

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 10 September 2020, commencing at 11.00am - 3.30pm

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, Marty Robinson
Co-Chair, Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau, Rudy Taylor
Councillor Jack Crow
Councillor Colin Kitchen
Councillor Amy Macdonald
Councillor Penny Smart
Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Councillor Joce Yeoman
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Juliane Chetham
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi Janelle Beazley
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine Pita Tipene
Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa Toa Faneva
Te Roroa Thomas Hohaia (part meeting)
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

NRC Chief Executive
Acting GM – Environmental Services
Kaiwhakahaere Honongā Māori – Māori Relationships Manager
Kaiārahi – Tikanga Māori
Kaiārahi – Kaupapa Māori
PA/Team Admin Strategy Governance and Engagement

Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Northland Inc Chief Executive, Murray Reade
Acting GM – Strategy Governance and Engagement
Economist
Strategic Policy Specialist
Organisational Project Manager
Policy Specialist
Hunia Kingi (Te Waiariki)
Nicole Robson (Te Waiariki)
Chantez Connor-Kingi (Ngāti Kahu-o-Torongare)
Waimarie Bruce-Kingi (Te Waiariki)
Jeanette Walters ((Te Waiariki, Te Whānau Whero ki Whananaki)
Helen Jeremiah (The Opportunities Party)

The meeting commenced at 11.10am.

Karakia / Whakatau

The karakia and mihi whakatau were done for the meeting in the non-elected members caucus session prior to the formal meeting.

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)

Councillor John Bain
Councillor Justin Blaikie
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa Rihari Dargaville
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka
Ngāti Tara Victor Holloway
Ngātiwai Trust Board Hadyn Edmonds
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua Alan Riwaka
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri Victor Goldsmith

Ngā whakapuakanga (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 – 9 July 2020 (Item 3.1)

The Record of Actions was amended by noting Julianne Chetham as an apology and then approved as accurate.

Māori Elected Members on Council (Item 3.2)

Presented by: Auriole Ruka, Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori and Jonathan Gibbard, Acting Group Manager - Environmental Services and Māori Technical Advisory Group

Key discussion included:

- Acknowledgement of the effort and expertise that went into the paper and the significance of the topic
- The choice of speakers at council workshops aimed to provide a range of views to inform council before they vote at October's council meeting
- Multiple paths to Māori representation were discussed by TTMAC tāngata whenua when preparing their paper
- Their key recommendation is, however, for Māori to have a role in decision making that reflects Te Tiriti Partnership, not just an advisory role
- The poll provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 are unfair to Māori, as there is no equivalent poll provisions for other wards and constituencies
- Maori representation is conspicuous by its absence
- TTMAC input asks us to reflect on what will happen if there is a "no" vote on Māori seats.

Agreed action points:

- That the following recommendation and a supporting paper from the TTMAC tāngata whenua caucus be presented to council to inform their decision at October's council meeting:

“That the TTMAC Maori Caucus seeks that the Northland Regional Council resolves to establish Māori constituencies for the 2022 local body election to support and grow existing participation and relationships with Te Taitokerau Māori and to enable compliance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.”

- That the council write to the new Chair of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) to ask that LGNZ again requests the government remove sections 19ZA to 19ZG of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) that allows for polls on the establishment of Māori wards or constituencies. These provisions do not apply to other wards and constituencies and marks them as unfair to Māori and inconsistent with being Treaty partners
- That council also consider writing to the new Prime Minister, when elected, to ask that the unfairness caused by the poll provisions be addressed as a matter of importance.

Northland Inc Update (Item 3.3)

Presented by: Murray Reade, CEO Northland Inc. The presentation covered the general state of the economy, key performance indicators for, and current mechanisms to, support Māori economic development, funding updates and next steps.

Key discussion points:

- Northland Inc’s (NInc) recent focus has been securing additional funding: Destination Marketing and Management (tourism), support for events, E350 and Crown Infrastructure
- NInc works alongside other agencies – such as Te Puni Kōkiri, Amokura, Iwi and Local Government Chief Executives (ILGACE) and Te Kahu o Taonui (TKoT) – and is guided by their respective kaupapa, ensuring effort is optimised not duplicated
- The tools for delivering Māori economic development are in place, ready for TTMAC input into the annual SOI process and direction of travel. The SOI should enable TTMAC to assist with Māori economic development
- TTMAC is keen to offer support to NInc to unlock opportunities for best development for and in Taitokerau
- The Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) is selected from a resource management perspective. To have people with suitable expertise and share the workload, it was proposed to establish a sub-group of TTMAC members with economic development or similar relevant expertise.

