

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council
held in the Council Chamber, 36 Water Street, Whangārei,
on Tuesday 19 July 2016, commencing at 1 pm

Present:

Chairman, Bill Shepherd
Deputy Chairman, Graeme Ramsey
Councillors:
John Bain
Craig Brown
Joe Carr
Paul Dimery
Monty Knight
Dover Samuels
David Sinclair

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Chief Executive Officer
GM – Environmental Services
GM – Regulatory Services
GM – Corporate Excellence
Personal Assistant – Corporate Excellence
Executive Assistant – Customer Service/Community Resilience
Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

Northland Inc. Limited Chairman
Northland Inc. Limited Chief Executive
Northland Inc. Limited GM Investment and Infrastructure
GM – Strategy and Governance
GM – Customer Service/Community Resilience
Communications Manager
Infrastructure Manager
Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager
Property Officer
Forestry consultant

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.02 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.

Confidential Supplementary Item for Council Meeting – 19 July 2016 (Item 2.0A)

ID: A859860

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

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

- **Confidential Supplementary Item 10.3:** Mt Tiger Forest Harvest Results

be received.

Carried

Confidential Supplementary Item for Council Meeting – 19 July 2016 (Item 2.0B)

ID: A860275

Report from Property Officer, Alicia Jurisich.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

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

- **Confidential Supplementary Item 10.5:** Attachment Five: Building Inspection Report

be received.

Carried

Presentation (Item 3.1)

ID: A859231

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Whangarei District Council State of the Environment Coordinator, Joanna Wilson, provided a presentation on the Blue/Green Network Strategy covering the following key points:

- Existing/proposed walkways and cycleways
- Cross-section impressions
- Long term strategy
- Areas of collaboration

Moved (Carr/Bain)

That the presentation be received.

Carried

Health and Safety Report (Item 4.0)

ID: A858910

Report from Health and Safety Specialist, Tracey Warboys.

Moved (Bain/Sinclair)

That the report 'Health and Safety Report' by Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist, and dated 8 July 2016, be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Council Minutes 21 June 2016 and Extraordinary Council Minutes 27 June 2016 (Item 5.1)

ID: A857029

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Brown/Sinclair)

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 21 June 2016, and extraordinary council meeting held on 27 June 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.2)

ID: A857041

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Samuels/Ramsey)

That the Council Action Sheet be received.

Carried

Approval to Initiate the Process of Becoming a Member of the Local Government Funding Agency (Item 6.1)

ID: A857508

Report from Finance Manager, Simon Crabb.

Moved (Sinclair/Ramsey)

1. That the report 'Approval to Initiate the Process of Becoming a Member of the Local Government Funding Agency' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager, and dated 6 July 2016, be received.
2. That council approve the initiation of the process for council to become a non-guaranteeing member of the Local Government Funding Agency.
3. That authority be given to the Chairman, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, to sign any documentation required.

Carried

Update on the \$758K GST Refund (Item 6.2)

ID: A857705

Report from Finance Manager, Simon Crabb.

Moved (Sinclair/Carr)

That the report 'Update on the \$758K GST Refund' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager, and dated 7 July 2016, be received.

Carried

Northland Inc. Limited Statement of Intent 2016–2019 (Item 7.1)

ID: A856020

Report from Economist, Darryl Jones.

Moved (Carr/Brown)

1. That the report 'Northland Inc. Limited Statement of Intent 2016–2019' by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 8 July 2016, be received.
2. That council agree to Northland Inc. Limited's Statement of Intent 2016–2019 as set out in **Attachment 2** pertaining to Item 7.1 of the 19 July 2016 council agenda.

Carried

Northland Inc. Limited – Operations and Reporting (Item 7.2)

ID: A855642

Report from Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Bain/Dimery)

1. That the report 'Northland Inc. – Operations and Reporting' by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer, and dated 8 July 2016, be received.
2. That council agrees to continue with current arrangements whereby allocations from the \$200,000 per annum available for feasibility assessment and business case development funding from the Investment and Growth Reserve is made by council decision on a case-by-case application basis upon recommendation from the board of Northland Inc.
3. That council agrees to continue with current arrangements involving quarterly performance reporting by Northland Inc.
4. That council agrees to the approval of quarterly payments for operational funding upon receipt of an invoice from Northland Inc. For the 2016/17 financial year the total operational funding is \$1,198,212 (excluding GST).

Carried

Submission: Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill 2016 (Item 7.3)

ID: A856791

Report from GM Strategy and Governance, Jonathan Gibbard; and Kaiarahi Mātauranga Māori, Rachel Rophia.

Moved (Samuels/Carr)

1. That the report 'Submission: Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill 2016' by Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager – Strategy and Governance; and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi Mātauranga Māori, and dated 5 July 2016, be received.
2. That council retrospectively approve the submission.

