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**Far North Councillor**

**Date: 1/09/2023**

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**Meetings Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
31/8/23	-Business Call online Meeting -Meet Whangarei District Council Re Northland Inc: Whangarei	
30/8/23	-Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board Meeting	
29/8/23	-Creative HQ ideation workshop Northland Inc: Whangarei	
28/8/23	-Meeting in Kerikeri with Chair of Cycleway trust re funding options	
26/8/23	-Kohukohu: Chair the Election of Kohukohu Hall Committee -Catchup with Harmony, Nth Hokianga Community Board member	
24/8/23	- Council Meeting	
23/8/23	-Official Cycle Trail Partners Meeting -Meeting with a Kohukohu resident regarding Kohukohu Planning -Housing for Elderly Presentations – Session 2	
22/8/23	-Far North Holdings Governance to Governance Workshop	
21/8/23	-Panel Interviews for CE - all Day	
17/8/23	-Business Call -Development Contributions Policy Workshop -Presentation: Economic Update; Census and Population Projections -Housing for the Elderly Workshop Presentations – Session 1 -CE Recruitment -Chamber Board meeting via Zoom	
15/8/23	-Permanent Route Cycleway Presentation to Trail Executive - Kerikeri	
14/8/23	-Extraordinary Council Meeting -PHTTCCT (Cycleway Trust) Trustee Meeting	
10/8/23	-Business Call Meeting -Combined Community Board Workshop -Te Rerenga Strategy	
09/8/23	-FNHL Board - Shortlist Workshop - Te Miromiro – Assurance, Risk & Finance Committee Meeting - Long Term Plan Worksop	
08/8/23	-Attendance Kaikohe Business Association Meeting -ERC Meeting - Council - Cycle Trail Executive meeting re risk, with Chair of ARF - Te Kuaka – Te Ao Maori Committee Workshop - Te Kuaka Maori Committee Meeting	
07/8/23	Preparation, Discussion for JREDC Meeting	

**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.*

Topic	Comment
<p>Pou Herenga Tai Coast-to-Coast Cycle Way</p>	<p>A recent meeting in Kaikohe of Official Trail Partners was held at Pioneer Village and was well attended. The purpose of the meeting was to give an update on the Trail plus hear from partners their concerns. Generally the main issues raised were getting cycle numbers up post the pandemic lockdowns; marketing of the Trail; and repairs to the Trail following storm events. Perhaps the biggest challenge is getting the the full length of the Cycle Trail alongside the rail line from Opuia to Kawakawa open. Design work for the route has been progressing very well, but there are still many challenges with getting consents, securing long term access to the rail corridor for the route, and funding of the project. It is expected that this summer cyclists will be able to cycle part of the route on the old rail line and catch a train to complete the journey. A temporary alternative cycle route from Opuia to Kawakawa via Oramahoe Road and Whangae Road is planned to be open for the coming visitor season.</p> <p>The fully cyclable Opuia to Kawakawa section is critical to restoring cyclist numbers.</p>
<p>Kohukohu</p>	<p>I attended a meeting and chaired the election of a new Hall Committee chair. As always, I'm impressed with the beauty and tourist potential we have in Kohukohu. With the Ranui ferry giving options for cyclists to cross from Horeke to Kohukohu and then on to Rawene I believe there is exciting visitor growth potential for both towns, offering enhanced experiences for cyclists.</p> <p>There would be challenges in providing a safe cycle route from Kohukohu to the ferry but such a trail would enable local people to walk and cycle to the ferry for work in Rawene.</p> <div data-bbox="668 947 1190 1335" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Rawene from the Kohukohu Ferry</p> <div data-bbox="633 1400 1198 1821" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Church of Our Lady of the Assumption at Motukaraka from the Kohukohu Ferry</p>
<p>Super Blue Moon</p>	<p>For those interested in dark skies, below is a picture of a rare Super Blue Moon. It was taken by me using my phone on the 31 August. Super because it's the closest approach to the earth in its elliptical orbit; blue because it's the second full moon in the same month. The next Super Blue moon will be in 2037.</p>

I can only imagine what this would have looked like, rising over the hills looking east across the harbour from Rawene, with the moon's silvery reflection being seen on the waters of the harbour.



Super Blue Moon