

AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

Huihuinga O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau

**Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
Thursday 2 May 2019 at 11am**

Rārangi Take O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau (Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Agenda)

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Thursday 2 May 2019, commencing at 11am

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NGĀ MANA WHAKAHAERE (MEMBERSHIP OF THE TE TAITOKERAU MĀORI AND COUNCIL WORKING PARTY)

Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene
Co-Chair,, Councillor Paul Dimery

Councillor Mike Finlayson	Councillor Bill Shepherd	Councillor Penny Smart
Councillor Joce Yeoman	Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Juliane Chetham	Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connolly
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Rihari Dargaville	Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz	Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Te Huranga Hohaia
Ngāti Kuta Patukeha, Shirley Hakaraia	Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, Patu Hohepa	Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Mike Kake
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Henry Murphy	Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris	Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Fred Sadler	Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari	Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, Rudy Taylor
Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Kuri/Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust, Bundy Waitai	Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Malcolm Welsh	Ngāti Tara, Victor Holloway
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Hine Jaycee Tipene-Thomas		

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TITLE: **Record of Actions – 14 March 2019**


ID: A1184938

From: Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Record of Actions of the last meeting (attached) held on 14 March 2019 for review by the meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Record of Actions from 14 March 2019 [↓](#) 

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard

Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Date: 24 April 2019

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
14 March 2019

Tuhituhi o ngā Mahi O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau **Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Record of Actions**

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Thursday 14 March 2019, commencing at 11am

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene
Co-Chair, Councillor Paul Dimery
Councillor Bill Shepherd
Councillor Penny Smart
Councillor Joce Yeoman
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Julianne Chetham
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz
Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, Patu Hohepa (*departed at 1.45pm*)
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Mike Kake
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Henry Murphy
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Fred Sadler
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari
Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, Rudy Taylor
Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Kuri/Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust, Bundy Waitai
Ngāti Tara, Victor Holloway

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

NRC Chief Executive
GM – Strategy, Governance and Engagement
Kaiwhakahaere, Hononga Māori
PA/Team Admin, Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori
GM – Environmental Services
Land Manager and Deputy GM, Environmental Services
Biosecurity Manager – Partnerships and Strategy
Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager
Strategic Policy Specialist
Strategy Policy and Planning Manager

The meeting commenced at 11.05am.

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Secretarial Note: Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party and Māori Technical Advisory Group are abbreviated as TTMAC and MTAG respectively throughout this Record of Actions.

Karakia / Whakatau

Secretarial Note: The opening karakia and mihimihi by members Sadler, Waitai and Hohepa were held at the beginning of the non-elected members caucus session.

Beginning the meeting, there was a tribute to Te Huranga Hohaia, who passed in February 2019, led by Co-Chair Dimery and members Hohepa and Sadler.

Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)

Northland Regional Council, Councillor Finalyson,
Ngāti Kuta Patukeha, Shirley Hakaraia
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Malcolm Welsh

Whakapuakanga o mua (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest) (Item 2.0)

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

Record of Actions – 8 November 2018 (Item 3.1)

It was agreed that the Record of Actions was an accurate record of the hui.

Members of the Māori caucus advised that they are progressing with plans to host a national symposium on Māori representation later in 2019.

Agreed action point:

- That members of the Māori caucus would come back to TTMAC with suggestions on how council might contribute to or participate in the symposium.

Report: Māori Technical Advisory Group, Mana Whakahono a Rohe (Item 3.2)

Presented by: Strategy Policy and Planning Manager

This paper provided MTAG's advice on how it might engage with hapū in regard to Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWR). TTMAC acknowledged the MTAG authors mahi in drafting the document and provided some suggestions on how the document could be further tweaked before it returns to TTMAC's May meeting.

Agreed action point:

- That MTAG be tasked with completing a draft, single hapū-based Mana Whakahone a Rohe (for multiparty hapū to join) for consideration by TTMAC at its May formal meeting.

Review of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (Item 3.3)

Presented by: Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori.

This paper sought a recommendation from TTMAC to council that MTAG conduct a review of the working party to feed into the incoming council's overall governance review and to inform other stakeholders. The anticipated process is to develop a survey, gather the feedback and report back to

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TTMAC, seeking TTMAC endorsement that the review be presented to council. Members indicated strongly that the review would be a useful opportunity to provide feedback to the incoming council and to TTMAC itself.

