

## NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council  
held in the Council Chamber, 36 Water Street, Whangārei,  
on Tuesday 15 March 2016, commencing at 1.00 pm

### **Present:**

Chairman, Bill Shepherd  
Deputy Chairman, Graeme Ramsey  
Councillors:  
John Bain  
Craig Brown  
Joe Carr (*Left meeting 2.19 pm. Returned at 3.49 pm during public excluded.*)  
Paul Dimery  
Monty Knight  
Dover Samuels  
David Sinclair

### **In Attendance:**

#### **Full Meeting**

Chief Executive Officer  
GM – Environmental Services  
GM – Regulatory Services  
Governance Support Manager

#### **Part Meeting**

Northland Inc. Limited Chief Executive  
Northland Inc. Limited GM Investment and Infrastructure  
GM – Strategy and Governance  
GM – Customer Service/Community Resilience  
Corporate Services Manager  
Rivers Programme Manager  
Strategy Specialist  
Economist  
Management Accountant  
Kaiwhakahaere – Mātauranga Māori  
Kaiarahi Mātauranga Māori  
Strategy and Governance Team Admin PA

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.01 pm.

### **Apologies (Item 1.0)**

There were no apologies.

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

It was advised that councillors should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

## **Supplementary Item for Council Meeting – 15 March 2016 (Item 2.0A)**

**ID: A825867**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.**

**Moved (Shepherd/Samuels)**

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

- **Supplementary Item 7.4:** Māori Participation in Northland Regional Council Planning Processes;

be received.

**Carried**

## **Presentations**

### **Northland Region Economic Profile – 2015 Update (Item 3.1)**

**ID: A822565**

**Report from Economist, Darryl Jones.**

Northland Regional Council Economist, Darryl Jones, provided a presentation of the key highlights of the Infometrics annual update of the Northland Regional Economic Profile.

### **Kotuku Dam – Drone Footage (Item 3.2)**

**ID: A824695**

**Report from Rivers Programme Manager, Joseph Camuso.**

Rivers Programme Manager, Joseph Camuso, presented recent drone footage of the newly completed Kotuku Dam.

### **Health and Safety Report (Item 4.0)**

**ID: A824116**

**Report from Health and Safety Specialist, Tracey Warboys.**

**Moved (Ramsey/Sinclair)**

That the report 'Health and Safety Report' by Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist, and dated 3 March 2016, be received.

**Carried**

**Confirmation of Council Minutes – 16 February 2015 (Item 5.1)**

**ID: A821027**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.**

**Moved (Brown/Dimery)**

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 16 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

**Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.2)**

**ID: A821077**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.**

**Moved (Ramsey/Brown)**

That the Council Action Sheet be received.

**Carried**

**Financial Report to 25 February 2016 (Item 6.1)**

**ID: A823377**

**Report from Financial Accountant, Vincent McColl.**

**Moved (Sinclair/Bain)**

That the 'Financial Report to 25 February 2016' by Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant, and dated 3 March 2016, be received.

**Carried**

**Northland Inc. Limited Six Month Financial Report, and Reporting Against Statement of Intent (SOI) for 2015–18 and Regional Promotions (Item 6.2)**

**ID: A822630**

**Report from Finance Manager, Simon Crabb, and Economist, Darryl Jones.**

**Moved (Brown/Bain)**

That the report 'Northland Inc. Limited Six Month Financial Report, and Reporting Against Statement of Intent (SOI) for 2015–18 and Regional Promotions' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager; and Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 3 March 2016, be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Northland Inc. Limited Chief Executive, David Wilson, was in attendance and provided a verbal update on the organisation's performance for the six month period ending 31 December 2015.*

## **Adoption of the Annual Plan 2016/17 Supporting Information (Item 7.1)**

**ID: A822080**

**Report from Strategy Specialist, Kyla Carlier.**

**Moved (Brown/Shepherd)**

1. That the report 'Adoption of the Annual Plan 2016/17 Supporting Information' by Kyla Carlier, Strategy Specialist, and dated 1 March 2016, be received.

