life are reviewed annually for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Inventories

- It is not envisaged that the company will hold inventories, other than those that might relate to providing computer based services to a number of parties. They will be valued at net realisable value.

Taxation

- Taxation will be provided as required against the company in line with the required legislation.

In accordance with the Public Audit Act 2001 and the Local Government Act 2002, the Auditor General will be responsible for the audit of the company's financial statements.

6 Performance Targets and Other Measures

Performance targets by which the success of the company may be judged in relation to its objectives are:

		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Financial	RSHL will operate within its budget	Applies	Applies	Applies
	Annual charges: increase in cost to councils not to exceed the CPI	n/a	Applies	Applies

		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Non Financial	IRIS Development project to be completed on time to budget	Applies	n/a	n/a
	IRIS software is deployed in all 6 shareholder councils within 12 months of availability *	Applies	Applies	n/a
	95% of Support requests are resolved within agreed timeframes *	Applies	Applies	Applies
	IRIS user groups meet and effectively control their support and minor development budgets *	Applies	Applies	Applies
	IRIS annual development projects are completed on time to budget, and all development projects have approved business cases.	n/a	Applies	Applies
	Consider a new service area or areas outside of the current scope of IRIS ⁸	n/a	n/a	Applies

		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Growth	One new Council added to IRIS as shareholder or customer by end of 2013 *	n/a	Applies	n/a

* It should be noted that the achievement of some of the above performance targets are dependent on decisions to be made by parties over which the board of directors has limited influence.

7 Distribution of Profits to Shareholders

RSHL does not have an objective to make a profit. It seeks to provide products and services at lower costs, and / or higher levels of service than shareholder councils can achieve on their own.

In order for IRIS to be subject to tax, generally it must meet the business test. Fundamental to this is a profit motive. Given the basis under which this CCO operates is to minimise the costs and generally operate on a cost recovery basis and that a pecuniary profit is not intended and highly unlikely, the lack of a profit motive is real.

The RSHL Shareholders Agreement states "If Operating Expenses for a fiscal year are less than the budgeted amount for such year, the Company will retain the funds for application to Operating Expenses for the subsequent fiscal year"⁹. Therefore there will not be a profit available for distribution.

8 Information to Be Provided to the Shareholders

The company will deliver the following Statements to shareholders:

- Within two months of the end of the first half of the financial year Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Changes in Equity Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cashflows and Service Performance.

⁸ Consider does not mean commit to do, but to identify & evaluate one or more opportunities

⁹ Shareholders Agreement, clause 7.4

- Within two months of the end of the financial year the following audited statements: Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cashflows, Service Performance plus a summary of how the company has fared against its objectives and prospects for the next financial year, and a report on the company's medium to long-term plans.
- The Directors shall approve by 1 March of each year a Draft Statement of Intent for the consideration of shareholders. The Directors must then consider any comments on the Draft Statement of Intent that are made to it within two months of 1 March by the shareholders and deliver the completed Statement of Intent to the shareholders by 30 June
- A draft Business Plan will be prepared each October, for the financial year that commences on the following June. This early presentation is to allow Shareholder Councils the ability to include any changes in Annual Fees, or any other form of financial impact, in their Council's budget processes. The Board are to approve the business plan by the end of March prior to the commencement of the new financial year.
- Any new developments which have not been covered in the statement of corporate intent for the year.
- Details of possible scenarios that might be foreseen that could result in annual fees increasing above the CPI index.
- Any other information which would normally be available to a shareholder, thereby enabling the shareholder to assess the value of its investment in the company.

9 Procedures for Major Transactions and Other Acquisitions and Disposals

The Company will not enter into major transactions as defined in Section 129(2) of the Companies Act 1993 without the consent of the shareholders.

10 Procedures for Issue of Shares

The RSHL shareholder agreement requires the approval of the Shareholders holding at least of 75% of the shares for "the issuing or acquisition of any Shares or any change to the rights attaching to any Shares".¹⁰

11 Activities for Which Compensation Is Sought

Payment of an Annual Fee for IRIS will be sought from all customers of RSHL, which includes Shareholder Councils, for annual support and development fees, as set out in the License Agreement. The IRIS annual support fee also includes funding to cover the cost of running RSHL.

It is noted that other products or services may be delivered by RSHL. Any such services will only be delivered after the Directors have considered each individual business case including the proposed budget and agreed that the proposed service meets the objectives of RSHL.

¹⁰ Shareholders Agreement clause 5.1(b)

Any ongoing activities to identify develop or procure additional products or services will be budgeted for in advance, subject to the business case. The subsequent recovery from one or more shareholder or customer councils will be agreed by the Directors on a case by case basis in accordance with the RSHL Constitution.

12 Estimate of Commercial Value of The Shareholder's Investment

The Directors' estimate of the commercial value of the Shareholders' investment in RSHL is equal to the Shareholders' equity in the Company. Reassessment of the value of this shareholding shall be undertaken on or about 30 June each year.

13 Shareholding

Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL) was formed on 17 October 2012. At the time of formation the company issued 10,000 shares to its shareholders based on a previously agreed sizing formula. The following shareholding was agreed:

Shareholder	Percentage	# of shares
Environment Waikato	32.75%	3,275
Northland Regional Council	16.75%	1,675
Horizons Regional Council	15.50%	1,550
Taranaki Regional Council	15.50%	1,550
Southland Regional Council	15.50%	1,550
West Coast Regional Council	4.00%	400

Note For Info: Requirements for Statement of Intent

Source: Office of the Auditor General

<http://www.oag.govt.nz/2007/corporate-intent/appendix2.htm>

Item	Section
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A statement of the board's approach to governance	3
Nature and scope of the activities to be undertaken	1
Ratio of consolidated shareholders' funds to total assets, and the definitions of those terms	4
Accounting policies	5
Performance targets and other measures by which the performance of the group may be judged in relation to its objectives	6
An estimate of the amount or proportion of accumulated profits and capital reserves that is intended to be distributed to the shareholders	7
The kind of information to be provided to the shareholders/ shareholding Ministers by the organisation during the course of the next three financial years	8 (Shareholders)
Procedures to be followed before any member or the group subscribes for, purchases, or otherwise acquires shares in any company or other organisation	9
Any activities for which the board seeks compensation from any local authority, Harbour Board, or the Crown (whether or not the relevant entity has agreed to provide the compensation)	11 (Local authority)
The board's estimate of the commercial value of the Crown/shareholders' investment in the group and the manner in which, and the times at which, that value is to be reassessed	12 (Shareholders)
Other matters that are agreed by the shareholders/ shareholding Ministers and the board	none (Shareholders)
Annual report should contain information that is necessary to enable an informed assessment of the operations of the parent entity and its subsidiaries, including a comparison of performance with the relevant statement of intent or statement of corporate intent	8 (Plus explanation of material variances)

ATTACHMENT 2

CONSENTS DECISIONS AND PROGRESS ON NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS, OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

The Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager's report on resource consent decisions issued under delegated authority since 1 June 2013 is circulated to councillors under separate cover.