Agreed action points:

- That TTMAC recommend to council that MTAG conduct a review of the working party in order to make recommendations to the incoming council

NRC Environmental Awards (Item 3.4)

Presented by: Marketing and Engagement Manager

The inaugural NRC Environmental Awards are to recognise the people and organisations working in our communities to protect and enhance Taitokerau's unique environment. A TTMAC member was sought to join the judging panel and all members were asked to encourage nominations across the different categories.

Agreed action points:

- That TTMAC nominate Mike Kake as a member of the judging panel
- That TTMAC members encourage nominations to the Northland Regional Council Environmental Awards.

Update: Implementing the Long Term Plan (LTP) - Pests, Water and Flooding (Item 3.5)

Presented by: Group Manager – Environmental Services, Land Manager and Deputy Group Manager, Biosecurity Manager – Partnerships and Strategy; Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager.

The respective managers presented on the wide range of projects being implemented across Taitokerau to improve water quality, pest control and flood protection, and how the council is working to increase long term funding for landowners. Other issues covered were Kauri dieback, tree planting for hill country erosion, fencing changes in the Proposed Regional Plan, mātauranga Māori and council's more proactive stance on prosecution of non-compliant consents.

Agreed action points: Nil

Iwi and council governance to governance relationship agreement (Item 3.6)

Presented by: Group Manager – Strategy, Governance and Engagement

It was acknowledged that iwi and hapū already work together at TTMAC and that a relationship agreement with iwi won't lessen the relationships that council have with hapū. There was, however, concern that such agreements may give the impression that the parties to the relationship agreement have authority to speak to the Crown and other entities on behalf of iwi and hapū.

Agreed action points: Nil

Secretarial Notes:

- *The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.10pm and resumed at 1.45pm. On resumption, Auriole Ruka, the council's recently appointed Kaiwhakahaere, Hongongā Māori, was introduced*
- *It was agreed to hear Item 3.7 after lunch, followed by Items 3.8 and 3.11 together.*

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Report: Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party marae-based hui (Item 3.7)

Member Chetham provided a summary of the December 2018 marae-based hui hosted by Patuharakeke Trust Board at Takahiwai Marae.

Key issues included Patuharakeke's Resource Management Unit and funding, shellfish monitoring and the rāhui at Marsden Point, Takahiwai's ngāhere and community feedback about Dune lakes, Brynderwyn pest management and mangrove removal.

The next marae-based hui is being hosted by Ngāti Tara at Parapara Marae, Taipā.

Agreed action points: Nil

Update: Inter-regional marine pest management discussion document (Item 3.8)

Presented by: Strategic Policy Specialist

Staff sought TTMAC's advice on how to best engage with Māori during the consultation period for the inter-regional marine pest management plan which runs until 24 May 2019.

Agreed action points:

The Strategic Policy Specialist to make contact with the Māori biosecurity channel and to connect Ngāti Rehia's TTMAC member with consents staff.

Annual Plan (Item 3.9)

Presented by: GM – Strategy, Governance and Engagement

The Annual Plan seeks to make only minor changes to the budget and work programmes set out in council's 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. Feedback on the plan is being sought from 4 March – 5 April 2019. The feedback will be deliberated on by council in May 2019 and final adoption of the plan is scheduled for 4 June 2019.

Agreed action point:

- That a follow up report be provided by the Corporate Planning Manager after adoption of the final document in June.

Our Vision 2018-2028 | Te Pae Tawhiti 2018-2028 (Item 3.10)

Presented by: GM – Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Our Vision 2018-2028 | Te Pae Tawhiti 2018-2028 is a shorter and more accessible version of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028. Key feedback from TTMAC was that the te reo Māori needs improvement.

Agreed action point:

- Staff to work with experts to ensure that te reo Māori is used well and consistently in council documents.

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Update: Where's your wai? online consultation and Ministry for the Environment's 'At Risk' catchments programme (Item 3.11)

Presented by: Strategic Policy Specialist

An update was provided on the results of the 'Where's your wai?' online consultation. The key point from the At Risk catchments update was that there will be an opportunity for consultation regarding the programme and staff will keep TTMAC informed about this.

