



**Far North
District Council**



Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika

AGENDA

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 10.00am
Location: Council Chamber
Memorial Ave
Kaikohe

Membership:

Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania - Chairperson
Kōwhai - Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Cr Ann Court
Cr Felicity Foy
Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Cr Babe Kapa
Cr Penetaui Kleskovic
Cr Steve McNally
Cr Mate Radich
Cr Tāmami Rākena
Cr John Vujcich

Far North District Council
Extraordinary Council Meeting
will be held in the Kaikohe Memorial Hall, Memorial Ave, Kaikohe on:
Thursday 23 May 2024 at 10.00am

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Ka tuku mātou kia kaha mai ngā māngai kua whiriwhirihia mō Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika ki te mahi me te ngākau auaha me te whakamahi i ngā pūkenga me te mātauranga i roto i ngā wānanga me ngā whakataunga kia whakatūria ai tētahi Hapori e matatika ana, e tū kotahi ana ka mutu ka whakapiki anō i te oranga o tō tātou rohe, ka whakatau anō i ngā take o te rohe i runga i te tika me te pono.

We ask that through Council discussions and decisions the representatives we have elected may govern the Far North District with imagination, skill and wisdom to achieve a fairer and more united Community that enhances the wellbeing of our district and solves the District's problems efficiently and effectively.

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

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive Officer or the Manager - Democracy Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO/ DEPUTATIONS

Debbie Abbas - Ruawai speaking in support of agenda item 5.1 pg. 6 refers.

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 HE PĀNUI WHAKAMŌTINI / NOTICE OF MOTION**5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN CEASEFIRE IN GAZA****File Number: A4712680**

I, Moko Tepania, Mayor of the Far North, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 May 2024, I intend to move the following motion:

MŌTINI / MOTION

That the Far North District Council call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza and endorse a letter to be sent to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to show our support and call for peace.

TAKE / RATIONALE

The conflict in Gaza is a humanitarian crisis with horrific civilian casualties. This motion follows the leadership of other councils in New Zealand calling for a ceasefire and is one small way that the Far North District Council can play its part in striving for peace.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Notice of Motion - Ceasefire in Gaza - A4712682** [↓](#) 



Te Tari o te Kahika Office of the Mayor

Tamatea-kai-ariki o Te Tahi Wehewehe | 16 May 2024

Pānui Whakamōtini | Notice of Motion

E ai ki ngā Tikanga Hui o Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika ka tukuna e Kahika Moko Tepania tēnei pānui whakamōtini ki te tēpu o te hui kaunihera motuhake ka tū hei te Tāite 22 o Mei 2024.

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Far North District Council the following notice of motion is proposed to be tabled at the extraordinary council meeting on Thursday 22 May 2024 by Mayor Moko Tepania.

Mōtini | Motion:

Kia meinga e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika kia kātīpuhi ake nei te pakanga ki Gaza, ā, ka whakamana i te tononga reta ki te Pirimia me te Minita Manatū Aorere hei whakapuaki i tā tātou tautoko kia hohou rongo.

That the Far North District Council call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza and endorse a letter to be sent to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to show our support and call for peace.

Take | Rationale:

He mōrikarika ki te tapu o te tangata te pakanga ki Gaza e kaha matemate nei te iwi. E tautoko ana tēnei mōtini i te kaiārahitanga o ērā atu o ngā kaunihera o Aotearoa kia kātīpuhitia te whawhai, ā, kia whai wāhi atu, ahakoa iti nei, Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika kia hohou i te rongo.

The conflict in Gaza is a humanitarian crisis with horrific civilian casualties. This motion follows the leadership of other councils in New Zealand calling for a ceasefire and is one small way that the Far North District Council can play its part in striving for peace.

Nāku iti nei,

Moko Tepania
Te Kahika o Te Hiku o te Ika
Mayor of the Far North

5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MĀORI WARDS

File Number: A4712962

I, Moko Tepania, Mayor of the Far North, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 May 2024, I intend to move the following motion:

MŌTINI / MOTION

That the Far North District Council support Local Government New Zealand's joint letter to Central Government in opposition to proposed changes to Māori Ward and constituency poll provisions.

TAKE / RATIONALE

The Far North District Council established the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward under the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021.

This resolution came about after community consultation in 2021 where 81.76% (of 499 respondents) were in favour of the establishment of a Māori Ward as well as support from Te Kahu o Taonui, the regional iwi chairs' collective.

Central Government are proposing legislation which will require the Far North District Council to either disestablish its Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward, or hold a binding poll of all Far North electors to either disestablish or retain the Ward at the 2025 local elections.

The Far North District Council has already resolved not to disestablish its Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward and to make a submission on the Local Electoral Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill articulating the abhorrence for unnecessary legislative changes following a resolution of the Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee on 22 April 2024.

Signing this joint letter will show sector wide support alongside the other 44 councils that have established Māori Wards or constituencies who will also be affected by the proposed legislative changes.