Carried

Memorandum of Understanding – Te Uri o Hau and Northland Regional Council (Item 7.4)

ID: A855646

Report from GM Strategy and Governance, Jonathan Gibbard.

Moved (Ramsey/Samuels)

1. That the report 'Memorandum of Understanding – Te Uri o Hau and Northland Regional Council', by Jonathan Gibbard, GM Strategy and Governance, and dated 30 June 2016, be received.
2. That the proposed draft Memorandum of Understanding between Te Uri o Hau and Northland Regional Council be approved and arrangements made for formal signing by both parties.

Carried

Resident Satisfaction Report 2016 (Item 7.5)

ID: A856200

Report from GM Strategy and Governance, Jonathan Gibbard; and Communications Manager, Suzanne Takiwa.

Moved (Dimery/Ramsey)

1. That the report 'Northland Regional Council Resident Satisfaction Report 2016' by Jonathan Gibbard, GM Strategy and Governance; and Suzanne Takiwa, Communications Manager, dated 6 July 2016, be received.
2. That a media release be prepared to communicate the key findings.
3. That council officers prepare a draft action plan outlining what activities will be undertaken to improve residents' awareness and satisfaction with council services and engagement.
4. That the draft action plan be workshopped with councillors in September 2016 and feedback used to develop a more comprehensive plan to present to the incoming council.

Carried

2016 Communications Strategy and 2016 Online Strategy (Item 7.6)

ID: A856306

Report from GM Strategy and Governance, Jonathan Gibbard; Online Services Manager, Tracey Morris; and Communications Manager, Suzanne Takiwa.

Moved (Ramsey/Sinclair)

1. That the report '2016 Communications Strategy and 2016 Online Services Strategy' by Jonathan Gibbard – GM Strategy and Governance; Tracey Morris – Online Services Manager; and Suzanne Takiwa – Communications Manager, be received.
2. That the 2016 Communications Strategy and 2016 Online Strategy be adopted by the Northland Regional Council.

Carried

Supplementary Item for Council Meeting – 19 July 2016 (Item 2.0C)

ID: A861574

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Sinclair/Dimery)

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

- **Supplementary Item 7.7:** Submission on Local Government Amendment Act be received.

Carried

Submission on Local Government Amendment Act (Item 7.7 and Supplementary Item 7.7)

ID: A858256 and A861574

Report from Infrastructure Manager, Graham Nielsen.

Moved (Shepherd/Dimery)

That council adopts the submission [included in Supplementary Item 7.7 of the 19 July 2016 council agenda] including the proposed change as tabled at the meeting.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The proposed change to the submission was an additional blurb following paragraph 15 as follows:

'One particular concern is the ability for the Commission to establish CCO's and how this power could be exercised. The council is of the firm opinion that a proposal to establish a CCO should only ever be an alternative, among many service delivery options, and not a predetermined single option.'

By engaging with the councils of the region, and following a robust 'better business case' process, the various options and their advantages can have a thorough airing and a consensus can be developed around the preferred option.'

Chairman's Report to Council (Item 8.1)

ID: A854863

Report from Chairman, Bill Shepherd.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

That the Chairman's report dated 8 July 2016 be received.

Carried

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 8.2)

ID: A854607

Report from Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Ramsey/Knight)

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 7 July 2016 be received.

Carried

Receipt of Committee Minutes (Item 9.0)

ID: A858459

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Samuels/Sinclair)

That the unconfirmed minutes of the:

- Civil Defence Emergency Management – 7 June 2016;
- Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee – 9 June 2016; and
- Environmental Management Committee – 27 June 2016

be received.

Carried

Business with the Public Excluded (Item 10.0)

ID: A859227

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Shepherd/Carr)

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 – 21 June 2016	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of the meeting.
10.2	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).
10.3	Mt Tiger Forest Harvest Results	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information 7(2)(b)(ii).
10.4	Request by Industrial Area Leaseholder to Acquire the Lessor's Interest	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, commercial activities 7(2)(h)).
10.5	Purchase of Kawakawa Property for Economic Development Project	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, commercial activities 7(2)(h)).
10.6	Consolidating Leasehold Land into Freehold	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, commercial activities 7(2)(h)).
10.7	Request by Port Road Area Leaseholders to Acquire Lessor's Interest	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, commercial activities 7(2)(h)).
10.8	Request by Leaseholder to Acquire the Lessor's Interest	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, commercial activities 7(2)(h)).

10.9	Kerikeri River Spillway Flood Scheme 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 7(2)(i)).
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Carried

It was further moved (Shepherd/Carr)

That the council's forestry consultant, Ian Jenkins, be permitted to remain after public excluded to address Item 10.3.

Carried

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm.