Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika
Far North District Council

Dated 09 Feb 2026

MOTUTANGI DRAINAGE AREA COMMITTEE
Terms of Reference

Purpose of Motutangi Drainage Area Committee is:

- To represent and consult with the ratepayers of the Motutangi Drainage Area
- To make recommendation to Te Hiku Community Board in respect of all matters pertaining to the management of the Motutangi Drainage Area
- To ensure the Motutangi Drainage Area ratepayers and Te Hiku Community Board are well informed about matters of concern relating the Motutangi Drainage Area
- To identify initiatives and improvements and make recommendations to Te Hiku Community Board on how these improvements can be implemented
- To provide the Motutangi Drainage Area community with an opportunity to provide feedback to Te Hiku Community Board
- Ensure open and free exchange of information, ideas and concerns between Te Hiku Community Board and community.

Quorum

The Quorum is set at three.

Responsibilities

Work Programs

Preparing the program of work for the Motutangi Drainage area, relevant to the purposes of the Committee, which are:

- consistent with the Annual and Long-term Planning processes of Council
- in accordance with the conditions and requirements outlined in the Management Plan and resource consent conditions.
- Consistent with Policy #4302 - Northland River Management Policy.

Such programs are to include budgetary provision for all costs associated with the work of the Committee.

Notifying the appropriate Council Staff of any Emergency Work required to be carried out.

Stakeholder Liaison

Liaise with all stakeholders as requested by the Council Officer responsible for the Drainage Areas.

Membership

Motutangi Drainage Area Committee is to be appointed by resolution of Te Hiku Community Board pursuant to the Standing Orders adopted by that Board.

One member of the committee must be a Community Board member.

Protocols

A chairperson and deputy chairperson must be elected pursuant to the standing orders adopted by Te Hiku Community Board.
An agenda will be prepared and circulated 5 days in advance of the meeting following a call for items to be notified to the Chairperson and pursuant to the Standing orders adopted by the Te Hiku Community Board.

Values

Advocacy - promote the public's trust and confidence in Council and the Community board.

Openness - communicating clearly and providing as much information as possible.

Honesty - observing both the spirit and the letter of the law, policy and procedures.

Respect - treating people with courtesy, observing their rights and recognizing the different roles that others play in management and decision making.
Responsiveness - dealing with issues within agreed timeframes.
Consider the full range of costs and benefit of alternatives in making recommendations to Council.
Ensure open and free exchange of information within the group.

Meetings

The Motutangi Drainage Area Committee will meet three times year as determined by Te Hiku Community Board in the Schedule of Meetings.
Additional meetings may be held when required with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

Standing Agenda Items

Confirmation of previous minutes
A financial report provided by the Financial Controller
Proposed Work Program

Reporting

A report will be included in Te Hiku Community Board agenda at the following meeting that conveys any recommendations to Te Hiku Community Boards for adoption.

Support

Administrative support is provided by the Council Advisory Services Department.

Funding and Budgets

Funding for the Committee will align with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy.

The Committee shall only recommend the expenditure of funding on purposes for which that funding was originally raised and in accordance with the budgets approved by Council through its Long-term Plan and Annual Plan.

Expenses will be funded from the Motutangi Drainage Targeted Rate.

Procurement of Goods and Services

Procurement of goods and services for Kaitaia Drainage Area will be in accordance with the Far North District Council Procurement Policy (including Sustainable Procurement). For more information, please follow the link:

https://www.fndc.govt.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/43509/Procurement-Policy-FINAL.pdf

Contacts with Media and Outside Agencies

Committee Chairperson is the authorized spokesperson for the Committee in all matters where the Committee has authority or a particular interest.Committee members, including the Chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media and/or outside agencies on behalf of Te Hiku Community board on matters outside the Committee's delegations.

Conduct of Affairs

The Committee shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2002,* the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987,* the *Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968*, The Hiku Community Board Standing Orders and Council Code of Conduct.

Power to Delegate

The Motutangi Drainage Area Committee may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers.