

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE  
ON THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2026 AT 10:02AM**

**PRESENT:** Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Cr Arohanui Allen, Cr Rachel Baucke, Cr Ann Court, Cr Felicity Foy, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Tāmati Rākena, Cr Davina Smolders, Cr John Vujcich

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Community Board Chairs Belinda Ward and Jessie McVeagh.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Guy Holroyd (Chief Executive Officer), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager – Strategic Relationships), Piripi Rākena (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Hilary Sumpter (Group Manager – Delivery & Operations), Andrew Greig (Manager – Legal Services), Emma Healy (Chief of Staff), Rachel Smith (Executive Officer), Stephen FitzHerbert (Senior Strategic Planner), Charlie Billington (Group Manager – Corporate Services), Aisha Huriwai (Manager – Democracy Services), Marysa Maheno (Democracy Advisor), Kate Ivicheva (Group Manager – Policy & Planning), Roger Ackers (Head of Strategic Reform Initiatives).

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER**

Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania commenced the meeting with a prayer.

**2 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Congratulated the Lake Ōmāpere Trust on receiving a \$3M grant towards the restoration of Lake Ōmāpere.
- Congratulated the newly appointed Youth Councillors and acknowledged Crs Allen and Baucke for hosting the pōwhiri to welcome the new Youth Council.
- Acknowledged Te Hiku Community Board Member Eddie Bellas hosting the Tuatua Fritter Competition held at the Tuatua Tavern in Whatuwhiwhi over the weekend.
- Noted that the current marama is Māwharu, a high-energy phase leading into the full moon over the Labour Weekend period.
- Highlighted the following events taking place over Labour Weekend:
  - The annual Christopher Harris Cup Tournament in Kohukohu.
  - The 2026 Piri Wiremu Mokena Memorial Tournament in Whangaroa.
  - The annual PIC Coastal Classic Yacht Race from Auckland to Russell.
- Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania also acknowledged the passing of:
  - Former Far North District Council Deputy Mayor John Klaricich;
  - Former Black Fern and Far North sporting legend Cheryl Waaka; and
  - Kaikohe GP, Far North Police Surgeon and Fire and Emergency Surgeon Dr Roger Milner.

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

#### APOLOGY

##### RESOLUTION 2026/91

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That the apologies received from Cr Kelly Stratford and Te Hiku Community Board Chair William (Bill) Subritzky be accepted and leave of absence granted.**

**CARRIED**

### 4 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

Ngāti Kawa Taituha and Nicole Wihongi presented the 2027 Waitangi Commemorations Programme.

*At 10:11AM Cr Arohanui Allen left the room and returned at 10:20AM.*

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

#### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5993184, pages 6 - 16 refers

##### RESOLUTION 2026/92

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

**That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 24 September 2026 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

#### 5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5993182, pages 17 - 37 refers

##### RESOLUTION 2026/93

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That Council note the minutes from the following Community Board meetings:**

- a) Te Hiku Community Board Meeting held 28 September 2026;
- b) Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Meeting held 30 September 2026;
- c) Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Meeting held 1 October 2026.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:46AM and reconvened at 10:55AM.*

**6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS****6.1 DRAFT COMMUNITY BOARD ACCORD FOR ADOPTION**

Agenda item 6.1 document number A5947439, pages 38 - 53 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/94**

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Cr Rachel Baucke

**That Council:**

- a) **Adopt the Community Board Accord attached as Attachment 2.**
- b) **Note that the Community Board Accord is a governance and relationship framework intended to guide the working relationship between Far North District Council and:**
  - **Te Hiku Community Board;**
  - **Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board; and**
  - **Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board.**
- c) **Note that the Community Board Accord does not amend, replace or override:**
  - **the Local Government Act 2002;**
  - **Community Board delegations;**
  - **Standing Orders;**
  - **Codes of Conduct;**
  - **Council policies; or**
  - **Council's statutory responsibilities and decision-making authority.**
- d) **Note that all three Community Boards participated in the development of the Accord through Combined Community Board Workshops and engagement with Community Board Chairpersons and support its adoption.**
- e) **Authorise the Mayor to execute the Community Board Accord on behalf of Far North District Council.**
- f) **Direct the Chief Executive to implement the Accord and develop supporting schedules including:**
  - **review of Community Board delegations;**
  - **Community Board strategic plans and work programmes;**
  - **engagement and partnership plans;**
  - **operating rhythms and communication protocols; and**
  - **reporting and monitoring templates.**
- g) **Authorise the Chief Executive to make minor editorial, formatting and administrative amendments prior to publication.**

