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Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

Date: 21 February 2024

Meetings/Events Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
20 Nov 2023	LGNZ Zone 1 Meeting	<p>An interesting presentation on plastic packaging and the timeline and engagement for the implementation of a mandatory plastic stewardship scheme.</p> <p>We had an update from the LGNZ Vice President Campbell Barry on the work that LGNZ are doing on our behalf.</p>
	Northland Forward Together Strategic Wananga	<p>We went through the collective briefings for incoming Ministers outlining the most pressing issues for our region.</p> <p>Big discussion on roading and infrastructure and the possibility of public private partnerships.</p> <p>Brad Olsen from Infometrics presented on the state of the Northland Economy.</p>
21 Nov 2023	Kaitaia issues	Met with a ropu in Kaitaia that have views on the strategic and economic benefits of Kaitaia airport and other Kaitaia matters.
	Housing Strategy	Where we are at with the scoping for a Housing Strategy.
22 Nov 2023	Funeral – Noma Shepherd	Noma was the chair of the Bay of Islands Community Board from 1997 to 2006 and was a huge inspiration to me as a leader that just got stuck in not just as a governance level, but volunteering, and just generally doing what needed doing. She was the visionary behind the Te Hononga building behind Kawakawa's Hundertwasser toilets, which is home to the FNDC service centre and library. And a very busy freedom camper's base. She is greatly missed, a person that I would just call at the end of a rough council day.
	Pou Herenga Tai Cycle Trail Trust	Attended the AGM as a special guest.
23 Nov 2023	Business Call	
	Te Kuaka Wananga	

27 Nov 2023	Te Koukou Komiti Hui	
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28 Nov 2023	Extraordinary Council Hui	
	Te Huia Komiti Hui	Regular hui where the CE reports on pertinent operational matters and elected members monitor the employment of CE through reporting.
	Local Alcohol Policy Wananga	A workshop with stakeholders on the process that needs to take place to start work on a Local Alcohol Policy now that there has been some improvements in the legislation.
	Council Agenda Preview	
29 Nov 2023	Police Advisory Hui	Seeking urgent restoration of the Neuman and Derrick road shortcut that runs parallel to the Waiomio stream. Which is part of Johnson Park. A student and community route used daily and meeting all health and safety requirements keeping our whanau safe and well.
	Waitangi 2024 & Beyond Discussion	Met with representatives of the Waitangi Week events committee, to discuss what role they would like to see council play in the future.
	Kawakawa Civil Defence Hui	The community adopted the reviewed Kawakawa Community Response Plan.
	Johnson Park Walkway	On council reserve, pathway that connects the recreation reserve of Johnson Park to Derrick Road footpath (pedestrian link between Bay of Islands College and the township) has a slip that has not been addressed, and the bank continues to erode when Waiomio River is in flood. NRC and FNDC need to work together on this to remedy.
	Taumarere Flood Catchment Hui	We received an update on Pokapu spillway works and the timeline for Kawakawa benching works to prevent flooding.
30 Nov 2023	Business Call	
	Opua Hill	Site visit with concerned Love Opua members regarding the placement of the hit sticks. Supportive of initiatives to slow down traffic, but

		some minor remedies required for safety of pedestrians and cyclists.
1 Dec 2023	Te Roroa	Building relationships with the iwi of Te Roroa. We met at the council office in Kaikohe with Snow Tane.
	Kawakawa Community Development Plan	Meeting to assist progression and completion of the plan.
	Whangarei A & P Show	Good catch up at the Whangarei District Council engagement tent for their Long Term Plan.
4 Dec 2023	Taipa Wastewater Working Group	My first visit to the Taipa wastewater plant. And it was good to hear what interim modifications have been and are being implemented. And the progress of the install of electrocoagulation plant, for trialling.
	Te Miromiro Hui	Held online, adoption of the Annual Report for year end June 2023.
5 Dec 2023	Northland CDEM Hui	The CDEM Group plan progress on actions was reported on. More info in my portfolio report.
6 Dec 2023	Waikotahi Marae Hui	Discussion on the Monument Hill, Kaikohe bore levels and monitoring of any impact on the Marae water source
7 Dec 2023	Sport Northland	Getting some support and guidance from Sport Northland on progressing Te Puawaitanga
8 Dec 2023	Civil Defence & Te Whatu Ora	Building relationships between Te Whatu Ora staff based in Kawakawa and the volunteers in civil defence
11 Dec 2023	Council Hui	
12 Dec 2023	Te Hono	
	Waitangi Day Collaboration Hui	Working through final logistics and what is required to make the event a success with a greater volume of people expected to attend
13 Dec 2023	CE catchup	
14 Dec 2023	Business Call	Brynderwyn closure is the hot topic. Need to see the plan for comms on this.
	LTP Workshop	
9 Jan 2024	Te Hono	

