COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Report to: Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board

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Subdivision: Opua – Russell

Date: 16 November 2020

Meetings

Date	Meeting
22/10/2020	Combined Community Boards Workshop – Kaikohe
05/11/2020	Community Board Meeting – Kerikeri/Waipapa
11/11/2020	Strategic Planning – Kerikeri
11/11/2020	Resilient Russell Committee Meeting - Russell
14/11/2020	Russell vs Waitangi Sports Day – Russell Sports Ground

Issues/Feedback

Projects have been 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. Still, 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

The too-frequent sewage spills in Russell get the silent treatment from FNDC, reason? The staff member in charge of this has left.

Issues with the small town water supply in Russell, and yet again, staff need time to go through the historic agreements. This is a working system, and FNDC has no idea how and who is drawing water from a council-owned bore?

Time to pull your socks up, FNDC, and face the hard facts! You are letting communities down with their very basic needs of a sound sewage system and freshwater. FNDC needs to stop being risk-averse and start fixing aging assets, AND maybe it would help to allocate funds to EVERY town in your district, to keep up with the maintenance. An 80-year plan won't fix our needs today.

Resource Consents

NIL received

Requests for Service/Information

22/04/2019	RFS-3975374	Oasis Car Park
30/10/2019		Robertson Street Strom Water
30/11/2019	24 Chapel St	Breach of building code
01/12/2019	RFS-3988901	Russell's Rubbish Woes
09/12/2019	RFS-3996575	Petition Okiato Boundary for paper road
15/12/2019	RFS-3990249	Coastal Track Closure
03/02/2020	CB	Petition Opua SOS Kellet St
03/02/2020	CB	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.
11/02/2020	RFS-3995322	Extra street light Pomare/Florance
	RFS-3997961	Car parking in Russell
11/02/2020	RFS-3878599	York Street and long term park next to Bowler
		Footpath Opua School Kellet St
21/02/2020	RFS-3997123	Footpath Damage York St
21/02/2020		Drains Russell Township
11/02/2020	RFS 4001004	Mark Car Parks outside of Tennis Club
25/08/2019	RFS 3970317	Drive Way damage by contractors
17/06/2020	RFS-4010977	Sign and barrier smashed by car
17/06/2020	RFS-4011092	Drain blocked
17/06/2020	RFS-4011525	Collapsed drains etc
24/06/2020	RFS-4012199	Erosion by Long Beach Road Side
01/07/2020	RFS-3986005	Florance Ave Speed reduction
10/07/2020	RFS-4014411	Peter Sharpe Te Wahapu Slips
01/08/2020	RFS-4016222	Terry Greening flooding of drive
24/08/2020	RFS-4021868	Errosion by Matauwhi Bay (tree)
04/09/2020	RFS-4023639	Tree Fallen on ZigZag
08/09/2020	RFS-4024491	Beach access track Jack Bay, Kempthorne's
10/09/2020	RFS-4025200	Arcadia Lodge Lemon Track eroding
21/09/2020	RFS-4026086	Russell Sewage Plant Issues
22/09/2020	RFS-4026379	Russell Tennis Club Clubhouse
23/09/2020	RFS-4026450	Rubbish bins at wharf overflowing again

05/10/2020	RFS-4028183	Russell Museum Sister City
06/10/2020	RFS-4028271	Russell township maintenance
19/10/2020	RFS-4029293	Tree to be removed Wellington St
27/10/2020	RFS-4031104	Water Mains Breach Russell
28/04/2017	RFS-4025987	Opua, old sewage pipes exposed over a walking track

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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. A retaining wall has been built, with an ugly, unnecessary fence on top. Residents are not impressed (maybe the wrong word).
- Opua 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. The land is now occupied by hapu and locals. This is a community being pushed out of their town.
- 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 – Opua 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 – the cost to be carried by petitioners. Motion passed in November CB meeting.
- 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, Opua – to be occupied by local hapu.
- Speed Limit Review.
- The contract for Russell Transfer Station to be officially tendered.
- Maintenance in Russell Township to be outsourced to a local community group.

Request: Can we please look into supplying our reports a week closer to the meeting to make the information more accurate. I hope there is not too much work for governance support to include our reports on the agenda. And maybe they can be added very close to the printing deadline?