Agreed action points:

- The Working Group agreed that the consultation should be run again over the 2019/2020 summer period and suggested that the ability to upload images would be helpful
- Staff to email a copy of the presentation to members.

Secretarial Notes:

- *Members Taylor, Tautari, Kake and Chetham departed shortly after 2.25pm.*

Update: Provincial Growth Fund (Item 3.12)

Presented by: GM – Strategy, Governance and Engagement

The paper was taken as read with the key observation being that Taitokerau is now regaining some of the momentum with respect to funding allocation.

Agreed action point: Nil

Working Party Updates (Item 3.13)

The paper was taken as read.

Agreed action points: Nil

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 2.55pm with a karakia by member Waitai.

TITLE: Presentation: What support is available for Māori through MfE (MfE availability TBC)

ID: A1184963

From: Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

It is anticipated that Ministry for the Environment staff, Robert McClean, Manager RMA Practice and Will Tait-Jamieson, Mana Taiao, Partnerships and Customers, will attend the 2 May Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Meeting to talk about their programmes of work.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Presentation: What support is available for Māori through MfE (MfE availability TBC)' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and dated 16 April 2019, be received.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Nil

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard

Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Date: 24 April 2019

TITLE: Northland Inc Presentation

ID: A1186075

From: Auriole Ruka, Māori Relationship Manager

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

This paper introduces Sarah Petersen, Chairperson and Vaughan Cooper, Acting Chief Executive from Northland Inc., who will be providing an update to Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMC) on activities and key projects currently being undertaken by Northland Inc.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Northland Inc Presentation' by Auriole Ruka, Māori Relationship Manager and dated 23 April 2019, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Nil

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard

Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Date: 23 April 2019

TITLE: Update: Māori Technical Advisory Group

ID: A1184947

From: Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

Due to constraints staff were not able to convene a meeting of the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) prior to this months (May) formal meeting of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TMAC). However, a meeting with MTAG will take place prior to the July meeting (of TTMAC).

Work that was to be considered by MTAG included:

- Completion of the Mana Whakahono a Rohe single agreement
- Ongoing work on council consent processing, and
- Review of the effectiveness of TTMAC.

Please note that agenda items (of this agenda) 3.5 Workshop: Review of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party; and 3.6 Mātauranga Māori both influence the current work programme of MTAG.

Specifically, it's now proposed that wider TTMAC group provide initial feedback through this formal meeting to inform the MTAG review. Any information and/or feedback received at the meeting along with the collated survey responses (open to all TTMAC members) will be presented to MTAG who will provide recommendations for TTMAC to review and provide recommendations to council at its July formal meeting.

Likewise, information pertaining to the use of Mātauranga Māori will possibly influence the content of a Mana Whakahono a Rohe single agreement that MTAG have been working on.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Update: Māori Technical Advisory Group' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and dated 16 April 2019, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Nil

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard

Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Date: 24 April 2019

TITLE: Workshop: Review of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party

ID: A1184958

From: Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and Auriole Ruka, Māori Relationship Manager

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

At the March meeting of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC), the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) were tasked with undertaking a review TTMAC to inform the councils review of its governance structure.

Unfortunately, due to time constraints a meeting of MTAG was unable to be organised. As a result, the review of TTMAC will commence during May's TTMAC's formal meeting.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Workshop: Review of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and Auriole Ruka, Māori Relationship Manager and dated 16 April 2019, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

In advance of the 2016 election TTMAC and council undertook a review of TTMAC to provide advice to the incoming council on whether TTMAC should be reformed and if so with what improvements. With council elections due in October 2019 council is once again reviewing its governance structure and seeking feedback from TTMAC on what it thinks should be improved on.

By way of background, following the 2016 elections, council reconfirmed the establishment of TTMAC with the following amendments:

1. Establishment of TTMAC as a working party of council rather than a formal committee. This was consistent with amendments to council's wider governance structure and provided the opportunity for council to appoint a non-councillor as co-chair for the working party. Members Tipene and Dimery were appointed co-chairs with member Rameka proxy should member Tipene be absent.
2. TTMAC member representation on council's other working parties:
 - a) Natural Resources Working Party
 - b) Pest Management Working Party
 - c) Marine Management Working Party (this working party was condensed into Natural resources)
 - d) Planning Working Party.
3. That the TTMAC Working Party membership consist 24 non-elected representatives and six councillors, including the council chairman (this has since reduced to five councillors).

Since being formally re-established, TTMAC has continued meeting bimonthly, alternating between formal meetings and regional marae based hui. The following is a snapshot of those meetings:

- Eleven formal meetings have been held at councils Whangārei office

- Eight regional marae based hui have been held:
 - Ngāti Manawa Marae
 - Te Hana Marae
 - Te Whare Āwhina o Takou
 - Waiora Marae
 - Ōruawharo Marae
 - Ōtira Marae
 - Takahiwai Marae
 - Parapara Marae
- Review of economic development
- Presentations on:
 - National responses to Pest Management (Myrtle Rust Mycoplasma Bovis)
 - Ministry for the Environment and Iwi Leaders Forum
- Ongoing input into the development of the Proposed Regional Plan (PRP) including:
 - Design of criteria for independent Māori Commissioners
 - Design assistance programme for submitters to the PRP
 - Participation in the Planning Working Party
- Review of the Terms of Reference
- Māori Technical Advisory/TTMAC input into:
 - Mana Whakahono a Rohe (ongoing)
 - Consent processes (ongoing)
 - Where's your Wai?
 - Inter-regional Marine Pathways Pest Management discussion document
 - Long Term Plan 2018-2028
 - Councils internal economic process - Regional Māori Economic Scan
- Ongoing caucusing session preceding the formal meetings

Next steps

The review of the previous advisory committee was undertaken in the main, via a survey. This was done via surveymonkey with responses being anonymous. At that time, only nine members completed the survey. This was presented to TTMAC and along with the discussion held at the time, formed the basis of TTMAC recommendations to the incoming council.

The survey is currently open for members to contribute responses however due to the low response rate staff would like to undertake a facilitated feedback session with all TTMAC members as part of the formal May TTMAC meeting. TTMAC members will therefore have an opportunity to respond both by completing the survey and by providing feedback on the day.

Your responses will help complete the collation of information which will be reviewed by MTAG and a recommendations report presented to the July TTMAC meeting for endorsement to council.

Staff will be present during the meeting to capture and record feedback.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Attachment 1: Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee 2013 - 2016 review: Survey questions [!\[\]\(8d0f0e0fe25b320c33272c52aec1fbca_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(c1e4487e48462435243c9e117557e045_img.jpg\)](#)

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard
Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement
Date: 24 April 2019

Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee 2013 - 2016 review: Survey questions.

Q1 What were your expectations when you joined the committee?

To enhance the relationship between the Council and tangata whenua and to give the Council a better insight into matters of real concern to tangata whenua

Q2 Thinking about the committee, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- You understand the reason the committee exists and its purpose.
- Your expectations of the committee have been met.
- Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

Q3 Thinking about the vision and mission of the committee, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- That the committee emphasised and advocated for Māori.
- That the committee provided an opportunity to integrate Māori perspectives into Council processes and policy.
- That the committee was a safe and open forum for discussion.
- Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

Q4 Now thinking about how the committee operated, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I felt the committee operated in a manner that reflected tikanga Māori.
- I feel the Northland Regional Council listened to the committee.
- I feel I am making a difference by being a part of this committee.
- I feel supported as a member of this committee.
- Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

Q5 Thinking about the performance of the committee, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- The members communicated well with each other.
- Members respected each other.
- I felt my opinion was listened to.
- I think we have the right mix of people and skills on the committee.
- I have provided my constituent group (who you represent on the committee) with regular updates and reports about committee progress.
- Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

Q6 Thinking about the value of the committee how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I feel the committee was effective.
- I feel the committee was able to influence council policies and decisions.
- I believe the council has gained a better understanding of Maori and Maori issues.
- Relationships have been established between Maori and Council.
- Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

Q7 Thinking about the size and makeup of the committee and that at times it has been difficult to achieve a quorum, how much do you agree or disagree with the following?

- The size of the group is right.
- We have the membership right.
- Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

Q8 Do you believe the committee was worthwhile, what did you like about being part of the committee or what could be improved?

- Comment box only

Q9 Do you feel the marae based workshops were effective?

- Comment box only

Q10 Any final comments and suggestions?

Comment box only

TITLE: Mātauranga Māori

ID: A1184950

From: Jean-Charles Perquin, Natural Resource Science Manager and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the various legislative provisions, plans and funding agreements that refer to Mātauranga Māori and seek Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party support for MTAG to consider and provide feedback to TTMAC on how council can best support the implementation of these requirements.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Mātauranga Māori' by Jean-Charles Perquin, Natural Resource Science Manager and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and dated 16 April 2019, be received.
2. That TTMAC support MTAG to work with staff to further investigate and provide guidance on how council should fulfil its role and responsibilities to support, facilitate and implement a Mātauranga Māori monitoring framework within Te Taitokerau.

Tuhinga/Background

Council is required, through a number of different provisions, to engage with tangata whenua to support the development and implementation of a Mātauranga Māori monitoring framework within Te Taitokerau. For example:

1. Policy CB1(aa)(v) of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management requires council to develop a monitoring plan, for monitoring freshwater, that must include Mātauranga Māori.
2. Policy 8.1.3 of the Regional Policy Statement for Northland states that the regional and district councils shall provide opportunities for the use and incorporation of Mātauranga Māori into decision-making, management, implementation, and monitoring of natural and physical resources under the Resource Management Act 1991, and
3. Method 8.1.8 of the Regional Policy Statement states that the regional council will support tangata whenua if they choose to develop and implement a regional Mātauranga Māori-based environmental monitoring framework by:
 - a. Providing information and advice during the development of the monitoring framework;
 - b. Providing training to assist tangata whenua to promote and implement the monitoring framework on an ongoing basis; and
 - c. Incorporating the results and recommendation of tangata whenua monitoring in council's monitoring reports.

4. Ministry for the Environment - Freshwater Improvement Fund funding agreements require council to work with tangata whenua, within particular catchments that the funding relates, to support and develop Mātauranga Māori freshwater quality monitoring.

Staff would like to discuss this with TTMAC, and seek guidance, to better understand tangata whenua expectations of what council can do to best support tangata whenua to undertake environmental monitoring using a Mātauranga Māori approach. Staff are particularly aware that council needs to adopt a consistent and coordinated approach to supporting tangata whenua to undertake Mātauranga Māori monitoring and to ensure that the monitoring results are able to influence council decision-making processes.

By way of further background, as a sector, local government undertook a desktop review of kaupapa Māori monitoring tools, frameworks and methods currently used across Aotearoa. This review can be viewed at <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/media/13642/kaupapa-maori-assessments-final-jan-2019.pdf>.

Staff seek TTMAC approval for MTAG to meet with staff and discuss how best council can support the implementation of a coordinated Mātauranga Māori monitoring approach across Te Taitokerau and bring that back to TTMAC for feedback and further discussion.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Nil

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard
Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement
Date: 18 April 2019

TITLE: Working Party Updates

ID: A1184946

From: Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Working Party Updates' by Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA and dated 16 April 2019, be received.

Rīpota/Report

Natural Resources Working Party

(Chair: Councillor Justin Blaikie; no TTMAC attendee)

The Natural Resources Working Party met on 6 March 2019. The topics for discussion included:

- Northern Wairoa FIF Update
- Summary of Farm Plan Phone Survey
- Dune Lakes FIF Update
- Awanui Long Term Plan River Works
- Waipu and Paparoa Flood Maps
- Wetland Mapping in Northland

Following discussion, the Natural Resources Working Party provided advice on the following next steps:

- Provide an update on wetland mapping at the next Natural Resources Working Party meeting.
- Provide information regarding carbon sequestration rates in wetlands.
- Provide an update to council on Wetland Condition Index Monitoring.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Nil

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard

Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Date: 24 April 2019

TITLE: Report: Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party marae-based hui, hosted at Parapara Marae

ID: A1184953

From: Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The first TTMAC marae-based regional hui for 2019 was hosted by Ngāti Tara at Parapara Marae on 11 April.

Key issues centred around the:

- Taipā waste water treatment plant (WWTP), the impending resource consent hearing on 24 June, and the impact of WWTP's effluent discharge to their awa and moana's health
- Mahi done by Kaitiaki Rangers over the summer providing guidance on how to treat the area in a culturally and environmentally friendly way
- Issues relating to vehicles on beaches, rubbish, proliferation of beach access ways, erosion and dune protection, water quality and eroding infrastructure.