Agreed action points:

- That a maximum six-member tāngata whenua subgroup, with economic development or other relevant expertise, be established to work with Northland Inc on input into their annual Statement of Intent and overall economic development strategy
- That Co-chairs work on prioritising agenda items by fitting them within the agreed six priority areas, allowing TTMAC to work more effectively within the available time.

Secretarial Note: The quorum was short by one member so it was agreed that endorsement for the actions be sought by email when the Draft Record of Actions was circulated.

Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (Item 3.4)

Presented by: Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi – Kaupapa Māori.

The presentation covered TTMAC’s request that the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) provide advice on the LTP 2021 – 2031, how MTAG then developed their advice, what barriers they

encountered, and the resulting recommendations which are organised into five high-level, priority initiatives.

Key discussion points:

- Acknowledgement of the mahi that went into the recommendation from MTAG
- Consider phasing advocacy earlier to improve the efficiency of Māori participation across Tai Tokerau on shared kaupapa, as can be seen with the Joint Climate Change Committee and as proposed by the Tane Whakapiripiri report
- There's a need for a wholistic view of funding/resourcing so TTMAC can identify investment gaps and opportunities and then use phasing to prioritise the key initiative groups
- Prioritise programmes and budgets
- Organise the mahi into what NRC can control vs what we will need to strategically leverage through central government as a region
- MTAG are under pressure with a high workload and need adequate resourcing and funding.

Agreed action points:

- Staff to come back to TTMAC before the end of the year around council decisions on the Long-term Plan.

Secretarial Note: A quorum was not achieved so it was agreed that endorsement for the actions be sought by email when the Draft Record of Actions was circulated.

Overview of the government's action for healthy waterways package (August 2020) (Item 3.5)

Presented by: Strategic Policy Specialist

In early August, the Government released a 'package' of new rules and policy direction under the Resource Management Act 1991 intended to stop further degradation of water resources and improve water quality within 5 years, reverse past damage and bring freshwater resources, waterways and ecosystems to a healthy state within a generation.

The presentation provided an overview of the government's objectives, how the package is delivered, changes to the Resource Management Act, the new National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NSPFM), and the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES Freshwater) and stock exclusion regulations. The key messages were:

- It's a significant challenge to improve water quality at landscape scale
- The timeframe is tight to deliver NPSFM regional plan content (end of 2024)
- There is significant resourcing required (engagement, science/data, mapping and monitoring wetlands, etc.)
- There are new consenting monitoring and compliance requirements (NESFW and stock exclusion).

Agreed action points: Nil.

Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (Item 3.6)

Presented by: Acting GM, Strategy, Governance and Engagement

The paper was taken as read. It asked that expression of interest for the Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group be sought by: pānui to all contacts on council's tāngata whenua database; pānui to freshwater kaitiaki groups; asking known active freshwater kaitiaki; and tāngata whenua TTMAC members sending pānui through their forums.

Agreed action points:

- It was agreed to seek endorsement for the item's recommendation by email when the Draft Record of Actions was circulated as a quorum was not present for the item.

Regional marae-based hui (Item 3.7)

Presented by: Kaiārahi – Tikanga Māori | Cultural Advisor

It was agreed that the updated schedule for the remaining TTMAC regional hui be as follows:

Date	Venue
Thursday, 8 October 2020	Regional marae-based hui Te Houhanga Marae, Ngāti Whātua, Te Roroa, Te Uri o Hau
Thursday, 10 December 2020	Regional marae-based hui Bay of Islands: Ngāti Rehia – Nora Rameka
Thursday, 11 February 2021	Regional marae-based hui Parapara Marae: Ngāti Tara – Victor Holloway
Thursday, 8 April 2021	Regional marae-based hui Hokianga: Te Hikutu – Rudy Taylor

Agreed action points:

- That TTMAC tāngata whenua members be asked for their feedback on the purpose of the hui and any response regarding the COVID-19 restrictions when the Record of Actions is circulated, as a quorum was not present for this item.

Updates from other working parties (Item 3.8)

Presented by: The Working Party Chairs.

In addition to the written records of Action, verbal updates were given by councillors Jack Crow, Chair of the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party, Amy Macdonald, Chair of the Climate Change Working Party, and Joce Yeoman, Chair of the Planning and Regulatory Working Party.

Feedback from members present about participation in working parties included that representatives gained helpful insight into some topics, felt included and that there was meaningful input. However there is a lot of reading and some meeting days (Wednesdays) mean that members are unavailable due to other commitments.

Agreed action points:

- That TTMAC tāngata whenua members be asked for their feedback about participation on working parties when the Record of Actions is circulated, to be fed into the October review of council's governance structure.

Any other business (Item 3.9)

Nil.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 3.20 with karakia mutunga by Arama Morunga.