**Carried**

**It was further moved (Brown/Ramsey)**

2. That council adopts the supporting information for the Annual Plan 2016/17 (attached in accompanying volume to the agenda) for the purposes of consultation, pursuant to sections 95 and 95A of the Local Government Act 2002.
3. That council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make any necessary minor formatting, typographical and administrative changes to the Supporting Information prior to formal public consultation.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: A supplementary page was tabled; depicting the 'Prospective statement of financial position' and replacing page 69 of the supporting information.*

## **Adoption of the Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Document and Approval to Consult (Item 7.2)**

**ID: A821720**

**Report from Strategy Specialist, Kyla Carlier.**

**Moved (Samuels/Brown)**

1. That the report 'Adoption of the Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Document and Approval to Consult' by Kyla Carlier, Strategy Specialist, and dated 1 March 2016, be received.
2. That council adopts and approves for release the Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Document (included as Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 7.2 of the 15 March 2016 council agenda) for consultation pursuant to sections 95 and 95A of the Local Government Act 2002.
3. That council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make any necessary minor formatting, typographical, and administrative changes to the Consultation Document prior to formal public consultation.

**Carried**

## **2016 Local Body Triennial Elections (Item 7.3)**

**ID: A822083**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.**

**Moved (Sinclair/Dimery)**

1. That the report '2016 Local Body Triennial Elections' by Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager, and dated 26 February 2016, be received.
2. That council resolves to adopt the alphabetical order of candidate names on voting documents for the 2016 Local Body Triennial Elections (in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001).

**Carried**

## **Māori Participation in Northland Regional Council Planning Processes (Item 7.4 and Supplementary Item 7.4)**

**ID: A822897 and A825870**

**Reports from Kaiarahi Mātauranga Māori, Rachel Ropiha.**

**Moved (Samuels/Brown)**

1. That the report 'Māori Participation in Northland Regional Council Planning Processes' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi Mātauranga Māori, and dated 1 March 2016, be received.
2. That council endorse the engagement proposals as outlined in the agenda item to Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee 11 February 2016, being the establishment of a Māori Technical Working Party – for the purposes of informing the council's Annual Plan, Regional Plan and Pest Management Strategy and Marine Pathways Plan.
3. That the following Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee members be appointed to the Māori Technical Working Party:

Bundy Waitai	Henry Murphy	Nora Rameka
Juliane Chetham	Rowan Tautari	Tui Shortland
Mikaera Miru	Patu Hohepa	Mira Norris
4. That for the purposes of adhering to council's Appointed Members Policy, the membership and meeting schedule of the working party (as outlined in Supplementary Item 7.4 pertaining to the 15 March 2016 council agenda) be approved.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Councillor Carr left the meeting at 2.19 pm.*

## **Submission on Draft Reserve Management Plan Kai Iwi Lakes (Taharoa Domain) 2015 (Item 7.5)**

**ID: A822838**

**Report from Group Manager Environmental Services, Bruce Howse.**

**Moved (Ramsey/Samuels)**

1. That the report 'Submission on Draft Reserve Management Plan Kai Iwi Lakes (Taharoa Domain) 2015' by Bruce Howse, Group Manager Environmental Services, and dated 1 March 2016, be received.
2. That authority is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, and Deputy Chairman, to lodge the submission on behalf of council, including making any amendments to the submission as determined by council.

### **Carried**

Councillor Brown voted against the motion.

*Secretarial Note: Council agreed to the removal of Clause 27 of the submission regarding the support of allied work plans.*

## **Whangārei Heads Rate Resetting Process (Item 7.6)**

**ID: A823403**

**Report from Corporate Services Manager, Dave Tams.**

**Moved (Brown/Dimery)**

That the Northland Regional Council:

1. Receive the report 'Whangārei Heads Rate Resetting Process' by Dave Tams, Corporate Services Manager, and dated 14 March 2016.
2. Confirm that it has complied with subsections 119(2), (3) and (4) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 as the necessary pre-conditions before it exercises its power to re-set the Whangārei Heads Pest Management targeted rate.
3. Confirm that, in making the decision to use Whangārei Heads Pest Management targeted rate to fund the relevant pest management activities, it has had regard to the matters set out in section 100T(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 as set out in the public notice published on 23 February 2016 in the Northern Advocate *(and included as Appendix 3 pertaining to Item 7.6 of the 15 March 2016 council agenda)*.
4. Resolve to revoke the following part of the resolution made at the council meeting on 16 June 2015 in respect of the Rates for the Year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (being Item 7.2):

**"f. Targeted Whangārei Heads Pest Management Rate**

A targeted rate as authorised by 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 in and around the Whangārei Heads area. These rating units are identified in the map below:



The rate is set as follows:

Whangārei District (identified in Whangārei Heads area) **Including GST**  
 \$50 per SUIP"

