

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Report to: Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board
Member Name: Manuela Gmuer-Hornell
Subdivision: Opuā – Russell
Date: 17 January 2021

Meetings

Date	Meeting
23/11/2020	Strategic Planning – Kerikeri
24/11/2020	Orongo Bay Oyster Farms – Meeting
27/11/2020	Kororareka Marae Meeting with CEO and Mayor
01/12/2020	Russell Wharf Trust inaugural public meeting
03/12/2020	Community Board Meeting – Kerikeri/Waipapa
08/12/2020	Representation Workshop – Kaikohe
09/12/2020	Strategic Planning – Kerikeri
15/12/2020	Combined Community Board Workshop – Kaikohe
06/01/2021	Resilient Russell Meeting

Issues/Feedback

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

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

An amazingly quick remedy to remove a crashed car from the Orongo Bay boardwalk AND repairs to the structure! Five Stars! This is the first of the RFS I have submitted to be solved in a timely manner.

This is what the FNDC customers – the ratepayers – are after, prompt replies and action to every day needs. FNDC's average customers – the ratepayers – is not overly interested how quick the turnaround is for building and resource consents. The average customer – the ratepayers – want their basic needs looked after, rubbish, water, sewage and roads. Time to look at the deliverables from the customers – the ratepayers – view (not the property developers from out of our region)!

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, more spills happened in Matauwhi Bay in November and in December a spill occurred at the Tapeka pump.

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.

The Board needs to make sure that management doesn't forward difficult decisions to the community boards without consulting or informing us in an appropriate timeframe. The no-surprises policy has to be both ways!

Resource Consents

2300290-RMASUB - 35 Oneroa Road, Russell
 RC2300361 -New residential unit in Russell Township zone, 34 Wellington Street

Requests for Service/Information

22/04/2019	RFS-3975374	Oasis Car Park
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 Boundray for paper road
03/02/2020	CB	Petition Opuia SOS Kellet St
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
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
17/06/2020	RFS-4010977	Sign and barrier smashed by car
17/06/2020	RFS-4011092	drain blocked
17/06/2020	RFS-4011525	colapsed drains etc
01/07/2020	RFS-3986005	Florance Ave Speed reduction
10/07/2020	RFS-4014411	Te Wahapu Slips – coned and nothing else
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, Kempthornes
10/09/2020	RFS-4025200	Arcadia Lodge Lemon Track eroding
21/09/2020	RFS-4026086	Russell Sewage Plant Issues
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 maintance
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	Old sewage pipes to be removed, the are exposed over a walking track
20/05/2020	RFS-4005808	please mark the diesel tank intake at Russell Wharf
19/11/2020	RFS-4034886	Fire Hydrant Marking RSA Russell
27/11/2020	RFS-4033165	Sewage Spill left debris on private carpark - from 4/11
30/11/2020	RFS-4035403	excessive roadside spraying
01/12/2020	RFS-4030727	level of service for longterm carpark by Bowling Club
15/12/2020	RFS-4038360	Vehicle crash onto boardwalk at Aucks Road – solved 5 stars!
15/12/2020	RFS-4038783	Fire danger from dead bushes after road side spray
18/12/2020	RFS-4038166	Flame Tree Fallen across long beach track
06/01/2021	RFS TBA	eroded track to Opuia Beach
07/01/2021	RFS-4040743	Okiato Footpath overgrown
15/01/2021	RFS TBA	Drain and footpath maintance Wellington/Porspect St

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)
- 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. 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
- 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 – 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, Opuia – 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
- Mark boundaries at the “Walls Bay” Opuia reserve clearly with bollards