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**Ward: Far North District Council**

**Date: 30/08/2024**



**Meetings Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
30/08/24	NZ Building People Awards	Papa Hawaiki Building Project in Kaikohe has been entered for an award.
30/08/24	Daffodil Day Fund Raising Breakfast	Northland College
29/08/24	Kaikohe Place Making Steering Group	Kaikohe Office
29/08/24	Transport Committee Workshop	Kaikohe Chambers
29/08/24	Transport Committee Meeting	Kaikohe Chambers
29/08/24	Business Call	On Line Meeting
28/08/24	Kaitaia Airport Workshop	Teams Meeting
28/08/24	Rates on Small Dwellings Workshop	Teams Meeting
28/08/24	Future of 11 Mathews Ave Workshop	Teams Meeting
23/08/24	Agenda Preview Assurance, Risk and Finance	Teams Meeting
23/08/24	Community Board Conference Day 3	Wellington
23/08/24	Meet Dr Steven Finlay	Council Depreciation Methods
22/08/24	Community Board Conference Day 2	Wellington
21/08/24	Community Board Conference Day 1	Wellington, See Conference Report Attached
21/08/24	Catch Up Dr Mike Reid	Council Depreciation Methods and advice
20/08/24	PHTTCT Board Meeting	Teams meeting
19/08/24	Meet Murray McCully	Teams meeting
16/08/24	Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board Workshop	Council Chambers

16/08/24	Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board Committee	Council Chambers
15/08/24	PHTTCT catchup with local MP Grant MacCullum	Pioneer Village
15/08/24	Northland Regional Trails Hui	Council Office
15/08/24	Business Call	Teams Meeting
14/08/24	Mayor Council Catchup	
14/08/24	Local Waters Done Well Update	Virtual Meeting
13/08/24	Cycle Trail Executive Catchup	Pioneer Village
12/08/24	Pioneer Village Business Case meeting with Council	Pioneer Village
08/08/24	Kaikohe Place Making	Council Office
01/08/24	Te Huia –Executive Review	Council Office
31/07/24	Meeting Paul re housing	Kaikohe
31/07/24	Site visit housing for elderly	Tawanui Rd Kaikohe
31/07/24	Housing for the Elderly workshop	Council Chambers
30/07/24	Draft 30 Year Growth Options Waipapa Kerkeri Worksop	Council Chambers
30/07/24	Finance Workshop	Council Chambers
29/07/24	Hokianga Health & FNDC Meeting	EM Lounge Council Offices

**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>Community Board Conference Wellington</p>	<p>I attended the Community Board Conference in Wellington which was partially combined with the LGNZ council conference. The theme was Super Local. There were excellent speakers and informative sessions. The conference was opened with the traditional Maori welcome and Karakia, our Mayor being beinginvolved giving a great Waiata. The opening speaker was Prime Minister Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, challenging Councils to focus on the basics rather than nice-to-haves. Dr Oliver Hartwich, a long time advocate of Localism. gave an address on Localism. Then we had John Allen give an excellent address arguing that nice-to-havse are important, giving the example of Zealandia.</p>  <p>Far North Mayor Moko Tepania</p> <p>Well, I agree with all these speakers and it's not conradictory, it's a matter of knowing your roles and doing them well. Consider a community of interest, say north Hokianga. Everyone would say we wish to see the people and the area thriving - that's well being - but who is responsible for making it happen and how? It's the responsibility of all of us. Every government department, education, health, social services, developemnt agencies, local government and central government and Hapu, ought to be focused at this level. Each doing what they are charged with well, Council doing the basics; health and educations likewise. The local community of interest determines the priorities, key goals and measures achievements. Central to success is involving local leaders in the decision making, and community boards must play a major role. This is Super Local. It can deliver real results, and it will positivley change the overall deprivation, employment, health, education statistics of the the community over time. Councils, all government departments and central government must focus on getting the basic services for this community of</p> 

	interest working well, and wellbeing will follow, being delivered and defined by the community of interest themselves.
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## **Portfolio Update: (Name of Portfolio)**

Joint Regional Economic Development Committee

### **Matters for Discussion**

#### ***The Te Rerenga Final Report***

This document, not attached, was facilitated by Northland Inc and guided by a region wide Steering Group with considerable stakeholder engagement. It sets out an aspirational vision for the future and in its creation involved representation from business, industry Iwi/Maori, local and central government community, and Northland Inc.

We appreciated that there are many operational and tactical plans for different sectors across the region already, so it was decided – based upon the work other regions of NZ have similarly done – to develop a vision document for Northland that those tactical plans could sit under. Those plans included tourism (Destination Management Plan); economic development (Tai Tokerau Economic Action Plan TTEAP) as well as various regional workforce plans and others. There was considerable regional wide consultation on what this document should look like – strong iwi voice, primary sector, manufacturing sector, the youth voice, tourism voice and community voices to name a few.

The document provides a general vision of what the community felt a strong, healthy and vibrant Northland might look like in 100 years (which is a vision), but then brought our gaze back to a key milestone of 2040 to say what are the key areas to be focused on by that key date; and then brought our gaze back further to today to reaffirm the key sectors and projects critical for Northland's future prosperity. With that framework, the document needed to stay visionary and high level to ensure much of the community agreed with it.

A key purpose of this document is to demonstrate to Central Government that Northland is aligned as has a vision for the region, and that various project documents with detail sit below that. This is important as Ministers and senior government officials have clearly said that for any discussion around Central Government funding into the region – such as that through the Regional Infrastructure Fund or through any Regional Deal process – they want to know we have a vision and that all four councils are aligned and working together. We now have that which puts the Region in a good position for those upcoming discussions to advocate strongly on behalf of Northland.

#### **Northland Inc Quarterly Highlights August 2024**

Please find attached the Northland Inc Quarterly Highlights for August. I'm aware that many elected members and members of the public by not be aware of the activities of Northland Inc. See the attached appendix for a summary of August activities.

## **Training / Conference Attendance**

***This section is to be completed when an elected member has attended a professional development opportunity or a conference on behalf of Council. It should outline the learnings from attending the event and value to the organisation.***

**Name of Event: The LGNZ Community Board Conference**

**Date of Event:** 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August Wellington

### **Learnings:**

The theme for the conference was Super Local. This is something LGNZ has been promoting for some time. The LGNZ president in her address presented a quote from about 1945 saying in effect that the decision making should be as close as possible to the communities affected. This is subsidiarity, or localism. She said little has changed since then. LGNZ has also released a localism practical guide.

Dr Oliver Hartwick has been promoting Localism for many years and he gave example of other countries where it works well. In an online interview he also dispelled the myth that large councils are better at address problems, sighting examples where NZ councils are large compared to many other places in the world, some of which, like Switzerland perform far better than we do. For change to occur those that are wielding the power must be prepared to recognise that the communities they purport to serve must be involved in the decision making. They are the permanent party that are affected and remain long after the institutions with their short-term election cycles have passed.

The other learning is that community boards are the front face of local government and key to the delivery Super Local outcomes to their communities of interest and also a key to enabler of community wellbeing. They must be recognised and support to achieve these positive outcomes.

### **Value for the organisation:**

For me the greatest value to the organisation is in the networking with fellow elected members and being able to hear concerns, raise issues and see how other councils have addressed similar problems. Also being given access to information advised of key contacts that would be willing to help us.