

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Report to: Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board
Member Name: Manuela Gmuer-Hornell
Subdivision: Opuā – Russell
Date: 19 October 2020

Meetings

Date	Meeting
19/10/2020	Workshop Strategic Plan
01/10/2020	Community Board Meeting – Kerikeri/Waipapa

Issues/Feedback – nothing has changed since last month!

Projects being put on hold even after they had funding allocated.

Jobs getting started (from RFS) and then not finished for weeks or months.

The community board has commenced the review of its Strategic Plan; it seems this process is pushed and lead by management. As a new member of the board, I find this process intimidating and inappropriate. It shows how little influence a community board has as part of FNDC.

The contract for the Russell Transfer Station has been extended instead of being advertised and renewed. It is disappointing as the community shows strong interest to implement a different model for the Russell transfer station.

The RFS process seems to have stalled since the first lockdown and then again after/during the floods. Hence no RFS lodged! Please sort this process out and if needed, involve more contractors as soon as possible.

It intrigues me that Community Board Members can't contact FNDC staff, but community groups are welcome to meet with staff at Council Meetings.

Roading Issues seem to get the cone treatment and justified as a "fix" – this is totally unacceptable and dangerous as well as very unsightly – we have several of these around my subdivision, and we get zero replies on followups.

Resource Consents

RC2300143 – 38 Russell Heights Road, Russell

Requests for Service/Information

11/02/2020	RFS-3995322	extra street light Pomare/Florance	Added to strategic plan	
11/02/2020	RFS-3878599	York Street and long term park next to Bowler	ongoing - raised with IAM through CE Office - 24/2	
		Footpath Opua School Kellet St	to be done by September	
21/02/2020	RFS-3997123	Footpath Damage York St	RFS:3997109 - Broadspectrum 23/3	
11/02/2020	RFS-4001000	Clean up carpark next to bowling club	Notes left on cars 18/3	Cars removed but weeds need still clearing
11/02/2020	RFS-4001004	Mark Car Parks outside of Tennis Club	no money in budget for this 23/3/2020	
25/08/2019	RFS-3970317	Drive Way damage by contractors	75 Long Beach Road - photos in email	
05/05/2020	RFS-4004054	Dog Shot - been at pound for several days and has not been diagnosed	Never received a reply	
16/06/2020	RFS-4010838	several roads in Russell need drains cleaned out after first heavy downpour	Matauwhi Bay Road Tapka - Du Fresne Place	Still not done
17/06/2020	RFS-4010977	Sign and barrier smashed by car	Crn Florance and Pomare	
17/06/2020	RFS-4011092	drain blocked	Crn Pitt & The Strand	work started but culvert needs unblocking
17/06/2020	RFS-4011525	collapsed drains etc	Brind Road - ongoing for years – since 2016	No reply
24/06/2020	RFS-4012199	erosion by Long Beach Road Side	Long Beach Road	Cones placed!
10/07/202	RFS-4014411	Slips	Te Wahapu	Cones placed!
24/08/202	RFS-4021868	Matauwhi Bay	Pohutukawa eroded	Referred to NRC????
24/08/2020	RFS-4021868	Zig Zag Walk Way	Tree Fallen	Waiting for the next big wind?
08/09/2020	RFS-4024491	Beach access eroded	Jacks Bay	Referred IA
10/09/2020	RFS-4025200	Arcadia Lodge	Lemon Track erosion	Referred to roading and added to 4011525
21/09/2020	RFS-4026086	Sewage Plant Russell	Overflows	Awaiting urgent reply
6/10/2020	RFS-4028271	Russell Township Maintance		

In progress

- Robertson Street Stormwater Project to be completed – now a big slip has developed and the retaining wall to stop more private land slipping is now work in progress.
- Opuia Resource Consent non-notified for development Franklin St/Kellet St – petition tabled at CB Meeting 3/2/2020 – this has now gone to a full (over 100 attendees) community meeting 8/3/2020 – and we have just been told FNHL has sold the land to a private developer.
- Carpark for Oasis Community Centre – this has been ongoing since 2018
- Lack of rubbish collection point and recycling collection during peak season around Russell Wharf (owned by FNHL) and this is still NOT solved, and here comes the summer season again
- House build planning breach – Chapel St Russell – property has sold – July 2020 – work has restarted
- Footpath Kellet Street – Opuia School – been approved but not carried out – after been promised to be finished by September it is now “scheduled” for January 2021
- Petition Okiato Boundary for paper road RFS-3996575 – tabled at CB meeting 9/12.19 – cost to be carried by petitioners? Several Police interference and still no result from FNDC
- To include re-doing the FNHL terms of reference/objective in their comments about what the next annual plan and long term plan should cover – tabled at CB Meeting 3/2/2020
- Walls Bay, Opuia – to be occupied by local hapu
- Speed Limit Review
- Contract for Russell Transfer Station to be officially tendered
- Maintenance in Russell Township to be outsourced to a local community group