

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL AVENUE, KAIKOHE  
ON THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:06 AM**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Harry Burkhardt, Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford (online), Cr Felicity Foy (online), Cr Steve McNally (online), Cr Mate Radich (online), Cr Tāmāti Rākena, Cr John Vujcich, Phil Grimshaw (online) Te Kahu o Taonui Representative.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kiri Sloane-Hobson (Operations Manager – Te Kahu o Taonui) (online), Kawiti Waetford (Kaiwhakawhiti Reo – Language Interpreter)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Guy Holroyd (Chief Executive Officer), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager – Strategic Relationships), Tanya Proctor ( Head of Infrastructure), Ruben Garcia ( General Manager - Communications and Engagement), Roger Ackers (General Manager – Planning and Policy), Charlie Billington (General Manager – Corporate Services), Zena Tango (Team Leader Transaction Services), Casey Gannon (Manager - Civic Engagement and Education), Llani Harding (Manager- Te Hono), Scott May (Manager - Stakeholder Relationships), Sarah Peri (Kaupapa Māori Programme Lead - Future of Severely Affected Land), Marlema Baker (Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Coordinator), Aisha Huriwai (Manager- Democracy Services), Imrie Dunn (Democracy Advisor).

## **1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER**

At 10:06 am, Chairperson Harry Burkhardt commenced the meeting, Kawiti Waetford continued the meeting with a karakia. Mihi provided by Cr Tāmāti Rākena.

## **2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **APOLOGY**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024/12**

Moved: Cr Tāmāti Rākena

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That the apology received from Kahika Mayor Moko Tepania and Crs Ann Court and Babe Kapa be accepted and leave of absence granted.**

**CARRIED**

## **3 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON HILDA HALKYARD-HARAWIRA:

- LAST WEEKEND, DELEGATES FROM THE PACIFIC GATHERED UNDER THE NAME TE KUAKA, UNITED IN THEIR RESISTANCE TO NUCLEAR BASES IN THE REGION.
- MIHI WAS EXTENDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON HALKYARD-HARAWIRA ACKNOWLEDGED TWO INDIVIDUALS:

- DON BELLINGHAM FROM KAITĀIA, WHO GRANTED PERMISSION OVER 30 YEARS AGO FOR TE HIKU MEDIA TO ESTABLISH A TRANSMITTER.
- ROBERT LUDBROOK, A LAWYER FROM AUCKLAND, RECOGNIZED FOR HIS ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF MĀORI AND PASIFIKA COMMUNITIES, NOTABLY DURING THE DAWN RAIDS.
- TE ARIKINUI NGĀ WAI HONO I TE PŌ IS ANTICIPATED TO VISIT TE AUPOURI ON 29 NOVEMBER.
- THE WAHAROA OF WAIMANONI MARAE WILL BE OPENED ON 30 NOVEMBER; ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- CONGRATULATIONS WERE OFFERED TO CHAIR HARRY BURKHARDT FOR HIS RECENT AWARD RECOGNIZING EFFORTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE REPURPOSING, ALONGSIDE KARLEEN EVERITT, WHO ALSO RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS.

#### COUNCILLOR TĀMATI RĀKENA:

- COUNCILLOR RĀKENA COMMEMORATED HE WHAKAPUTANGA, THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNED ON 28 OCTOBER 1835, WITH AN EVENT HOSTED BY NGĀTI KAWA AND NGĀTI RĀHIRI AT WAITANGI, WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER HAPŪ, IWI, AND WHĀNAU FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT.
- HE NOTED THE COUNCIL'S VISION ALIGNS WITH SECTION 32 AND THE 2100 REPORT'S TE PAE O UTA, ENSURING THAT KAUPAPA CENTRAL TO COUNCIL PROCESSES HONOUR THESE SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL EVENTS.
- COUNCILLOR RĀKENA RECOGNIZED THAT THESE ANNUAL COMMEMORATIONS COINCIDE WITH THE SIGNING OF TE TIRITI O WAITANGI, INCLUDING THE WAIMATE NORTH SIGNING ON 10 FEBRUARY AND THE LARGEST SIGNING AT MĀNGUNGU ON 12 FEBRUARY. THIS YEAR MARKS 189 YEARS SINCE THE SIGNING OF HE WHAKAPUTANGA.

#### CHAIRPERSON HARRY BURKHARDT:

- CHAIRPERSON BURKHARDT ACKNOWLEDGED THE KAWE MATE FOR SELWYN MURUPAENGA, WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW WITH NGĀTI RĒHIA, FOLLOWED BY NGĀTI KAHU AT OTURU, AND AT TE HĀPUA ON SATURDAY.
- CHAIRPERSON BURKHARDT SHARED THAT A DELEGATION RECENTLY VISITED BEIJING, WHERE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHINA, JAPAN, AND ALASKA ON KUAKA AND THE SHARED VALUES AND BENEFITS OF COLLABORATION.
- THE CHAIR NOTED THAT AGENDA ITEM 7.1, SIMPSON GRIERSON LEGAL OPINION ON MĀORI WARD POLL REQUIREMENTS, WILL NOW BE DISCUSSED IN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING, AS LEGAL PRIVILEGE HAS BEEN WAIVED.