Progress on notified applications, objections, and appeals is as set out in the following tables:

NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS

Applications Publicly/Limited Notified During Previous Month

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
New Zealand Refining Company Ltd APP.008319.16.01	Proposed stormwater basin overflow spillway and discharge of treated stormwater	11 June 2013 to 9 July 2013	Publicly notified.

Progress on Applications Previously Notified

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Far North Holdings Limited APP.008385.30.01	Various consents associated with a proposed pile berth extension of the Ōpua Marina	Forty submissions received, 23 in opposition, 13 in support, three neutral and one partial support/oppose submission. Fifteen submitters wish to be heard at a hearing with six submitters not indicating whether they wish to be heard or not. Processing timeframes have been extended at the applicant's request.
Kaipara District Council APP.009888.01.01 (<i>"Boar Hill"</i>) APP.009889.01.01 (<i>"Cattlemount"</i> and <i>"Cattlemount Spring"</i>) APP.003815.01.03 (<i>Brynderwyn Stream</i>) APP.007582.01.02 (<i>Piroa Stream</i>)	To authorise existing water takes for the public water supply of Maungaturoto. In addition, new consents are also being sought for a proposed stream flow monitoring weir	Boar Hill/Cattlemount: Four submissions received on each set of applications, one in opposition, one in support and two neutral. Two submitters wish to be heard. Brynderwyn/Piroa: Five submissions received, one in opposition wishing to be heard, and four has been in support not wishing to be heard. Agreement reached with the applicant on draft conditions. Submitters are being contacted to discuss the consent process with the aim of avoiding a formal hearing.

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Far North District Council APP.004007.01.03	East Coast Bays Wastewater Treatment Plant (Taipā) replacement discharge consents	Fifty-four submissions received, 24 wishing to be heard and 30 not wishing to be heard. Most of those oppose the current operation of WWTP. As a result of discussions between the applicant and Iwi, an alternative disposal option using the Turners and Growers orchard at Taipā was agreed upon and a discharge to land application made to council. This application was returned as it did not contain an adequate AEE. No further progress has been made with the application due to difficulties in discussing the alternative option with the land owners of the orchard. The applicant has recently allocated budget for an upgrade to the existing WWTP and is currently awaiting the results of an investigation into upgrade options. Once this has been received, the applicant will contact submitters to reopen discussions on a way forward with this application.
Li Liangren Family Trust APP.024253.01.01	Earthworks and stormwater consents for 118 lot subdivision at Tinopai	Six submissions received (one late) with five being in opposition and one neutral. Four submitters wish to be heard. Joint applications for subdivision with the Kaipara District Council (KDC) as lead authority. Hearing delayed pending receipt of further information sought by KDC. Hearing date delayed at request of applicant.
Far North District Council APP.003775.01.03	Discharges associated with the Ahipara Wastewater Treatment Plant	Ten submissions received, all in opposition, with nine submitters wishing to be heard. Draft staff report and conditions were circulated to the submitters for comment prior to a pre-hearing meeting on 28 March 2013. Some submitters are still not satisfied with the proposed conditions after discussion at a pre-hearing meeting. The applicant has agreed that a formal hearing is required to progress the application. This hearing is tentatively scheduled for August.
B C Taylor APP.015366.01.02	Use of a coastal structure (building) for accommodation and community hall at Whakapirau	Nine submissions received, two in support and seven in opposition. Six submitters wish to be heard. Application on hold under section 91 RMA pending applications to the KDC. The applicant has requested a time extension to enable arrangements between him and the KDC in respect of the land, including whether any change to the current designation is required. No further action on the application to the NRC is now expected until mid 2013.
Whāngārei District Council APP.029021.01.01	Discharge treated sewage effluent to the Hātea River from the Hātea Sewage Pump Station	Publicly notified with nine submissions received, four in support, four in opposition, and one in support of parts and opposing rest. Eight submitters wish to be heard and one not indicating. All submitters have now withdrawn their wish to be heard at a formal hearing. Applicant has now confirmed that it agrees with the proposed conditions of consent. Decision to grant consent has been made under delegated authority.

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Northland Regional Council APP.029683.01.01	To maintain a navigation channel in the Waitangi River at Haruru Falls	Four submissions received, one in support, one neutral and two in opposition with the submitters wishing to be heard. Further processing of the application has been suspended while the applicant attempts to resolve both opposing submitter's concerns. Pre-hearing meetings with these two submitters were held on 27 March 2013. Hearing before the Hearing Commissioner is scheduled for 31 July 2013.
Millpara Avocados Limited APP.014520.01.02 APP.014520.02.01	Increase in existing groundwater take for avocado irrigation purposes, Paparore, Far North	Twelve submissions received within time, with one submitter wishing to be heard. Nine are in opposition, one in support and two neutral. One further (late) submission in opposition received. With the approval of the applicant, the council has placed the application on hold to determine possible additional information requirements required to assess actual effects of take on other groundwater users that were raised in submissions. As a result of the council's assessment of possible options regarding additional information, the applicant has significantly reduced its requested increase in volume of water take. The council is in discussion with the applicant on the best way forward with its application.
Whāngārei District Council, Parks Division APP.030692.01.01	Proposed boatramp and reclamation at Pataua North estuary	Thirty-eight submissions received (one late), with two in support (one conditional), 34 in opposition and one not stating whether in support, opposing or neutral. A total of 20 submitters, including the late submitter, wish to be heard. Independent commissioners sought by some submitters under section 100A. Further information has been received from the applicant relating to effects on coastal processes and cultural impacts. Hearing scheduled for 9 July 2013.
Whaingaroa Fisheries Company Limited APP.008120.01.01	Marine farm (fish and shellfish) at Owhanga Bay, Whangaroa Harbour	A total of 310 submissions received (two late) all in opposition, with 107 submitters wishing to be heard. Some have requested independent commissioners under section 100A to hear the proposal. Further information has been sought from the applicant under section 92.
Far North District Council APP.008527.01.02	Kaikohe Urban Stormwater System – Renewal	One submission received, not wishing to be heard and in support of the application. Draft conditions to be sent to the applicant for review.