	Kahika – Kōwhai catchup	
15 Jan 2024	Ce Catchup	
17 Jan 2024	Te Puawaitanga catchup	In response to the report on agenda last year. CE establishing a council working group and commissioning a report on what the best use of the remainder land is.
18 Jan 2024	Extraordinary Council Hui	Updates to meeting schedule and the Waitangi Weekend road closure approval
	Advancing Papakainga	An entity has some reasonably priced cabins available, but is struggling to place them due to land tenure issues of owners with Maori freehold land. Connecting with those that may be whare ready.
	Dogs on beaches	A strong request coming from various groups to review dogs on beaches, due to people not keeping dogs on leash in bird nesting spaces. People blatantly disobeying the signs, letting their dogs chase resting or nesting birds on beaches.
	Turner centre wananga	Attended to input in to the future of the Turner Centre.
23 Jan 2024	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua	We were hosted in their Whangarei office, and they commented how lovely the council that they don't tend to have too many needs or dealings with should visit them... it is the first council to visit them in Whangarei.
	Council agenda preview	
24 Jan 2024	Kaeo Bridge Blessing	Attended morning karakia to farewell the old Kaeo bridge and bless the new two lane bridge. Quite an intimate occasion with Fulton Hogan and Waka Kotahi staff.
	Orange Sky	Cr Kapa and I met with a supporter of Orange Skys working with people that do not have homes. Working on finding a way for them to bring their mahi north. But it requires volunteers – water, and a licence to occupy wherever they set up the pop up washer/dryer/shower facilities.
	Ce Catchup	

25 Jan 2024	Ngāti Kahu	Good to connect with representatives of Ngāti Kahu and hear direct on issues and their strong push for us to deal with hapū.
	Te Puawaitanga	Sporting code expressing concern at Te Puawaitanga gov vs operating model
	Business working group	
26 Jan 2024	Karakia/Whakawātea removal of fencing at Waitangi	Following the occupation removal, some of the marae trustees had a karakia. It was a good opportunity for me to acknowledge the frustration that was felt by some over how long council took to act. And some of the non-tikanga approaches taken in the early days.
	Ruapekapeka Road blessing	
	Meeting with Civil Defence Minister	Hosted online meeting with Minister Mark Mitchell and the Northland CDEM group to hear about our Cyclone Gabrielle outstanding concerns for recovery.
30 Jan 2024	LTP Workshop	
1 Feb 2024	Business Call	
	Te Huia Komiti Hui	Our Chief Executive review committee. Where he gets an opportunity to go over issues, anything on the horizon and we check in how he is doing as our employee.
	Te Huia Wananga	We workshopped the KPIs in collaboration with the CE.
3 Feb 2024	Pōwhiri for the Opposition parties	
5 Feb 2024	Business Leaders and Northland Inc	Hosted a hui with business association representatives and Northland Inc to get clarity on what the campaign for Northland is going to look like, with the closure of the Brynderwyns.
	Pōwhiri for the Crown	
	Waitangi Housing Expo	Attended the opening of the Housing Expo, and heard from both the Prime Minister and Minister Bishop on making housing easier, 'getting rid of some rules'.
	Waitangi National Trust Dinner	Formal dinner with some of the Ministers and the Waitangi National Trust members. Some

		good conversations sharing on the needs for Northland.
6 Feb 2024	Dawn Church Service	
	Breakfast hosted by Minister of Crown Māori Relationships	Took the opportunity to talk to Ministers about the roads, housing and emergency management in Northland.
7 Feb 2024	Business Resilience	Gave advice to a facilitator on emergency management and the roles of council. And what a business needs to do to be resilient.
	Mike Dinsdale	Housing strategy media release interview
	CE Catchup	
8 Feb 2024	Council Meeting	
9 Feb 2024	Waikare Pedestrian Bridge Kaeo	Finally, the pedestrian bridge is complete.
	Peria Site visit	Kahika and I met with whanau and residents from Fern Flat Road regarding the tragedy where two young boys died. Some actions to be discussed at Te Koukou hui.
12 Feb 2024	DLC Tikanga and CPPA wānanga	Now that I am not on the DLC, I can assist in advocacy on DLC matters. Which is what this hui was about – the implementation of community participation.
	CE Catchup	
14 Feb 2024	Te Hono	
	Gymnastics Proposal	Got to hear a fabulous idea on location and fit out. At some stage, this will come to council for an update and decision. It is confidential for now.
	Housing for the Elderly Wānanga	We workshopped the pensioner housing and the divestment next steps.
19 Feb 2024	Pōwhiri for new staff and staff celebrations	Was awesome to be there to welcome new staff and celebrate accomplishments of many of the staff, especially their Te Reo Māori certificates.
	Te Huia Komiti	Agenda preview