**CARRIED**

## 6.2 APPROVAL OF FINAL SIMSON PARK DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026

Agenda item 6.2 document number A5943357, pages 54 - 69 refers

### RESOLUTION 2026/95

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**That Council approve and adopt the Simson Park Domain Reserve Management Plan 2026, as per Attachment 1 under section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.**

**CARRIED**

## 7 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED

### RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

### RESOLUTION 2026/96

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**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                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>8.1 - Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Public Excluded</b>   | s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons<br><br>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities<br><br>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) | 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 |
| <b>8.2 - Next steps for the Housing for the Elderly portfolio</b> | s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 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 |

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| <b>8.3 - Sites for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure</b>                                                 | 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)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 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 |
| <b>8.4 - Award of Contract 7/26/001 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Kawakawa Water Treatment Plant Upgrade</b> | <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)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</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> | 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 |

**and that the Community Board Chairs and Kaiwhakawhiti Reo Kawiti Waetford remain within the public excluded part of the meeting.**

*Secretarial Note: s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, must not be used as grounds for public exclusion for any further public excluded reports.*

**CARRIED**

## **CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION AND DECISIONS TO BE RELEASED IN PUBLIC**

### **RESOLUTION 2026/97**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**That Council release the resolution of item 8.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes – Public Excluded which was discussed within the part of the meeting held in public excluded.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

Agenda item 8.1 document number A5951710, pages 4 - 16 refers

### **RESOLUTION 2026/98**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That Council confirm the minutes of the 27 August and 24 September 2026 Public Excluded Council meetings as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS CONTINUED****6.3 NORTHLAND WATERS LIMITED - STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS**

Agenda item 6.5 document number A6011457, pages 89 - 109 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/99**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Council:**

- a) approve and adopt the Statement of Expectations dated 15 October 2026 as a Reserved Matter under clause 8 of the Shareholders' Agreement, for the shareholders to provide to Northland Waters Limited under section 225 of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025; and
- b) delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive authority to agree minor changes to the Statement, including changes in response to comments from Northland Waters Limited, where those changes are consistent with Council's decision.

In Favour: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, and Crs Arohanui Allen, Ann Court, Felicity Foy and John Vujcich

Against: Crs Rachel Baucke and Davina Smolders

Abstained: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

**CARRIED****Attachments tabled at meeting**

- 1 NWL Statement of Expectations (15 October draft) (tracked changes)

*At 1:19PM Cr Tāmāti Rākena left the meeting.*

*The meeting adjourned at 1:52PM and reconvened at 2:32PM.*

**6.4 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR TE MIROMIRO COMMITTEE FOR ASSURANCE, RISK AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Agenda item 6.3 document number A5993160, pages 70 - 76 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/100**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

**That Council approve to add Cr Kelly Stratford to the membership of Te Miromiro Committee for Assurance, Risk and Finance.**

**CARRIED****6.5 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS**

Agenda item 6.4 document number A5945977, pages 77 - 88 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/101**

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

**That Council:**

- a) requires that Greenhouse Gas Emissions measurement requirements be developed for the relevant Council Controlled Organisations; and
- b) that any recommendation to mandate emissions-reduction targets be deferred until

**Council receives;**

- i) **Chief Financial Officer-reviewed assessment setting out the expected costs, benefits, infrastructure and dividend impacts, reasonably practicable alternatives, and the comparative cost of offsetting emissions; and**
- ii) **legal opinion, including clarification of the statement that FNDC “will be exposed to the costs of offsetting sequestration”.**

**In Favour:** Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, and Crs Arohanui Allen, Ann Court, Felicity Foy, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira and John Vujcich

**Against:** Crs Rachel Baucke and Davina Smolders

**CARRIED****6.6 FAR NORTH HOLDINGS LIMITED - ANNUAL REPORT**

Agenda item 6.6 document number A5993674, pages 110 - 173 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/102**

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

**That Council receives the Far North Holdings Limited FY26 Annual Report.**

**CARRIED****8 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS****8.1 HEAD START LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM PROGRAMME - GOVERNMENT UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

Agenda item 7.1 document number A5990094, pages 174 - 176 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/103**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That the Council receive the report Head Start Local Government Reform Programme - Government Update and Next Steps.**

**CARRIED****9 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER**

Before closing the meeting with karakia Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania acknowledged the new Manager – Legal Services, Andrew Greig.

**10 MEETING CLOSE**

**The meeting closed at 3:16PM.**

**The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 November 2026.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**