Hearings and Decisions

Applicant	Proposal	Date of Hearing	Decision Issued/Comment
Westpac Mussels Distributors Limited APP.031050.01.01	Marine Farm (mussels) at Houhora Bay	10 June 2013	Decision from Hearing Commissioner pending.

Applicant	Proposal	Date of Hearing	Decision Issued/Comment
D M Jepson APP.031312.01.01	Proposed board walk, jetty facility and dredging including retrospective application for an existing boat ramp, rock revetment and stormwater outlet	21 June 2013	Decision from Hearing Commissioner pending.
Northland Regional Council APP.031159.01.01	Proposed construction and operation of a stormwater detention dam at Kotuku Street, Maunu	-	A total of nine submissions received, with one in support, three in opposition, three neutral and two with an unspecified position. Five submitters wished to be heard. Following consultation between the applicant and submitters, these five submitters have withdrawn their wish to be heard. The decision on the application will be made by an Independent Commissioner.

APPEALS/OBJECTIONS

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Poutō Farms Limited APP.021258.01.01	Flood protection works at Kaihū River	Objection to decision to return application documents as incomplete, but the applicant is still seeking stay of hearing, pending receipt of flood model data to enable completion of application detail.
Far North District Council APP.004369.01.03 APP.004369.01.02	Existing water take from Waitemarama Stream for supply of Ōmāpere/Opononi	Environment Court granted consent on 5 June 2013.
Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society APP.026844.01.01	Removal of 87 hectares of mangroves from Mangawhai Harbour and channel dredging	Appeal lodged by the applicant. Thirteen section 274 parties. Environment Court assisted mediation was held on 14 September 2011. There was no resolution and the appeal hearing commenced 30 April 2012. An interim decision has been issued by the Court declining the consent sought for dredging and indicating that consent might be forthcoming for three, possibly four, mangrove removal sites subject to satisfactory responses from the parties on conditions, mapping in one area and a jurisdictional question posed by the Court. The provision of these responses has recently occurred and the matter is back with the Court.

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Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Maungatapere Water Company Limited APP.004607.01.03	Take water from Porotī Springs for Maungatapere water scheme	Appeal lodged by Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust – only on term of consent.
		Appeal lodged by Lorraine Norris – only on term of consent.
		Environment Court hearing held on 13 and 14 June 2013. Awaiting Court decision.
Whāngārei District Council APP.002960.01.03	Take water from Porotī Springs for municipal water supply	Appeal lodged by Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust – only on term of consent.
		Appeal lodged by Lorraine Norris – only on term of consent.
		Environment Court hearing held on 13 and 14 June 2013. Awaiting Court decision.
Westpac Mussels Distributors Limited APP.029371.01.01	94.05 ha marine farm (mussels, mussel spat catching, and oyster depuration and growing) west of Stephenson Island, near Whangaroa Harbour	Appeals lodged by Yachting New Zealand and Whangaroa Maritime Recreational Park Steering Group (WMRPSG). A number of section 274 parties have attached to the WMRPSG appeal.
J K Upperton APP.008867.01.02	Earthworks in the Riparian Management Zone relating to a construction of a proposed dwelling and access	Appeal lodged by A Hamilton relating to notification decision, significance of site to Maori and cultural values and effects on kai moana.

ISSUE: Confirmation of Minutes – 18 June 2013**ID:** A549541**To:** Council Meeting, 11 July 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date:** 28 June 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes of the council meeting held on 18 June 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that council confirms the minutes as a true and correct record.

Report Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision
Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low

Report:

The minutes are **attached**.

Legal compliance:

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 18 June 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council
held at the Kerikeri RSA, Cobham Road, Kerikeri, on Tuesday 18 June 2013,
commencing at 1.00 pm

Present:

Chairman, Craig Brown
Deputy Chairman, John Bain
Councillors:
Joe Carr
Tony Davies-Colley (from 1.57 pm)
Bronwyn Hunt (left meeting 2.34 pm)
Graeme Ramsey
Bill Rossiter
Ian Walker

In Attendance:**Full Meeting**

GM – Planning and Policy
Council Secretary

Part Meeting

Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson (from 1.59 pm)
GM – Finance and IT
Biosecurity SPM

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.00 pm.

Apologies (Item 1.0)**Moved (Brown/Bain)**

That the apologies from Councillor Davies-Colley and the Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, for delayed arrival be received.

Carried**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)**

The Chairman invited members to make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed. There were no declarations of conflict at this point.

There was a minutes silence as a mark of respect for the passing of council officer, Don Gregory, and the Chairperson of Te Uri o Hau Trust, Mihi Kapa-Watene.

Item 3.0 was addressed prior to Items 2.0A, 2.0B and 2.0C to allow for the attendance of Animal Health Board representatives.

Supplementary Item for the Council Meeting – 18 June 2013 (Item 2.0A)

ID: A546720

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the supplementary item:

- 8.9: Northland Inc. 2013/14 Quarter 1 Funding

be received.

Carried

Tabled Item for the Council Meeting – 18 June 2013 (Item 2.0B)

ID: A547094

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the tabled item:

- 8.2A: Rates for Year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

be received.

Carried

Tabled Confidential Item for the Council Meeting – 18 June 2013 (Item 2.0C)

ID: A547286

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the tabled confidential item:

- 9.4: 152 Cameron Street – Cancellation of Lease

be received.

Carried

Item 3.0 was addressed prior to Items 2.0A, 2.0B and 2.0C to allow for the attendance of Animal Health Board representatives.

Presentations (Item 3.0)

Update on Bovine TB (Item 3.1)

ID: A544418

Report from Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager Don Mckenzie.

