



**Far North
District Council**



TŪHONOTANGA MINITI ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

31 July 2025

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Deputation – Shane Maddren**The Strand, Kororāreka Russell Traffic Trial**

Kia ora,

I am Shane Robert Maddren, a Far North District Rate payer, A Te Tai Tokerau Business owner, and a regular user of the Cass St and The Strand areas in Kororareka Russell, and a member of the Working Group for the Traffic Management Trial of this area.

I express my disappointment in the manipulation of processes in order to arrive at the “best outcome”.

The results of the Trial clearly highlighted that the Trial worked in reducing Traffic along both sides of The Strand. This improved the safety of the area immediately

And what was trialed was SHARED PATHWAYS – reduction of speed in the area to 10kph, reduce the entrance of Cass St to discourage vehicles, in particular, Large Vehicles, and actively monitor.

The placements of Planters and Barrels were perhaps not thought through fully. The loss of Loading Zones for our Wharf had an immediate impact. This added to the congestion experienced in front of our Waharoa. Having vehicles trying to navigate this area (3 point turns, reversing) actually increased the potential hazards.

It is the irregular movements of Barrels, Planters, and Rocks from the installed gardens that have damaged our tourism vehicles during this period. We even had locals adding rocks to the gardens which extended them further onto the driving lines. The assumption that people had been “pinching” the rocks from the area was incorrect. The rock movements were due to Delivery vehicles with low rear draws, clipping the rocks as they attempted 3-point turns in front of the Waharoa.

The Planters positioning did not take into account for vehicle turning ability. These planters had to be moved out of the way for delivery vehicles and parking vehicles in order to not restrict, after damage to many vehicles. Instead of thoughtfully repositioning these in more sensible locations, they

have been pushed to one side. These need to be sorted immediately as they are currently potential hazards.

The installation of Cass ST was poorly managed, and without the approved authority of Traffic Management. This impacted on our business immediately and for 3 days we had to cancel our tours due to the hazards and safety concerns for our guests in the area.

And the aesthetics of the installation. Different stains for barrels to Planters to Waharoa, the dying plants, different metalwork and colouring.

Accepting this was a trial, these can be overlooked – as we consider the final decision, this will all need to go back to the drawing board to ensure a “Best Fit” for now and into the future of our area.

I feel very privileged to live and earn here in the Bay of Islands. It is also my responsibility, as one of the privileged, to ensure that those less fortunate have equitable opportunities to enjoy the same privileges as I do.

This is why I immediately expressed my concern regarding the “Rope, Bollard” closure of the Southern Strand. My written concerns at the ideas of cobble-stoning, and judder bars. All of these hinder our less fortunate to enjoy our Waterfront.

Our Alfresco dining along our Waterfront is also a privilege. The safety of staff crossing the road is the responsibility of the business and their training to ensure staff know how to cross this road safely. The reduction of vehicles as well as the speed to 10kph had a positive impact.

Thank you for allocating this time.

Shane R. Maddren.



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To: Te Puāwaitanga Trust

Tēnā koutou,

RE: Council Expectations for the Governance and Administration of Te Puāwaitanga Sports Facility

The Far North District Council (Council) welcomes the establishment of the Te Puāwaitanga Trust and acknowledges the important role the Trust will play in the governance and administration of the Te Puāwaitanga Sports Facility in Waipapa.

As guardians of the public purse and stewards of community wellbeing, Council sets out the following expectations to guide the Trust's operations, decision-making, and strategic direction.

1. Physical Footprint and Asset Clarity

- Operate within the defined physical footprint of the Te Puāwaitanga Sports Facility as scoped in Phase One.
- Council retains ownership of key infrastructure including carparks, access roads, public toilets, changing rooms, and field/carpark lighting.
- Vertical structures (excluding changing rooms) may be owned by the Trust, subject to formal agreements.

2. Demarcation of Responsibilities

- Trust responsible for day-to-day administration, bookings, user engagement, and minor maintenance.
- Council retains responsibility for major asset renewals, compliance, and strategic land use planning.
- Formal agreements must define roles, responsibilities, and dispute resolution mechanisms.

3. Membership and Equity

- No preferential rights to foundation sporting clubs that disadvantage future users.
- Membership criteria must be inclusive and transparent. Clause 289(h) of the draft constitution must be reviewed.
- Uphold Te Puāwaitanga values (WHAKAUTE) in all decisions.

4. Financial Stewardship

- Fundraising and application of funds must align with charitable objectives.
- Transparent financial reporting and prudent borrowing practices required.
- Review provision allowing unsecured borrowing up to \$20,000.
- Use Council's \$15,000 annual grant (2025/26 and 2026/27) solely for administrative and governance setup.

5. Inclusiveness and Community Engagement

- Promote access for disabled persons, ethnic minorities, and youth.
- Reflect principles of inclusiveness from NZ Spaces and Places Framework (pp. 229–230) in constitution and policies.
- Maintain ongoing engagement with hapū, iwi, and local stakeholders.

6. Strategic Alignment and Modelling

- Align planning with Council's strategic documents including Te Pātukurea Spatial Plan and Needs Assessment.
- Collaborate to ensure consistency in population modelling and future planning.

7. Governance and Oversight

- Operate with high standards of governance, transparency, and accountability.
- Council reserves the right to intervene under Clause 7.16 of the draft constitution.
- Provide regular reporting to Council including financial statements, usage data, and strategic updates.

Council looks forward to working in partnership with the Te Puāwaitanga Trust to ensure the facility continues to serve the diverse needs of our community and reflects the aspirations of all who call the Far North home.

Ngā mihi nui,

Guy Holroyd
Chief Executive Officer
Far North District Council



Member Report

Name: Cr Rākena

Ward: Ngā Tai o Tokerau

Council Members' Report / Pūrongo a te Kaikaunihera

Date Engagement / Kaupapa

19 June Matariki with the Governor-General

23 June Weekly Check-In – Ngā Tai o Tokerau

25 June Extraordinary Council Meeting

26 June Te Huia – Executive Review Committee

27 June Te Hiku Media Interview

28 June Hui with Te Aupōuri CEO Tipene Kapa-Kīngi

30 June Weekly Check-In – Ngā Tai o Tokerau

3 July Agenda Preview with the Chair – North Hokianga Roding Group

3 July Council Meeting

5 July North Hokianga Roding Group Meeting

14 July Kaikohe Library and Civic Hub Steering Group

14 July Weekly Check-In – Ngā Tai o Tokerau

15 July Nā Wai i Teka Filming

15 July Te Hiku Media Interview

16 July Kaikohe District Sportsville Hui

22 July Te Koukou – Transport and Infrastructure Committee

23 July Workshop: CCO Oversight

29 July Te Huia – Executive Review Committee