Working party members in attendance were Victor Holloway (host), Co-chair Paul Dimery and Councillors Shepherd and Finlayson. The hui was also attended by senior managers and council staff.

Thanks and acknowledgements are extended to Parapara Marae for hosting TTMAC and to member Holloway for hosting the hui.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Report: Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party marae-based hui, hosted at Parapara Marae' by Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA and dated 16 April 2019, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Attachment 1: TTMAC Record of Actions from 11 April marae-based hui  

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard

Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Date: 23 April 2019

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
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Tuhituhi o ngā Mahi O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau **Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Record of Actions**

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Thursday 11 April 2019, commencing at 10am

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, Councillor Paul Dimery
Councillor Mike Finlayson
Councillor Bill Shepherd
Ngāti Tara, Victor Holloway

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

Tinalee Yates-Bassett, Parapara Marae
Hone Bassett, Parapara Marae
Andreas Kurmann, Far North Envirolab
Peter Morris, Carbon Energy System NZ
Caroline Holloway, Parapara Marae
Trudy Allen, Karipori/Taipā Marae
Hikitia Hita, Parapara Marae
Manuao Matike, Parapara Marae
NRC Acting Chief Executive
GM – Strategy, Governance and Engagement
GM – Regulatory Services
Area Manager – Kaitiāia
Kaiarihi – Kaupapa Māori
PA/Admin, Strategy Governance and Engagement

Pōwhiri / Hākari

The meeting commenced at 10.50am.

Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)

Councillor Penny Smart
Councillor Joce Yeoman
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Mike Kake
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Fred Sadler

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Whakapuakanga o mua (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest) (Item 2.0)

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

FNDC Taipā waste water treatment system (Item 3.1)

Presented by: Victor Holloway

Key points:

- The Taipā waste water treatment plant (WWTP) is in the Taipā catchment but pumps effluent over the hill into the wetlands before entering the Parapara stream via a tributary
- Speaking for their mokopuna and future generations, Parapara marae voiced their pain at the harms caused to their awa and moana. For them, the river expresses their own health as hapū and whanau and, for that reason, needs to be looked after
- Parapara marae explained how the discharge from WWTP adversely affects their whenua, awa and kaimoana, and offends against their deeply held cultural beliefs about discharge of human waste to water. They also didn't believe that WWTP was compliant with its consent conditions, exceeding the discharge rate and amount of ammonia and nutrients allowed and had concerns about the environmental impact of nearby quarries.
- They believed that status quo is not an option given the new NPS on freshwater which says that discharge to water or sea should be the last resort, and they felt strongly that any water discharged to land should be as clean as possible
- WWTP is Far North District Council (FNDC) infrastructure. FNDC applied for a replacement consent in 2008 but was allowed time to investigate land disposal options in 2010. There has been a nine year delay in processing the consent to allow FNDC to undertake consultation to try and reach a consensus with the community about the options for the plant upgrade and how to dispose of the discharge
- Parapara marae attendees voiced their frustration with the length of time taken to reach this point, and their cynicism about whether FNDC is acting in good faith to reach a solution, given there is no money allocated to it in FNDC's Long Term Plan
- The hearing is scheduled for 24 June in Taipā and the application will be heard by two independent commissioners, one of which is Māori
- The hearing committee will make a decision on behalf of the regional council. Their decision can be appealed to the Environment Court by all submitters and FNDC (the applicant). The decision made by the Environment Court is then open to appeal on a point of law to the High Court
- The hearing is no reason for FNDC to not continue working and engaging with the community on a solution
- NRC staff answered questions around the hearing and will follow up further with Parapara marae. Topics covered included:
 - How many submissions were made
 - The purpose of resource consent hearings
 - If and how people can attach themselves to an existing 2008 submission, including if the submitter has subsequently passed
 - Who can speak at a hearing (the Commissioners decide)
 - How to make a compelling proposal at the hearing
 - The process for notifying submitters about the hearing

