

## ITEM

**MEETING:** KAIKOHE-HOKIANGA COMMUNITY BOARD  
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**ITEM:** CHAIR'S REPORT

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### Recommendations Contained in Chair's Report

***That the board recommends to the FNDC that the Kaikohe Memorial Hall be classified as a facility of district significance such that it complies with existing policies for funding from the general rate.***

***That the board requests that the CE provide advice about the relinquishing of Lindvart Park delegations.***

***The board amends the strategic statement made at the December 2018 meeting to add the following words to the Economic Development section:  
The board asks that any investment in Kaikohe be undertaken according to a plan to make Kaikohe a more attractive and liveable place and that the FNDC undertake a more encompassing urban planning and design process alongside other imminent consultation for Kaikohe.***

### **Funding of the Kaikohe Memorial Hall**

The Memorial Hall (Mem) is currently funded from ward rates as are most halls in the district. However, it has more in common with the halls that are funded from the general rate – like the Te Hiku hall.

Here are some reasons that it, too, should be funded from general rates.

1. It is a building of district significance. While local use is definitely made of it, it does not fit into the same box as a local hall. Councillors would not relinquish the hall if the local community did not wish to pay for it if asked – as suggested by the mayor.
2. It is part of the council complex - like Te Hiku. The only difference is the the roof is not joined.
3. FNDC staff treat it as part of the council complex. They do not pay for the hireage (“it is not worth the paperwork”) and council use takes priority over community use. The community is subsidising the district.
4. Outsiders are given priority over community use.
5. Local hall fee setting is delegated to the community board and again to the hall committee. The staff of the FNDC consider that the Mem charges are council fees and must be set by council, despite a council resolution delegating this to the board. Four councillors agreed enough with this to vote to

override the board's November resolution to set the fees and to reduce them for other government entities. Supporting other government entities is not the job of an economically deprived ward .

6. District financial overheads are charged to the hall making the cost of this hall six times that of other halls.

It is my recommendation that **“the board recommends to the FNDC that the Kaikohe Memorial Hall be classified as a facility of district significance such that it complies with existing policies for funding from the general rate.”**

### **Board Delegations – Lindvart Park**

Community boards in the Far North have certain delegations regarding reserves. In the Kaikohe-Hokianga ward this includes Lindvart Park. In the other wards, where management bodies are responsible, sporting grounds are excluded.

Now that Kaikohe and Districts Sportsville has signed a management agreement with the council, it no longer seems appropriate that Lindvart Park responsibilities are delegated to the board.

I recommend that the board request, from the FNDC CE, advice in this regard.

It is my recommendation **“that the board requests that the CE provide advice about the relinquishing of Lindvart Park delegations.”**

### **Strategic Statement**

The Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board is currently working on its strategic plan. The board's former plan expired – by the board's own limitation on its life.

This plan will not be adopted in time to be considered as part of the FNDC's annual plan process.

To clarify a strategic statement adopted by the board in December, I recommend the following amendment to the board's statement on Economic Development.

That the following amendment to the board's strategic statement on Economic Development be adopted and communicated to the FNDC.

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