Moved (Rossiter/Brown)

1. That the report "Update on Bovine TB" by Don Mckenzie, Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager, dated 4 June 2013, be received.
2. That the presentation given by the Animal Health Board staff be noted.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 3.1:

Matthew Hall, Animal Health Board (AHB) New Zealand Vector Operations Manager, Kevin Crews, AHB National Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) Manager and Jane Sinclair, AHB Area TB Manager, were in attendance and provided the presentation "TB and Northland" covering the following key points:

About the AHB

- The structure and purpose of the Animal Health Board
- Funding contributors for the disease and vector programmes
- The transition to the new organisation OSPRI (Operational Solutions for Primary Industries) New Zealand

Bovine TB and Control

- An overview of the TB disease; its origins and cycle
- Progress made with TB control
- Objectives set to 2025/26 and the control strategies in place to achieve these

An update on TB in Northland

- 2009 and 2012 breakdowns
- Infected herd management
- Determining the geographic extent of infection
- Investigation into breakdown causes and mapping herd movements

It was generally agreed that if TB was detected in the wild animal population of Northland, hence losing its TB free status, the Animal Health Board must come back to advise council of the implications.

Chairman's Report to Council (Item 4.0)

ID: A543138

Report from Chairman Craig Brown.

Moved (Brown/Rossiter)

That the Chairman's report dated 7 June 2013 be received.

Carried

Councillor Davies-Colley and Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, arrived.

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 5.0)

ID: A538506

Report from Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Brown/Bain)

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 7 June 2013 be received.

Carried**Matters arising from Item 5.0:**

Councillor Bain undertook to circulate information regarding the West Coast's approach to issuing licences for petroleum and mineral exploration.

It was agreed that economic assessment must be reported concurrently with RiVAS evaluations.

Chairman Craig Brown undertook to formally write to the Chairman of the Local Government Commission and request that the Commission communicates changes to the proposed local government reorganisation process/timeframes to the Northland community.

Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, undertook to circulate confirmation of the frequency with which coastal monitoring was undertaken.

Malcolm also undertook to investigate who was involved in the mediation process and the timelines relating to the Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society's application.

Confirmation of Minutes – 21 May 2013 (Item 6.1)

ID: A543467

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Bain/Walker)

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 21 May 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Environmental Management Committee Minutes – 28 May 2013 (Item 6.2)

ID: A541523

Report from Committee Secretary Peternel McLean.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

That the minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting held on 28 May 2013 be received.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 6.2:

The Council Secretary undertook to follow up the request that Fonterra's written response, addressing the concern that permanent fencing was required to ensure stock were kept out of waterways, was circulated to the Environmental Management Committee.

Audit and Finance Committee Minutes – 28 May 2013 (Item 6.3)

ID: A543609

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Rossiter/Carr)

That the minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting held on 28 May 2013 be received.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 6.3:

Councillor Rossiter and Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, undertook to address the Whāngārei Bird Recovery Centre's request for funding and report back to council.

There was general agreement that the reporting framework for councillors representing the regional council on external groups should be incorporated within the governance review.

Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Minutes – 4 June 2013 (Item 6.4)

ID: A541529

Report from CDEM Senior Programme Manager Graeme MacDonald.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

That the minutes of the Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held on 4 June 2013 be received.

Carried

Financial Report to 31 May 2013 (Item 7.1)

ID: A544812

Report from Management Accountant Steve Goddard.

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

1. That the report "Financial Report to 31 May 2013" by Management Accountant, Steve Goddard, dated 7 June 2013, be received.
2. That the proposed carry forwards of \$82,000 for iwi related projects be approved to be carried forward into the 2013/2014 financial year to enable the work programmes described in this paper to be completed.
3. That the proposed carry forwards of \$306,118 for planning and policy related projects be approved to be carried forward into the 2013/2014 financial year to enable the work programmes described in this paper to be completed.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 7.1:

There was general agreement that when year-end accounts were presented to council in August that they must include budget plans for all proposed carry forwards that were not a result of timing issues.

The meeting adjourned at 3.09 pm for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.17 pm.

Community Investment Fund – Review of Investment Managers' Performance and Proposed Change to Community Investment Fund SIPO (Item 7.2)

ID: A536141

Report from General Manager – Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey.

Moved (Rossiter/Carr)

1. That the report "Community Investment Fund – Review of Investment Managers' Performance and Proposed Change to Community Investment Fund SIPO" by Lisa Aubrey, General Manager - Finance and IT, dated 6 June 2013, be received.
2. That the appointment of investment managers set out in section 7.2 and appendices **B** Investment Managers and Advisors and **C** Manager Mandates, to the SIPO be amended to allow \$2 million or 30% of the fixed interest portfolio be invested in the Milford Income Fund.

Carried

Adoption of the Final Annual Plan 2013/14, the 2013/14 Charging Policy and the Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw Charges Policy 2013/14 (Item 8.1)

ID: A544195

Report from Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Bain/Walker)

1. That the report "Adoption of the Final Annual Plan 2013-2014, the 2013-2014 Charging Policy and the Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw Charges Policy 2013-2014" by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer, dated 5 June 2013 be received.
2. That in accordance with section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002, the council adopts the Annual Plan 2013-2014.
3. That following consultation undertaken by Kaipara District Council in its draft Annual Plan 2013-2014, council adopts the amended Kaipara rating policies to be applied to regional council rates collected in the Kaipara district.
4. That the Charging Policy 2013-2014 included within the final Annual Plan 2013-2014 be approved and adopted, and come into force on 1 July 2013.
5. That the Northland Regional Council Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw Charges 2013 made pursuant to section 684B of the Local Government Act 1974 and in accordance with sections 83, 86 and 156 of the Local Government Act 2002, as contained in the final Annual Plan 2013-2014 be adopted and shall come into force on 1 July 2013.
6. That the council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary minor drafting, typographical or presentation corrections to the Annual Plan 2013-2014 prior to the document going to print.

Carried

Item 8.2 was replaced with the Tabled Item 8.2A

Rates for Year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (Tabled Item 8.2A)

ID: A544251

Report from Finance Manager Simon Crabb, and General Manager – Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey.

Moved (Walker/Rossiter)

1. That the report "Rates for Year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014" by Simon Crabb, Financial Manager, and Lisa Aubrey, General Manager - Finance and IT, dated 5 June 2013, be received.
2. That the Northland Regional Council resolves to set the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the financial year commencing 1 July 2013 and ending 30 June 2014.

3. **Targeted Council Services Rate**

A targeted rate as authorised by sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The rate is calculated on the total projected capital value, as determined by the certificate of projected valuation, of each constituent district in the Northland region. An additional \$1.73 per separately used or inhabited part of rating units (SUIP) is to be levied across the Whāngārei constituency to provide funding for the on-going maintenance needs of the Hātea River channel. The rate is a targeted rate, differentiated by location in the Northland region, and assessed as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (SUIP) in the Far North and Whāngārei Districts and on each rating unit (RU) in the Kaipara District. The rate will be set as follows:

	<u>Including GST</u>
Far North District	\$93.58 per SUIP
Kaipara District	\$106.75 per RU
Whāngārei District	\$109.08 per SUIP

4. **Targeted Land Management Rate**

A targeted rate as authorised by sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. This rate is assessed on the land value of each rating unit in the region. The rate is set per dollar of the actual rateable land value. The rate per dollar of actual rateable land value is different for each constituent district, as the rate is allocated on the basis of projected land value, as provided for in section 131 of the Local Government (Rating) Act. The rate is set as follows:

	<u>Including GST</u>
Far North District	\$0.0002713 per dollar of land value
Kaipara District	\$0.0002892 per dollar of land value
Whāngārei District	\$0.0003159 per dollar of land value

Alternatively the rate may be stated in dollar terms, i.e. the rate is \$27.13, \$28.92 and \$31.59 per **\$100,000** of land value in the Far North, Kaipara and Whāngārei Districts respectively.

5. **Targeted Northland Regional Recreational Facilities Rate**

A targeted Regional Recreational Facilities Rate as authorised by sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The rate is a fixed rate, differentiated by location in the Northland region. The rate will be assessed on each rating unit (RU) in the Kaipara District and each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (SUIP) in the Far North and Whāngārei Districts. The rate will be set as follows:

	<u>Including GST</u>
Far North District	\$5.75 per SUIP
Kaipara District	\$5.75 per RU
Whāngārei District	\$28.75 per SUIP

6. **Targeted Regional Infrastructure Rate**

A targeted rate as authorised by sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. This rate is assessed on the land value of each rating unit in the region. The rate is set per dollar of the actual rateable land value. The rate per dollar of actual rateable land value is different for each constituent district, as the rate is allocated on the basis of projected land value, as provided for in section 131 of the Local Government (Rating) Act. The rate is set as follows:

	<u>Including GST</u>
Far North District	\$0.0000308 per dollar of land value
Kaipara District	\$0.0000332 per dollar of land value
Whāngārei District	\$0.0000356 per dollar of land value

Alternatively the rate may be stated in dollar terms, i.e., the rate is \$3.08, \$3.32 and \$3.56 per **\$100,000** of land value in the Far North, Kaipara and Whāngārei Districts respectively.

7. **Targeted Rescue Helicopter Services Rate**

A targeted Rescue Helicopter Services Rate as authorised by sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The rate is a fixed rate assessed on each separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit in the Far North and Whāngārei Districts and each rating unit (RU) in the Kaipara District. The rate is set as follows:

	<u>Including GST</u>
Far North District	\$8.29 per SUIP
Kaipara District	\$8.29 per RU
Whāngārei District	\$8.29 per SUIP

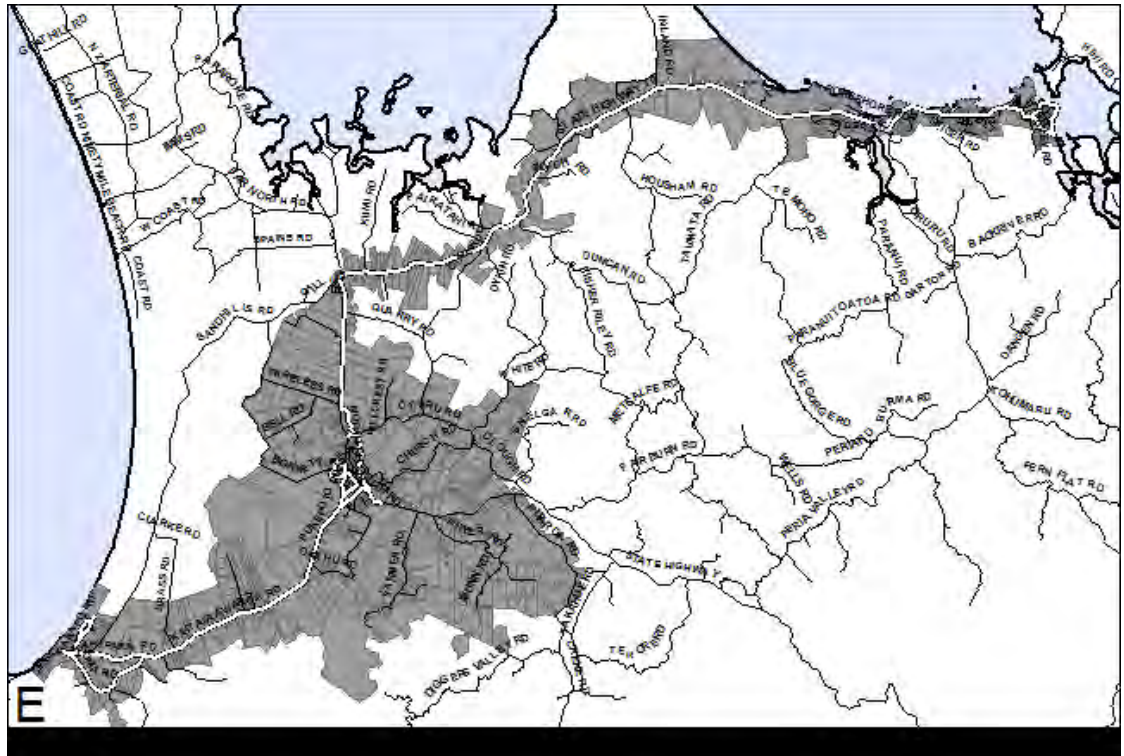
8. **Targeted Whāngārei Transport Rate**

A targeted rate as authorised by sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The rate is a fixed amount assessed on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Whāngārei District. The rate is set as follows:

	<u>Including GST</u>
Whāngārei District	\$12.78 per SUIP

9. **Targeted Kaitāia Transport Rate**

A targeted rate as authorised by sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The rate is a fixed amount assessed on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit located near the Kaitāia bus route. These rating units are identified in the map below:



The rate is set as follows:

Far North District (Kaitiāia only) **Including GST**
\$15.62 per SUIP

10. **Targeted Awanui River Flood Management Rate**

A targeted rate set under sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed and set differentially by location and area of benefit as defined in the Awanui River Flood Management Plan, are as follows:

		<u>Including GST</u>
a)	Urban rate class UA (floodplain location) \$128.11 direct benefit plus \$12.81 indirect benefit, total per each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit:	\$140.92
b)	Urban rate classes UF (higher ground) \$12.81 direct benefit plus \$12.81 indirect benefit, total per each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit:	\$25.62
c)	Commercial differential factor:	3.0
d)	Rural rate differentiated by class, \$7.88 per each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit of indirect benefit plus a rate per hectare for each of the following classes of land in the defined Kaitiāia flood rating district as stated in the Awanui River Asset Management Plan:	\$7.88

Class	Description	<u>Rate per Ha Including GST</u>
A1/A2	Maximum benefit; peat basins, low-lying reclaimed tidal areas and alluvial land at risk from frequent ponding and flooding:	\$16.24
B1/B2	High benefit land subject to floodwater flows but not ponding as floods recede:	\$12.18
C	Moderate benefit; land floods less frequently and water clears quickly:	\$8.12
E	Land in flood ways and ponding areas that receive no benefit and land in native bush that performs watershed protection function:	Nil
F	Contributes runoff waters and increases the need for flood protection:	\$0.65

11. **Targeted Kaihu River Flood Management Rate**

A targeted rate set under sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, and set differentially by location and area of benefit and defined in the Kaihu River Management Plan are as follows:

		<u>Including GST</u>
a)	Class A - per hectare of land on the floodplain and side valleys downstream of Rotu Bottleneck:	\$25.62
b)	Class B - per hectare of land on floodplain and tributary side valleys between Ahikiwi and Rotu Bottleneck:	\$12.81
c)	Catchment Rate –per hectare of land within the Kaihu River rating area:	\$1.92
d)	Urban Contribution – annual contribution from the Kaipara District Council instead of a separate rate per property:	\$5,694.00 pa

12. **Targeted Kaeo-Whangaroa Rivers Flood Management Rate**

A targeted rate set under sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, set on a uniform basis in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit falling within the former Whangaroa Ward (falling between rating rolls 100-199), as follows:

	<u>Including GST</u>
Former Whangaroa Ward	\$74.53

13. **Targeted Whāngārei Urban Rivers Management Rate**

A targeted rate set under sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, differentiated by location (see maps below) and category and set as a fixed amount per each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Whāngārei CBD flood area:



Contributing water catchments in Whāngārei Urban Rivers Management scheme:

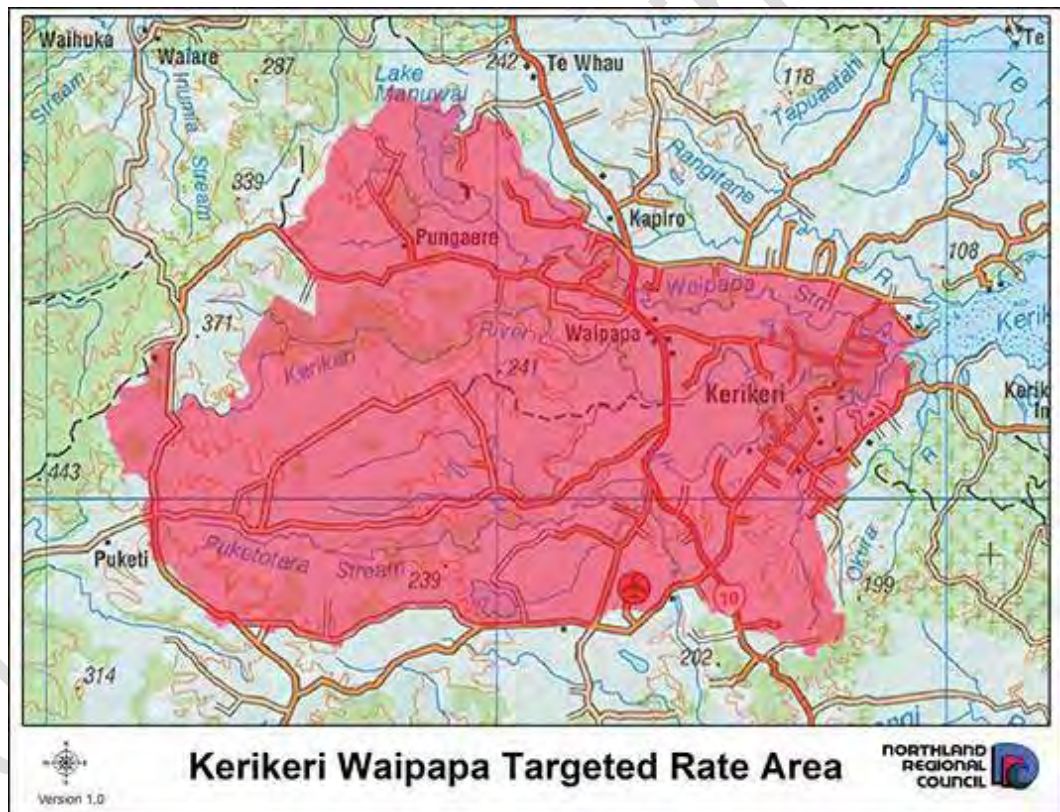


The rate is set as follows:

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| | | <u>Including GST</u> |
| a) | Commercial properties located in the Whāngārei CBD flood area: | \$274.37 per SUIP |
| b) | Residential properties located in the Whāngārei CBD flood area: | \$104.28 per SUIP |
| c) | All properties located in the contributing water catchment area (includes all those properties falling in the Waiarohia, Raumanga, Kirikiri and Hātea River catchments): | \$36.77 per SUIP |

14. **Targeted Kerikeri-Waipapa Rivers Management Rate**

A targeted rate set under sections 16 to 18 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, set on a uniform basis in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for properties identified in the map below as contributing catchments within the Kerikeri-Waipapa area.



The rate is set as follows:

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| | | <u>Including GST</u> |
| | Kerikeri – Waipapa catchment area | \$49.96 per SUIP |

15. **Rating powers delegated to constituent local authorities**

The Far North District Council, the Kaipara District Council and the Whāngārei District Council are hereby delegated powers to discount, remit and add penalties to the regional rates resolved herein, as described in resolution 16, and to act as the authorised agent of the Northland Regional Council for approving rates relief under the separate policies included in the Northland Regional Council Rating Policies adopted for the year commencing 1 July 2013.

16. **Payment dates for rates, discount and additional charges**

The dates and methods for the payment of instalments of rates and any discount and/or penalties applied to the regional rates shall be the same as resolved by the Far North District Council, the Kaipara District Council and the Whāngārei District Council and shall apply within those constituencies of the Northland region. Penalty rates are GST exclusive.

The Northland Regional Council resolves to set the following additional penalties on unpaid rates from previous years:

An additional charge of ten per cent (10%) will be applied to any rates for ratepayers in the Whāngārei District Council constituency on 2 September 2013 for rates assessed in previous rating years and remaining unpaid as at 1 July 2013. An additional penalty of 10% will be applied to each instalment or part thereof which remains unpaid after the due date for payment.

An additional charge of ten per cent (10%) will be applied to all Far North District Council constituency rates for previous rating years remaining unpaid on 1 September 2013 and a further charge of ten per cent (10%) will be applied to rates remaining unpaid as at 1 March 2014. An additional penalty of 10% will be added to each instalment or part thereof for the current year which remains unpaid after the due date for payment

An additional charge of ten per cent (10%) may be applied to all Kaipara District Council constituency rates for the previous rating year remaining unpaid after 1 July 2013 and a further charge of ten per cent (10%) may be applied to rates remaining unpaid as at 1 January 2014. An additional penalty of 10% may be added to each instalment or part thereof for the current year which remains unpaid after the due date for payment.

Pursuant to section 53 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the regional rates are collected by the territorial authority for the district in which the land is situated. The territorial authorities whose districts are in the district of the Northland Regional Council are the Far North District Council, the Kaipara District Council and the Whāngārei District Council.

Carried

Northland Inc. Directors – Terms of Rotation (Item 8.3)

ID: A545224

Report from Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Walker/Rossiter)

1. That the report “Northland Inc. Directors – Terms and Rotation” by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer, dated 7 June 2013, be received.
2. That the council adopt as policy that directors of Northland Inc. Limited should generally have terms of three years with an expectation of one reappointment for a further term of three years; subject to council being satisfied with their performance then and at all times.
3. That as a general rule, subject to paragraph 4, no director may hold office for more than a total of six years whether or not consecutively. However, council retains the discretion to extend a director’s term to nine years.
4. That it may be appropriate to vary the policy in exceptional circumstances where directors have vacated office otherwise than in accordance with their anticipated rotation; but such situations are anticipated to be rare and will be addressed when they arise.
5. That it is undesirable to change all directors at once and therefore a variation to the policy in paragraphs 2 and 3 is needed to establish an initial rotation.
6. That the Chief Executive Officer gives effect to the decision in paragraph 5:
 - (a) by identifying a schedule of initial terms for the current directors to establish the required rotation;
 - (b) by giving written notice to Northland Inc. Limited in accordance with clause 18(a) of its Constitution of the schedule; and
 - (c) by giving notice to each director of the schedule.

Carried

Remit Proposal – Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting July 2013 (Item 8.4)

ID: A541864

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Ramsey/Brown)

1. That the report “Remit Proposal – Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting July 2013” by Chris Taylor, Council Secretary, dated 23 May 2013, be received.
2. That Northland Regional Council send a letter to the Wellington City Council confirming Northland Regional Council’s support for the policy remit on local government’s place in the New Zealand Constitution.
3. That the Northland Regional Council authorises its delegates at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting (Chairman Brown, the Chief Executive Officer and Councillors Bain and Hunt) to vote in favour of the policy remit on council’s behalf.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 8.4:

Council Carr deemed it inappropriate for New Zealand to adopt a written constitution.

Solar Photovoltaic Array to Save Electricity Costs (Item 8.5)

ID: A544534

Report from Rivers Programme Manager Joseph Camuso.

Councillor Walker declared a conflict of interest.

Moved (Carr/Brown)

1. That the report “Solar Photovoltaic Array to Save Electricity Costs” from the Rivers Programme Manager, Joseph Camuso, dated 19 May 2013, be received.
2. That following the completion of seismic investigations into the NRC Water Street building further detail be provided to council regarding the potential investment in a solar photovoltaic array.

Carried

Ballance Farm Environment Awards - Update (Item 8.6)

ID: A541556

Report from Land Programme Manager Dean Evans.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

1. That the report "Ballance Farm Environment Awards – Update" by Dean Evans, Land Programme Manager, dated 23 May 2013, be received.
2. That the Northland Regional Council continues to be the regional sponsor of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards, to be reviewed annually.

Carried**Elected Members' Amendments to the Current Allowances and Expenses Policy and Opportunity to Make Submissions on Elected Members' Remuneration from Elections 2013 (Item 8.7)**

ID: A545360

Report from General Manager – Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey.

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

1. That the report "Elected Members Amendments to the Current Allowances and Expenses Policy and Opportunity to Make Submissions on Elected Members' Remuneration from Elections 2013" by Lisa Aubrey, General Manager - Finance and IT, dated 7 June 2013, be received.
2. That approval of the Remuneration Authority be sought for changes made to 5(1)(d), 5(5)(a) and (b), 5(6)(b), 5(7), 6(3), 8(1) and 8(2) of the Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses Policy (as detailed in the report).
3. That as agreed in principle at a workshop on 11 June 2013 the higher duties allowance of \$79,050 be fully allocated as follows:
 - a) That the Deputy Chair receive 40% (\$21,080) of the higher duties allowance, bringing the Deputy Chair total salary to \$73,780;
 - b) That council appoint the following or similar committee chair, portfolio leader roles; Audit and Finance Chair, Environmental Management Committee Chair, Regional Transport Committee Chair, Policy and Strategy Committee Chair, River Catchment Portfolio Leader, Harbour Catchment Management (Kaipara and Whāngārei) Portfolio Leader and Economic Development and CCO Portfolio Leader and each of these positions receive a higher duties allowance of \$8,218.43 each.
 - c) It is estimated the Deputy Chair spends on average an additional 10 hours' work per week and the Committee Chairs and Portfolio Leaders spend on average an additional five hours per week performing these roles.
4. That staff submit the higher duties allocation set out above to the Remuneration Authority for approval by no later than 19 July 2013.