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- The difficulty of quantifying costs given the variables, and what funding might be available for non-profit groups through legal aid
 - Whether the consent can be issued with new conditions, such as reducing the amount of bacteria discharge (yes, if evidence based)
- A community member, Andreas Kurmann, noted that environmental problems can also result through poor management of land, and certain farming practices that may solve one problem can create another. For example, mangroves help control nutrient and sediment flow to the sea, however, they also block the flushing of the river. Mr Kurmann has developed a system for turning biosolids into a zero waste product which may provide a solution for the discharge from WWTP
- NRC clarified that its staff took samples and tested them, and that the council was not relying on monitoring done by the landowners or FNDC
- Another attendee noted that there is an issue with sediment run off from the red clay used for roading. There may be means to address this through the catchment management plan for Doubtless Bay.

Agreed action points:

- In respect of the upcoming hearing on 24 June in Taipā, NRC staff will:
 - provide a copy of the submitters and submissions to date
 - clarify the process around attaching to an existing submission, providing additional information on a submission, and speaking at the hearing
- Staff will look at what the Doubtless Bay Catchment Group is doing in respect of leaching and sediment control for roading.

Aurere estuary (Item 3.2)

Presented by: Victor Holloway

Aurere Estuary has traditionally been a popular kaimoana spot and camping area.

Aspects regarding water quality, and the impact of WWTP as the Parapara water system enters into the Aurere Estuary and then into Tokerau Beach were discussed in Item 3.1.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Tokerau Beach (Item 3.3)

Presented by: Tinallee Yates-Bassett

This item highlighted the work being done by the Kaitiaki Rangers and issues relating to vehicles on beaches, proliferation of beach access ways, erosion and dune protection, water quality, and eroding infrastructure such as exposed pipes being undermined. Key points included:

- Kaitiaki Rangers run a six-month programme from November until end of April. The pilot programme was partly funded by MBIE and FNDC, with NRC providing a vehicle. FNDC is currently collating the collected data
- Four hapū work together to put two people on the beach each day over the summer holidays to monitor and educate beach goers and campers about:

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- Respecting Lake Rotopotaka (previously called Coco Cola) by not using it for swimming and washing
- Not leaving rubbish and fish heads on the beach, and the need for freedom campers to be using their self-contained toilet, or to use the motor camp at the end of the beach
- Not damaging dunes with recreational vehicles and bikes or bulldozing to create their own access to the beach – which may damage significant archaeological sites for future generations
- Most people are receptive to the rangers who aim to provide, in a firm but approachable way, advice about being environmentally friendly. The Karikari Peninsula Beach Care Group and the Tokerau and Whatuwhiwhi Ratepayers Association also do beach care work
- The rangers are wanting help to find national and local funding to expand the scheme from Aurere to Mangonui and from six months to 12 months, and to include activities such as fencing and research (eg., on archeological sites)
- The rangers were appreciative of the support given by NRC through staff time, provision of information and loan of a vehicle. For their part, NRC was very supportive of the programme and happy to work with the rangers on funding sources. While NRC does not have any available in the Long Term Plan, there may be some available in the Coastal Care budget
- NRC staff advised that people can seek access to the beach from their property so long as they don't breach RMA rules.

Agreed action points:

- The Area Manager – Kaitāia is to follow up regarding manhole rubbish and continue monitoring eroding infrastructure on the beach
- NRC staff are to look at what assistance can be given regarding funding and confirm the amount FNDC contributed to the programme, thought to be about \$245,000.

River and lake water quality (Item 3.4)

There was no specific presentation about this item as it was covered in other presentations.

Agreed action points:

- Circulate the hui notes through TTMAC member, Victor Holloway, to improve the visibility of the working party to Ngāti Tara.

Secretarial note:

The council gave thanks to Parapara marae for hosting the hui and for sharing their concerns and insights about issues important to them and their future generations. They also appreciated hearing Matua Hone's description of the wharenui and stories about the hapū. Parapara marae likewise appreciated the council taking the time to participate in the hui.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 1.35pm.

TITLE: Natural resource planning work programme

ID: A1184951

From: Michael Day, Natural Resources Policy Manager and Ben Lee, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The development of the Proposed Regional Plan for Northland has been the single biggest project for the Strategy, Policy and Planning team over the past three years. As this has now gone through the hearings process and council have adopted the Hearings Panel recommendations on provisions as the council decisions, upcoming work of the Policy and Planning team will become more diverse.

