

## Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Friday 21 February 2025, commencing at 10:00 am

### Tuhinga/Present:

FNDC Councillor John Vucich (*Chair*)  
FNDC Councillor Penetaui Kleskovic (*Deputy Chair – Via audio-visual link*)  
KDC Mayor Craig Jepson  
NRC Chair Geoff Crawford  
NRC Deputy Chair Tui Shortland (*Via audio-visual link*)  
WDC Mayor Vince Cocurullo  
WDC Deputy Mayor Phil Halse

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

FNDC Mayor (*Via audio-visual link*)  
WDC Councillor Peters (*Via audio-visual link*)  
Northland Inc. Chief Executive  
Northland Inc. GM Infrastructure and Investment  
KDC Chief Executive Officer  
KDC Economic Development Lead (*Via audio-visual link*)  
NRC Economist  
NRC Economic Policy Advisor  
NRC Principal Advisor  
FNDC GM Planning and Policy (*Via audio-visual link*)  
WDC GM Planning and Development  
WDC Economic Development Officer  
NRC Governance Specialist (*Minute taker*)

#### Part Meeting

WDC Chief Executive Officer

*Secretarial Note: The Chair opened the meeting at 9.02am and proceedings commenced with a karakia by the NRC Economist.*

### Whakapahā/Apologies:

#### Moved (Cocurullo/Crawford)

That the apology from KDC Deputy Mayor, Jonathan Larsen, for non-attendance be received.

**Carried**

## **Kaupapa ā Roto/Business with Public Excluded (Item 4.0)**

### **Moved (Crawford/Halse)**

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:

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Issue</b>	<b>Reasons/Grounds</b>
4.1	Regional Deals Light-Touch Proposal for Northland	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).

**Carried**

## **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 9.30am with a karakia by the FNDC Mayor.**