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Tēnā koe

We are contacting you to notify you of the proposed requested lease and invite iwi and hapū feedback.

The Paihia Waitangi Kindergarten, under the Northland Kindergarten Association, current lease with Far North District Council has expired and is requesting a new lease. This will enable the Paihia Waitangi Kindergarten to continue to provide childcare services at 26 Te Kemara Avenue, Waitangi, as they have for the past 45 years.

They provide the most comprehensive ECE available in New Zealand, including specialist services such as Speech and Language Therapists and Pou Whakarewa Tikanga Māori. Children from Kawakawa to Pakaraka attend the Kindergarten and come from a diverse range of cultures.

The team at Paihia Waitangi Kindergarten are committed to an emergent, child focused, child initiated, play and resource-based curriculum embracing the principles of the national early childhood curriculum Te Whariki. They have approached Council and requested a ground lease over Local Purpose Reserve to be able to continue to provide these essential services to the tamariki of the Bay of Islands.

The proposed lease term is 15 years with a right of renewal for a further 15 years.

Furthermore, Paihia Sea Scout Group is located at the same site and are requesting a new lease. Working under the Scouts Aotearoa umbrella, Paihia Sea Scout Group empowers youth through adventurous experiences to lead lives that make a positive experience. They provide challenging and fun programs for children between the ages of 5 to 18 years which allow them to gain valuable leadership skills and self-confidence by doing outdoor activities.

The proposed lease term for this lease is 15 years with a right of renewal for a further 15 years.

If you would like further information, have any questions or wish to share feedback, please do not hesitate to get in contact. If you would like to discuss these proposals further, we would be happy to meet with you.

The process for entering a lease on Local Purpose Reserve does not require public consultation, however we feel it is important to notify Iwi/hapū in the local community of the proposed new leases.

Yours sincerely,

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