This purpose of this report is to provide an indicative snapshot of Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) related work the Strategy, Policy and Planning team will be focusing on over the next three years. It does not cover corporate planning activities (such as the Annual Plan) or documents prepared under other Acts (such as the Land Transport Act).

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That this report 'Natural resource planning work programme' by Michael Day, Natural Resources Policy Manager and Ben Lee, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager and dated 16 April 2019, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

The table below outlines the RMA related planning work staff anticipate¹ will be the focus over the next three years. It does not outline all operational detail of the activities. The intent is to provide an indicative snapshot of upcoming work, noting that members of this working party will have an opportunity to workshop (in greater detail) a number of these activities in due course.

Activity	Info	Indicative timeframe
Treaty settlement process	Planning staff provide input into Treaty settlement legislation as there are implications for council and council's RMA plans. Ngāti Whātua settlement for the Kaipara Moana is a current live process that staff are involved with.	Ongoing
TOAT Beach Board (90 Mile Beach)	Advice to board and project managing the preparation of beach management plan (BMP). Request for proposals for consultants to prepare BMP closed on 26 April.	Advice to board – ongoing Beach Management Plan – 2019 and 2020.

¹ As should be expected, this is a bit of a 'crystal ball' gaze, as we cannot fully anticipate all directives coming from Central Government.

Additional sites of significance to tangata whenua – plan change to new regional plan	Possible plan change. Likely to piggy back on other water related plan change.	Notify 2021
Mana Whakahono o Rohe (MWR)	Planning team involved with the development of MWR as much of the content relates to RMA planning activities.	2019 - 2021
Proposed Regional Plan Appeals (making new plan Operative)	Proposed Regional Plan decisions notified 04 May 2019. The next stage will involve resolving appeals and making the new plan operative.	End of 2020 (hopefully)
Coastal Occupation Charging (COC)	While the Proposed Regional Plan has not included a COC regime, councillors have indicated a desire to further explore how a charging regime may work and the pros and cons of initiating such a regime.	Council decision mid-2019 regarding whether to proceed with further investigations.
Councils Freshwater National Policy Statement (NPS) implementation programme	Suite of actions to implement the requirements of the Freshwater NPS, including plan changes.	Project Plan finalised May 2019 Plan Changes notified late 2021
Wetland mapping	A project is underway to comprehensively map (via a GIS based method) wetlands in Northland. Once finalised, may lead to a plan change to our regional plan.	Notify plan change 2021
NRC input into national proposals under the RMA (e.g. proposed NPS for biodiversity or NPS on Hazard Management)	The planning team lead council input into national proposals (e.g. submissions and sitting on advisory groups) that flow from the RMA. Central Government has indicated there may be substantial amendments to the RMA in 2019 as well as a raft of new National Policy Statements.	Ongoing
District plan changes	The planning team provides feedback and makes submissions on changes to district plans. The main reasons are to ensure the Regional Policy Statement is being given effect to and to ensure council operations (e.g. flood management) are not unduly regulated.	Ongoing
District council consents (review / commentary)	See explanation for district plan changes.	Ongoing
Regional Plan implementation/guidance material	Once the Plan is operative, the planning team may produce guidance material to assist with interpreting / implementing the Plan.	Early 2021 (or when new plan becomes Operative)
RPS – 5-year review	RMA requires a review of the RPS.	2021

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Nil

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard
Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement
Date: 18 April 2019

TITLE: Northland Regional Council Environmental Awards

ID: A1186058

From: Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

As reported at the March meeting of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC), the council sought to recognise the work being done in our communities to protect and enhance the environment through the introduction of a package of awards. At that meeting, TTMAC appointed member Kake to the judging panel.

Councils inaugural 2019 Environmental Awards closed recently and judges have selected the finalists. An overwhelming 93 applications were received in the eight categories, and judges were extremely impressed with the high calibre of the applications. The finalists in the eight categories will be announced at the meeting.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Northland Regional Council Environmental Awards' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and dated 23 April 2019, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga/Attachments

Nil

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Name: Jonathan Gibbard

Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Date: 23 April 2019