Carried

Councillor Ramsey voted against the motion.

Elections – Early Processing of Voting Papers (Item 8.8)

ID: A545210

Report from Policy Advisor Vibeke Wright.

Moved (Bain/Ramsey)

1. That the report “Elections – Early Processing of Voting Papers” by Vibeke Wright, Policy Advisor, dated 7 June 2013, be received.
2. That council adopts the early processing of returned voting documents for the 2013 Northland Regional Council triennial elections, as permitted under section 79 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Carried

Northland Inc. 2013/14 Quarter 1 Funding (Supplementary Item 8.9)

ID: A546500

Report from Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Ramsey/Walker)

1. That the report “Northland Inc. 2013/14 Quarter 1 Funding” by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer, dated 17 June 2013, be received.
2. That council pay \$250,000 to Northland Inc. from the Northland Regional Council Investment and Growth Reserve for Quarter 1 operations.
3. That council pay \$25,000 (+ GST if any) to Northland Inc. against an invoice raised from rates revenue.

Carried

Business with the Public Excluded (Item 9.0)

ID: A546026

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Ramsey/Walker)

1. That the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider confidential matters.
2. That the general subject of the matters to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item No.	Item Issue	Reason\Grounds
9.1.1	Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting - 21 May 2013	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
9.1.2	Confidential Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting – 28 May 2013	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
9.2	Proposed Acquisition of Rail Corridor	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations, including commercial and industrial negotiations (section 7(2)(i)).
9.3	Kotuku Detention Dam Update	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations, including commercial and industrial negotiations (section 7(2)(i)).
9.4 (tabled)	152 Cameron Street – Cancellation of Lease	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (section 7(2)(h)).

Carried

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 4.42 pm.

ISSUE: Regional Transport Committee Minutes – 5 June 2013**ID:** A549551**To:** Council Meeting, 11 July 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date:** 28 June 2013**Summary** The purpose of this report is to receive the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 5 June 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the minutes be received.

Report Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

Report:The minutes are **attached**.**Legal compliance:**

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 5 June 2013 be received.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber,
36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on Wednesday 5 June 2013
commencing at 10.00 am

Present:

Northland Regional Council

Cr J Bain, Chairman

Cr J Carr

Cr C Brown (from 10.24 am)

Whāngārei District Council

Mr G Martin

Kaipara District Council

Mr P Winder

NZ Transport Agency

Mr S Town

Economic Development

Mr K Rintoul

Access and Mobility

Mr H Mountain

Cultural Interests

Mr R Wright (from 10.07 am)

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC CEO – Malcolm Nicolson

NRC Growth and Infrastructure Manager – Vaughan Cooper

NRC Transport Operations SPM – Chris Powell

Transport Projects Officer – Ian Crayton-Brown

Council Secretary – Chris Taylor

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.02 am.

Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Martin/Rintoul)

That the apologies from Mr S Westgate and Mr S McNally for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)

The Chairman invited members to make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed. There were no declarations of conflict at this point.

Confirmation of Minutes – 3 April 2013 (Item 3.1)

ID: A537464

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Rintoul)

That the minutes of the committee meeting held on 3 April 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 3.1:

Northland Regional Council (NRC) Growth and Infrastructure Manager, Vaughan Cooper, undertook to follow up the request that the Far North District Council (FNDC) forward the detail on FNDC budgets available to cover the emergency repairs resulting from the August and September 2012 events.

High Performance Motor Vehicles (Item 4.1)

ID: A541831

Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.

Matters arising from Item 4.1

A presentation was provided by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) National Development Manager, David Silvester, regarding improving freight efficiency and reducing the cost of trade through partnerships, "good intelligence", smarter regulation and improving high performance motor vehicle (HPMV) access. The presentation covered the following key points:

- NZTA HPMV work streams
- High use freight routes
- Proposed routes for Northland investment
- The proposed introduction of 50MAX HMPV
- How the Regional Transport Committee could assist with the project.

Concern was raised with regard to the number of bridges within the Far North district which would be put under stress by high performance motor vehicles.

It was agreed that the representatives from each of the districts would need to give consideration as to how the proposal would affect their specific network and report back to the Regional Transport Committee (RTC).

Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 – Funding Uptake (Item 5.1)

ID: A537450

Report from Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell.

Moved (Bain/Winder)

That the report, “Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 – Funding Uptake”, by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 19 May 2013, be received.

Carried

Regional Road Safety Update (Item 5.2)

ID: A542244

Report from Transport Projects Officer Ian Crayton-Brown.

Moved (Carr/Martin)

That the report “Regional Road Safety Update” by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer, dated 21 May 2013, be received.

Carried

Progress of the Land Transport Management Act Amendments (Item 5.3)

ID: A541850

Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.

Matters arising from Item 5.3:

NRC Growth and Infrastructure Manager, Vaughan Cooper, confirmed the Amendment Bill underwent its third and final reading the day prior and undertook to advise the committee when the different requirements would take effect. A paper would be tabled at the August RTC meeting detailing the options available for the committee to give effect to these changes.

Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland - Update (Item 6.1)

ID: A537184

Report from Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell.

Moved (Martin/Wright)

1. That the report "Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland – Update" by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 24 May 2013, be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the proposed structure and content of the Draft Regional Dust Mitigation Strategy.
3. That the Regional Transport Committee approve that NORTEG compile the Draft Regional Dust Mitigation Strategy and the Northland District Health Board be invited to provide input into this process.
4. That a progress report be tabled at the next Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Carried

(Mr P Winder voted against the motion)

Matters arising from Item 6.1:

Councillor Carr stressed that the problem must be addressed using a technical approach and that the solution must be sustainable.

Mr P Winder emphasised the lack of national funding assistance for road maintenance or seal extensions and that dust was only one of the roading related issues that should be brought to the attention of central government. Therefore the response to dust on unsealed roads must be proportionate to the problem; and the priority of which must be considered respective to all of Northland's priorities.

The meeting concluded at 11.18 am.