## 4 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

Nicole Wihongi and Abert Cash regarding Waitangi 2025 Commemorations.

### Attachments tabled at meeting

- 1 Draft Waitangi Week Calendar 2025 - Document Number A4957081 refers.

**3 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Chief Executive Officer gave a verbal update for outstanding matters

**Attachments tabled at meeting**

- 1 CEO Briefing Paper Update to Te Kuaka Committee - Document A4957078 refers.

**5 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Agenda item 4.1 document number A4536236, pages 8 - 16 refers.

**RESOLUTION 2024/13**

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 25 September 2024 as a true and correct.**

**CARRIED**

**6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS****6.1 TE ONEROA-A-TŌHĒ VARIATION TO SPEED LIMITS**

Agenda item 5.1 document number A4932032, pages 17 - 24 refers.

**RESOLUTION 2024/14**

Moved: Cr Tāmami Rākena

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee recommend to Council that Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki Interim Speed Management Plan is amended to include 30 kilometre per hour speeds 200 metres either side of the following beach access points:**

- a) Hukatere Access;
- b) Te Wakatehāua Access; and
- c) Kauēparāoa Access.

**CARRIED**

**7 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS****7.1 SIMPSON GRIERSON LEGAL OPINION - MĀORI WARD POLL REQUIREMENTS**

Agenda item 4.1 document number A4947746, pages 7 - 8 refers

**RESOLUTION 2024/15**

Moved: Cr Tāmati Rākena  
 Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Simpson Grierson Legal Opinions requested by Taituarā on Conduct of Polls of Electors on Division of Electorate into Māori Wards or Constituencies and Māori Ward Poll Requirements.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments tabled at meeting**

1 Agenda item 7.1 Simpson Grierson Legal opinion - Maori Ward Poll Requirements - Document number A4957119 refers.

*At 11:38 am, Cr Tāmati Rākena left the meeting and returned at 11:40 am.*

**7.2 NORTH HOKIANGA ROADING WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Agenda item 6.1 document number A4938961, pages 25 - 28 refers.

**RESOLUTION 2024/16**

Moved: Cr John Vujcich  
 Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report North Hokianga Roding Working Group Update.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments tabled at meeting**

1 Motuti Newsletter 16.10.24 - Document number A4957094 refers.

**7.3 AROTAKE WHAKAAHUATANGA TANGATA - REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2024 FINAL DETERMINATION**

Agenda item 6.2 document number A4938479, pages 29 - 51 refers

**RESOLUTION 2024/17**

Moved: Cr John Vujcich  
 Seconded: Cr Tāmati Rākena

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tangata - Representation Review 2024 Final Determination.**

**CARRIED**

**7.4 WHENUA MĀORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF**

Agenda item 6.3 document number A4936059, pages 52 - 54 refers

**RESOLUTION 2024/18**

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira  
 Seconded: Cr Tāmati Rākena

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Whenua Māori - Freehold Land Rating Relief.**

**CARRIED****7.5 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - CREATING A UTILITIES ENTITY (AND A WATERS INDUSTRY)**

Agenda item 6.4 document number A4904735, pages 55 - 65 refers

**RESOLUTION 2024/19**

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Local Water Done Well - Creating a Utilities Entity (and a Waters Industry).****CARRIED***At 12:26 pm, Cr Steve McNally left the meeting.***7.6 FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL (FNDC) WAITANGI DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2025 UPDATE**

Agenda item 6.5 document number A4934284, pages 66 - 67 refers

**RESOLUTION 2024/20**

Moved: Cr Tāmati Rākena

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Far North District Council (FNDC) Waitangi Day Commemorations 2025 Update.****CARRIED****7.7 TE KUAKA- TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE OCTOBER 2024**

Agenda item 6.6 document number A4709032, pages 68 - 68 refers

**RESOLUTION 2024/21**

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Te Kuaka – Te Māori Committee receive the report Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori October 2024 Open Resolution Report.****CARRIED****8 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS****8.1 MINOR ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA****RESOLUTION 2024/22**

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori**

- a) acknowledge support offered from Te Kahu o Taonui to work with Council staff, particularly around the engagement planning templates for IHEMP's and MOU's
- b) investigate opportunities for further workstreams such as treaty agreements.

**CARRIED**

**9 MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 1:28 pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2024.

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**CHAIRPERSON**