

Name: Cr Rākena

Ward: Ngā Tai o Tokerau

Date: 12/5/23

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment		
14/4/23	Hui tahi ki a Kevin Johnson	Tā te mea kihai au i tae atu ki te pōwhiri a te kaimahi hou nei me te tūtaki ā-kanohi ki a ia, i toko ake te whakaaro kia hui tahi māua ki te wānanga me te whakawhiti kōrero mō āna mahi i roto i te Kaunihera.	Meeting with Kevin Johnson	Because I didn't attend the welcome ceremony for this new employee and haven't had a face-to-face meeting with him yet. I thought it would be a good idea for us to come together to discuss about his work within Council.
17/4/23	Hui mō Ngā Tai o Tokerau	He wāhi hui tēnei ki te kōrero mō ētahi take o te wā kei waenganui i ngā Kaikaunihera Māori.	Meeting for Ngā Tai o Tokerau.	This was a meeting for Māori Councillors to discuss important topics and news.
17/4/23	Comms & Engagement Portfolio Hui	Ko Ruben kē te kaiwhakarite i tēnei hui. Waihoki, ko tōna ito, he kōrero mō te mahere me ngā rautaki hei hipokina atu ngā taipito kōrero o te wā ki ngā iwi o Te Hiku. I konei ahau tūtaki ai ki te kaimahi a Ken Lewis. I puta hoki te kōrero mō tētahi tūranga kua whakaritea mō tētahi tohunga pae pāpori.		Ruben was the facilitator of this meeting. In addition, his intention was to discuss the plan and strategies to disseminate current issues to the tribes of Te Hiku. I met a member of staff there, Ken Lewis. Discussion was also had about a position that had been drawn up for a social media expert.
17/4/23	Citizenship Ceremony	Koia tēnei ko taku wā tuatahi ki ēnei momo kaupapa. Waihoki, i kite ahau i te ngākau nui o Ngāi Tauīwi ki ō tātou whenua o Aotearoa. Ka mutu, e mihi ana ki te kāhui o Te Hono, a Taniora, otirā ngā kaimahi o Te Kaunihera i tae atu ki te tautoko i tēnei kaupapa hirahira.		This was my first time being involved in this kind of event. Furthermore, I observed the genuine love foreigners have for our land of Aotearoa. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the team at Te Hono, Taniora, as well as the council staff who came to support this important event.
18/4/23	Te Huia	Kei roto ngā meneti ngā taipito kōrero.	The Huia	Details are in the minutes.

21/4/23	Hui tahi ki Te Hono	He hui tēnei ki te whakarongo ki te rāngai o Te Hono. Ko tā mātou mahi, he āta whakarongo ki te pae tawhiti o ā rātou mahi, ā, me pēhe ai mātou (Ngā Tai o Tokerau) e mahi tahi ki a rātou i roto i ngā hui e whai pānga ana ki te Ao Māori.	Meeting with Te Hono	This meeting was to hear from Te Hono. Our job is to listen carefully to the strategic objectives of their work and consider how we (Ngā Tai o Tokerau) can collaborate with them in relevant meetings that relate to the Māori world.
25/4/23	ANZAC Day	I tae atu ahau ki Te Whare Whakamaumahara o Kaikohe.		I was in attendance at the Kaikohe Memorial Hall.
26/4/23	Tai Tokerau Waters Workshop	He whakarongo, he wetewete, he urupounamu te mahi o tēnei hui. Ko tā ngā kaiwhakahaere o tēnei kaupapa, he whakatakoto i tā rātou mahere mō te tuku i ngā wai hei whāngai i te marea. Ki ahau nei, i pai te hui mō tēnei taonga nui. Heoi, e tiroiro atu ana ahau ki te oranga o te wai kei te roto o Ōmāpere me te whakaaro “he aha rātou i kore ai e whakatika i tēnei roto, hei oranga mō ngā iwi?”.		This meeting involved listening, discussing, and questioning. The organisers aimed to present their plan for providing water to the community. From my perspective, it was a positive meeting for this important matter. However, I am also concerned about the state of the water in Ōmāpere and wonder, “Why don't they clean this lake, to ensure the well-being of the people?”
26/4/23	Kaikohe & Library Civic Hub Steering Group Workshop	Mīharo rawa tēnei hui! I mīharo nā runga i te tini o ngā ringa raupā i taetae mai ki te tuku i ō rātou ringaringa ki te hāpai ake i tēnei kaupapa. Tāria te wā kia kite ai tātou i ngā hua ka puta 😊		This was an amazing meeting! It was incredible to see the multitude of hands that came forward to contribute and uplift this cause. In time we will see the results.
27/4/23	Hui tahi ki a LGNZ – Susan Freeman-Greene	I waimarie mātou ngā Kaikaunihera ki te noho tahi ki a Susan rāua ko Craig Little (Koromatua o Wairoa)	Meeting with LGNZ - Susan Freeman-Greene.	We were fortunate as Councillors to have had the opportunity to sit together with Susan and Craig Little (Mayor of Wairoa).
27/4/23	Executive Review Committee Workshop – Governance Priorities			