	Ngāti Wai	Connecting with the iwi representatives on common goals, and issues for us to work through.
20 Feb 2024	Te Koukou Agenda	Roading reports and updates
	Te Koukou wananga	Workshop on transport issues
	Cycle Trail Operators hui	Hosted hui to bring cycle trail operators into the same room and give them an update on the Taumarere to Opuia portion of the cycle trail. Very passionate about seeing the connection restored, as it is impacting on their businesses. However, not at any or all cost. They support seeking funding elsewhere to reduce burden on the ratepayers.
21 Feb 2024	Ce Catchup	
	Financial Contributions Workshop	Financial contributions were excluded from the Proposed District Plan as work on Development Contributions should have been completed by now. It is possible for us to go through the process of adding a Financial Contributions chapter to the District Plan. A decision paper will come to council soon.
	Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	We got to meet with Kaupapa leads and hear some of the shared goals. We also heard some of the issues. Good relationship building hui.

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
Kawakawa Slip	Slip at back of businesses, private landlord addressing but hindered by the bad weather. Has meant the Mayflower Takeaways closure for some time. Awaiting response from staff on an update on this matter. 12/5 still have not had a staff response on this. 17/11 And the shop is still closed, and still has water coming from the rear of the building through the shop and to the front door and down the stormwater drain – I expect this does not help keep those drains from getting blocked. It is alleged that this stormwater issue is impacting on the state highway.
Dog issues	Issues of ownership, communities want to work with council to address. Concerns have been raised about the welfare of dogs in our care, the wellbeing of officers and the lack of education in this space.

Portfolio Update: (Housing)

District Plan hearings – kick off in April. Would be good to have a full turn out for the mihi whakatau of commissioners. Venue and date confirmation still to come.

A reminder to my colleagues that you can find the building and resource consents reporting in Te Huinga, the elected members online lounge.

The Housing Strategy has got momentum with some funding coming from MHUD, so work is advancing. Staff are speaking with NRC on vacant house, Airbnb data. This information is to help get a picture of the housing availability.

Portfolio Update: (Emergency Management)

The new Tsunami siren project is continuing, and the team at Northland CDEM are working with iwi and hapū and communities. They engage first before lodging the resource consents.

At our December hui we had our update on the Northland CDEM Group plan actions. Key focus areas of work are building partnerships and resilience across the region; improving capability and capacity to manage, respond and recover from emergencies; building a multi-agency Emergency Coordination Centre for the region and improving tsunami readiness and response.

We also had an update on drought planning and readiness for summer and preparation and planning for any potential drought across the Northland region this summer as an El Nino weather pattern began to emerge as forecast in early September by NIWA. In early 2020, Northland experienced one of the most severe droughts on record due to record low rainfall levels in 2019 and a dry summer in 2019/20. This drought had significant impacts on water suppliers, farmers, horticultural operations, industries, government facilities, and communities who rely on rainfall for water supplies.

During this drought, the CDEM Group office provided support to communities with water deliveries and established emergency water supply facilities in Rawene, Kaitaia, and Kaikohe. Fonterra supported the response supplying tankers to deliver potable water to these emergency tanks, at no cost. For those not on a reticulated supply and reliant upon tank supply from roofs or bores, access to water became a significant issue. CDEM with assistance from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and commercial water supply delivery operators coordinated refills to tanks to maintain supply. The costs associated with filling tanks were the main factor, and the Ministry for Social Development (MSD) supported a large proportion of these costs through special funding. The CDEM Group office also coordinated and disseminated regular drought updates and information to communities and others on the developing situation. The debrief from this drought highlighted several opportunities for improvements, and a number of those improvements have been implemented.

Drought plan has been sent out to my colleagues on FNDC so that they are aware of planning and responsibilities in play should a drought develop. Important all senior leaders at Council are aware of this plan.

We had a comprehensive update on the community and marae response plans that staff are supporting. There has been a huge demand for these, and I commend the staff for the amount of time they are putting into this. Community and marae response groups are where the strength in

emergency management is. Without the people to respond in an event in each isolated community, we don't have a response.

Cyclone Gabrielle recovery still evident.

Northland CDEM also did a submission to the proposed Emergency Management Bill 2023 and we ratified that submission at our December hui.

Matters for Discussion

On a personal level, I completed my level 3 and 4 Te Reo Māori course at the end of 2023, through Te Wananga o Aotearoa. And I start level 5 this year.