- Resolve, under section 119 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to set a targeted rate for the 2015/16 financial year (commencing on 1 July 2015 and ending on 30 June 2016), as follows:

**"Targeted Whangārei Heads Pest Management Rate**

A targeted rate as authorised by 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 in and around the Whangārei Heads area. These rating units are identified in the map below:



The rate is set as follows:

Whangārei District (identified in Whangārei Heads area) **Including GST**  
**\$50 per SU/IP"**



6. Resolve, for the avoidance of doubt, that the Targeted Whangārei Heads Pest Management Rate be payable in four instalments due on:

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Due Date for payment</b>
Instalment 1	20 August 2015
Instalment 2	20 November 2015
Instalment 3	22 February 2016
Instalment 4	20 May 2016

**Carried**

### **Non-Elected Membership of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Confirmation (Item 7.7)**

**ID: A823763**

**Report from Group Manager Strategy and Governance, Jonathan Gibbard.**

**Moved (Samuels/Dimery)**

1. That the report, 'Non-Elected Membership of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Confirmation', by Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager Strategy and Governance, and dated 4 March 2016, be received.
2. That council notes the resignation received from the following non-elected member to the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Group Represented</b>
Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn	Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa

3. That council confirms the appointment of the following non-elected member to Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Group Represented</b>
Rihari Dargaville	Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn was acknowledged for her contribution to the committee.*

### **Chairman's Report to Council (Item 8.1)**

**ID: A820742**

**Report from Chairman, Bill Shepherd.**

**Moved (Shepherd/Dimery)**

- That the Chairman's report dated 3 March 2016 be received.

**Carried**

## **Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 8.2)**

**ID: A820449**

**Report from Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson.**

**Moved (Brown/Dimery)**

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 4 March 2016 be received.

**Carried**

## **Emergency Services Fund Update (Item 8.3)**

**ID: A822438**

**Report from Group Manager Customer Services and Community Resilience,  
Tony Phipps.**

**Moved (Bain/Samuels)**

That the report 'Emergency Services Fund Update' by Tony Phipps, Group Manager Customer Services and Community Resilience, dated 29 February 2016, be received.

**Carried**

## **Regional Software Holdings Limited Statement of Intent 2017 to 2019 (Item 8.4)**

**ID: A823640**

**Report from Corporate Services Manager, Dave Tams.**

**Moved (Knight/Brown)**

That the report 'Regional Software Holdings Limited Statement of Intent 2017 to 2019' by Dave Tams, Corporate Services Manager, and dated 3 March 2016, be received.

**Carried**

## **Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015 (Item 8.5)**

**ID: A822878**

**Report from Kaiwhakahaere – Mātauranga Māori, Abraham Witana.**

**Moved (Samuels/Dimery)**

That the report 'Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015' by Abraham Witana, Kaiwhakahaere – Mātauranga Māori, on behalf of the Chairman, and dated 4 March 2016, be received.

**Carried**

## Receipt of Committee Minutes (Item 9.0)

ID: A821079

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

### Moved (Ramsey/Sinclair)

That the unconfirmed minutes of the:

- Regional Transport Committee – 3 February 2016;
- Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee – 11 February 2016; and
- Finance Committee – 16 February 2016

be received.

### Carried

#### Secretarial Note:

- *Amended unconfirmed minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16 February 2016 were tabled.*
- *The meeting adjourned at 3.06 pm and reconvened at 3.16 pm. In the temporary absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman presided.*

## Business with the Public Excluded (Item 10.0)

ID: A821158

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

### Moved (Ramsey/Brown)

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
10.1	Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting – 16 February 2016	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
10.2	Receipt of Confidential Minutes	<p>The reason for excluding the public from the Economic Development Working Party (10 February 2016) is the public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in the 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) 7(2)(i).</p> <p>The reason for excluding the public from the Finance Committee meeting (16 February 2016) are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.</p>

10.3	Human Resources Report	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 7(2)(a).
10.4	Opening Ceremony and Naming of Kotuku Dam	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest 7(2)(c)(ii).
10.5	Investment and Growth Reserve: Feasibility and Business Case Assessment – Waipoua Forest Tourism Strategy	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in the 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) 7(2)(i).

3. That the representatives from Northland Inc. Limited be permitted to remain after public excluded to address Item 10.5.

**Carried**

## **CONCLUSION**

The meeting concluded at 4.02 pm.