c	Hui kei waenga i Te Kahika me ngā Kaikaunihera	Ko ngā hui ēnei kua whakaritea e te Kahika kia rongo ai mātou i ngā piki, ngā heke me ngā nawe o te wā i roto i tō tātou rohe.	Meeting between the Mayor and Councillors.	These meetings are organised by the Mayor so that we can hear about the ups and downs, and the challenges within our region.
28/4/23	Te Roto o Ōmāpere	I haere atu a māua ko Cr Kleskovic ki tēnei hui i whakatū ai ki te marae o Rangatahi, ki te riu o Utakura (Uta Te Whanga). Ko te pūtake o tēnei hui, he wānanga tahi mō te roto o Ōmāpere, me te mate haere o te wai, ngā kīrehe, ngā awa o Waitangi me Utakura anō hoki. Ko tētahi atu wāhanga o tēnei hui, he āta whakarite i tētahi rōpū hei whakahaere i te haumanutanga o tēnei roto. Kei roto i a tātou o te Kaunihera, te NRC me te Kāwanatanga te mana hei whakatika i ngā mahi hē.	Lake Ōmāpere	Both Cr Kleskovic and I attended this meeting held at the marae of Rangatahi, at the Utakura valley (Uta Te Whanga). The purpose of this meeting was to collectively discuss the situation in Ōmāpere, including the deteriorating water quality, pests, the rivers of Waitangi and Utakura, among others. Another aspect of this meeting was to plan and establish a group to manage the restoration of this lake. Our Council, the NRC, and the Government have the authority to rectify past issues.
2/5/23	Te Miromiro Hui		The Miromiro Meeting	
4/5/23	Hui Kaunihera ā-huitopa	Ahakoia kīhai mātou i hui ā-kanohi, i rongo tonu ahau i te hihiri kei waenganui i ngā tāngata i whai wāhi mai nei ki tēnei hui. Nā Hina pea te māramatanga i tīaho mai ki runga i a mātou, otirā ki tēnei hui.	Online Councill Meeting	Although we didn't meet in person, I still felt the enthusiasm among the participants who attended this meeting. Perhaps it was Hina's enlightenment that shone upon us, even in this gathering.

Community Matters

This section should be completed for matters arising within the community, which Council need to be aware of. It could be related to ongoing projects, requests, feedback etc.

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Ngā āwha nui	Tuatahi ake, e tuku ana ngā whakaaro ki ngā hapori kua pakeke rawa tā rātou noho nā runga i te kaha heke o ngā ua, ngā waipuke me te āwhā i ngā wiki tata nei. Ka rua, i tino kite ahau i te Kahika me te Kōwhai e tuari atu ana i ngā pūrongo matua kia haumarū ai te noho a ngā iwi o Te Hiku. Ka toru, me mihi ka tika ki ngā kaimahi o te Kaunihera, ngā Uri o Te Uira, ngā Uri o Wainui Ātea me ngā kaimahi katoa i whakapau kaha kia haumarū ai tātou o Te Hiku	Major storms	First and foremost, I extend my thoughts to the communities that have been significantly impacted by the recent heavy rains, floods, and storms in recent weeks. Secondly, I truly appreciated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for providing essential reports to ensure the safety and well-being of the people of Te Hiku. Thirdly, proper acknowledgement should be given to the council staff, the descendants of Te Uira, the descendants of Wainui Ātea, and all the hardworking individuals who have dedicated their efforts to ensure our safety in Te Hiku.
Tōkihi ki Tua	Ahakoā kīhai au i tae ā-tinana ki tēnei kaupapa, i kite tonu i te ātaahua o tēnei kaupapa hei whakanui i te ahurea, i te tuakiri o Te tai Tokerau, otirā, o te iwi Māori.	Tōkihi ki Tua	Although I couldn't physically attend this event, I still witnessed the beauty of this initiative in celebrating the culture and identity of Northland, as well as the Māori people.