It is estimated that a binding poll alongside the 2025 local elections for the Far North will unnecessarily cost between \$5,000 - \$10,000, on top of the extra time and work provisions that staff will have to allow for the changes. I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Notice of Motion - Maori Wards - A4712928** [↓](#) 
2. **Draft Joint Letter by LGNZ - NoM Maori Wards - A4712958** [↓](#) 



Te Tari o te Kahika Office of the Mayor

Tamatea-kai-ariki o Te Tahī Wehewehe | 16 May 2024

Pānui Whakamōtini | Notice of Motion

E ai ki ngā Tikanga Hui o Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika ka tukuna e Kahika Moko Tepania tēnei pānui whakamōtini ki te tēpu o te hui kaunihera motuhake ka tū hei te Tāite 22 o Mei 2024.

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Far North District Council the following notice of motion is proposed to be tabled at the extraordinary council meeting on Thursday 22 May 2024 by Mayor Moko Tepania.

Mōtini | Motion:

Kia tautokohia e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika te reta tukutahi a Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa ki te Kāwanatanga Matua hei whakahē i ngā hiahia ki te tīni i ngā ture tāpae pōti mō ngā rohenga Māori ā-kaunihera.

That the Far North District Council support Local Government New Zealand's joint letter to Central Government in opposition to proposed changes to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions.

Take | Rationale:

He mea whakatū te rohenga Māori o Ngā Tai o Tokerau e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika i raro i te mana o te Ture Pōtitanga (mō ngā Rohenga Māori ā-Kaunihera) 2021.

I puta tēnei whakataunga i muri mai i te patapatai i te hāpori i te tau 2021 me te 81.76% (o ngā kaiurupare 499) i tautokohia kia whakatū tētahi rohenga Māori, ka tautokona hoki e Te Kahu o Taonui, arā te whakaminenga o ngā heamana ā-iwi o te rohe.

E hiahia ana te Kāwanatanga Matua ki te tīni i te ture hei whakahau atu ki Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika ki te whakakore i tōna rohenga Māori, kia tuku raini i tētahi tāpae pōti herehere ki ngā kaipōti katoa o Te Hiku o te Ika e whakakore ana, e tautoko ana raini i tōna rohenga hei ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe 2025.

Kua whakatauria kētia e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika kia kaua e whakakore i tōna rohenga Māori o Ngā Tai o Tokerau, ā, kia tonu hoki ki Te Pire Whakahau i te Ture Pōtitanga ā-Rohe mō ngā Rohenga Māori ā-Kaunihera tāna kaha whakahē i ēnei panonitanga ture i muri mai i tētahi whakataunga o Te Komiti o Te Kuaka i te 22 o Āperira 2024.

Mā te waitohu i tēnei reta tukutahi ka tū kotahi tātou ko ērā atu kaunihera e 44 kua whakatū rohenga ka patua e ngā panohitanga ture hou.

E whakapaetia ana ka noho ki waenga i te \$5,000 - \$10,000 te utu mō te whakahaere i tētahi tāpae pōti herehere hei ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe 2025 ki Te Hiku o te Ika, ka tāpirihia ko te wā me te mahi ka pīkauria e ngā kaimahi mō ēnei panonitanga.



Te Tari o te Kahika
Office of the Mayor

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The Far North District Council has already resolved not to disestablish its Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori ward and to make a submission on the Local Electoral Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill articulating the abhorrence for unnecessary legislative changes following a resolution of the Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee on 22 April 2024.

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Āpitihanga | Attachments:

- He reta tukutahi hukihuki nā Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa / Draft joint letter by LGNZ

Nāku iti nei,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tepania'.

Moko Tepania
Te Kahika o Te Hiku o te Ika
Mayor of the Far North



20 May 2024

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Hon Simeon Brown

Hon Tama Potaka, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Rt Hon Winston Peters, Leader, New Zealand First

Hon David Seymour, Leader, ACT

Kia ora Prime Minister, Ministers, and party leaders

Changes to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions

Local Government New Zealand and the Mayors and Chairs that have signed this letter are opposed to the changes the Coalition Government is proposing to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions.

The Government's decision to remove decision-making from councils by mandating that polls be run on Māori wards and constituencies is an overreach on local decision-making when current legislation already requires councils to seek community views. It sets a concerning precedent that the Government may overturn other decisions made by democratically elected councillors. We are disappointed this is in contrast with the commitments the Government made during the election campaign to empower local government to make decisions about its own communities.

Our position – a position that has been held by Local Government New Zealand since 2018 – is that Māori wards and constituencies should be treated like all other wards and that decisions should be made at the council level. Polls aren't required on any other wards or constituencies, and requiring them will add increased costs to councils.

We are concerned that the Government's decision is a distraction from the hard work that councils are doing to deliver infrastructure and keep costs down for their communities. It also undermines the important contributions that Māori are making to local government.

We urge the Government to reconsider its position and leave it to local councils to make decisions about appropriate representation arrangements in partnership with iwi and their communities.

Ngā mihi nui

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6 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 - Otawere Dam Funding Commitment (Tai Tokerau Water Trust)	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p> <p>s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
6.2 - Transportation Services Review Decision	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

	<p>unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p> <p>s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage</p>	

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

8 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE