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Totara North Community Plan

March 2021

About

Ngā wai rere pūtahi ki te moana o Whangaroa. The many waters converge at the Whangaroa harbour.

This whakataukī (proverb) speaks of the interconnectedness of the Whangaroa rohe. The shores of the Whangaroa Harbour have long history of Māori occupation. Local Māori narratives express exploration by Tākītimu, Te Māhuhu-ki-te-rangi, Mamaru and Mātaatua.

Although no traditional name exists for the area known as Totara North (with each peninsula and bay having its own name), local hapū include Ngāti Rua, Ngāti Pōu, Kaitangata, Ngāti Rangimatakakā and Ngāti Rangimaramomoe. There are two differing stories about how the name of *Totara North* came to be. One version says it was named after a huge Totara tree that once stood on the outskirts of town and the other that the Totara tree was located near the water, where boats moored to its trunk and mail was left beneath its branches. Although the origin of its name may be ambiguous, one fact is clear. Totara North became a thriving village and a hub of commercial activity due to the existence of the once great kauri forests located nearby.

In 1839, Bishop Pompallier established a mission on Te Kuwaru overlooking the harbour. The mission served eight hapū and was made up of a small chapel, cemetery and gardens. By 1846, it had also become a centre for training lay teachers. At one stage, the printing press that now sits in Pompallier House was brought to Totara North by boat for safe keeping, along with the priest responsible for its care.

In its heyday Totara North had the largest shipyard in New Zealand and Australia, Lane & Brown, where some of the Pacific's finest shipping vessels were built. By 1900 over 70 vessels were built and launched at their yards. At that time, Totara North had over 100 children attending the school, three boarding houses, two stores, a bakery, a rope works, a brickworks and a post-office with telegram service. The major pā sites were Hopekako and Otawhiri Point.

When the decline in wood ship-building occurred at the turn of the century, the firm expanded their timber milling enterprise. Kauri was sent as far away as San Francisco to be used in the city's reconstruction after the 1906 earthquake. Milling continued throughout the 20th century until 2004 when the firm was sold and closed down. Today the old mill belongs to Te Runanga o Whaingaroa. Until recently the sheds were used to house some of their beautifully carved waka (ceremonial canoes).

Also operating in the early 1900s was the partnership of Molesworth and Saies which ran an international business exporting kauri gum as far afield as New York and London. The firm owned and leased much of the gum land in the area around the Whangaroa Harbour. The old headquarters is now the Gum Store bar and café. Today, Totara North has a primary school, an historic community hall, gardens, wharf, boat ramp, museum and The Gum Store bar and café.

Totara North is home to a dynamic, tightly knit community living in a picturesque coastal setting.

This is the Community Development Plan of Totara North. The intention of the plan is to clearly identify the needs of our community and use the plan to speak in unison to help inform agencies, funders and others who can work with us to help us bring our plan to fruition.

Our Vision

Preserve our peaceful environment, our harbour and the natural beauty of Totara North. Maintain our strong community values of unity, health and looking after each other. Respect our unique heritage and work together to continually improve our social, historic, natural, and built environments.

Our Values

Whanaungatanga / Sense of Community

- We work together
- · We feel a sense of kinship
- We share experiences
- We practice tikanga our way of doing things
- We are safety-conscious
- · We embrace our past

Manaakitanga / Looking out for each other

- We respect each other
- · We are hospitable
- We have a generosity of spirit
- · We are inclusive
- We care for one another
- We are supportive



The Process

In late January 2021, the Far North District Council invited the Totara North community to enter into a streamlined community development planning process. This Community Development Plan, created through a series of well attended community meetings (Jan-March 2021), has given the residents of Totara North an opportunity to express their vision and hopes for the future of their community. The Whangaroa Community Plan 2011-2036 was referred to in the development of this plan to ensure alignment between the two.

This planning document has been endorsed by the community and received by the Far North District Council via the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board. It will be used to set a pathway to inform both community and Council planning, budgeting and activity in the future.

The following community members have thoughtfully contributed to the development of this plan; Brenda and Ken Frear, Linda Young, John Sala, Dawn Griffiths, Jenny Williams, Jan and Barry Reiher, Gail Richards, Dianne Boundy, Malcolm McKenzie, Kim Bolton, Ross Lyons, Grant Lane, Alicia Lane, Ian Hughes, Raniera Kaio, Pauline Sanderson, David Thomson, Bree Davis, Sally Gillett, Eva Fribrant, Phil Lissaman, Bill Hight, Anne and Doug Gates, Richard Stewart, Jean and Kevin Saunders, Grant Brantrall, Raewyn Carns-Cowan, Brent Summers, Penny Grant Hamiths, Bryan Burkitt, Leon Rossbotham, Jill Phare, Hud Phare, Gaile Alexander, Chris Gilbraith, Noeline Sharman, Ellen Brewerton, Judy McHardy, Amy Frear, Mike Van Biene, Donna Van Biene, Maureen O'Higgins, Mike Webster, Grant Brentall, Steve Webster, Dave Mathews, Chris Bullen, Kirsty Beard, Stephen Rush, Robyn Ellis, Bryan Burkitt, Debbie Kaho, Carrie-Ann Summers.



01 Natural Environment

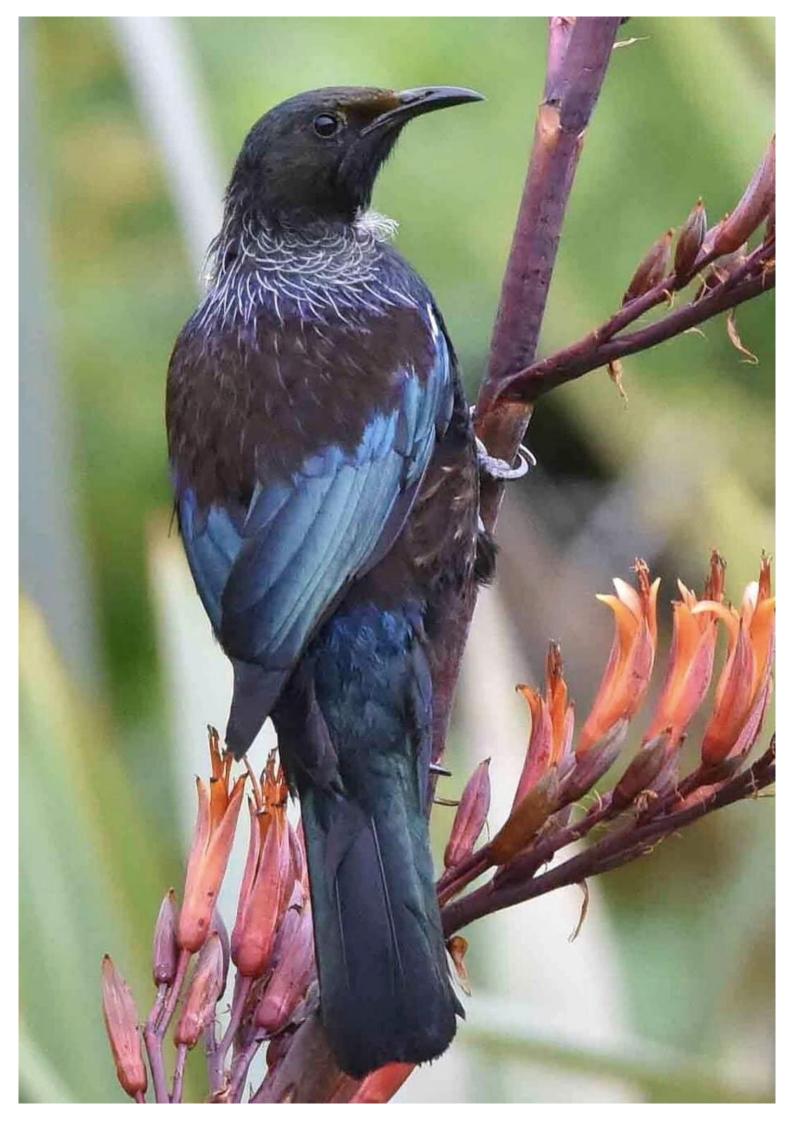
Vision Statement

Our spirit and well-being are intricately entwined with our natural environment including the harbour and waterways.



Pests and environmental weeds are managed, with a long-term goal of establishing pest free areas within a pristine environment.

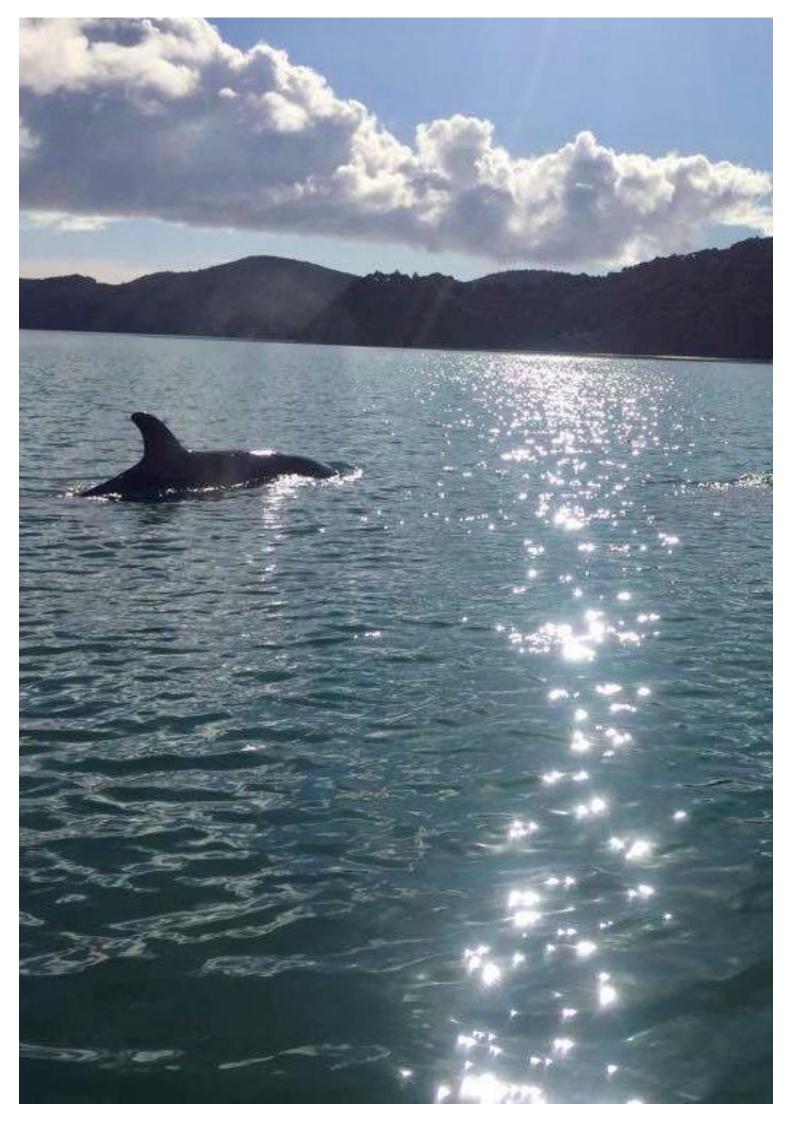
We strive to maintain healthy, thriving, and sustainable ecosystems within Totara North and are united in our desire to protect and preserve our unique flora, fauna and water quality for future generations to enjoy.



Goals	Key Actions	Key	Timeline & Funding and/or
		Stakeholder s	Support Opportunities
Clean Water Harbour/Ocean Freshwater	Monitoring Education Plantings	NRC Farmers Fonterra Beef & Lamb DOC School Local hapū	Northland Regional Council - Environmental Leaders Fund - supports Northland schools and early childhood centres, students and children to increase their environmental knowledge, passion and practice. Funding will be provided for projects and initiatives that have positive environmental outcomes. Northland Regional Council - Opportunity to discuss taking a catchment-based approach for the Totara North harbour and surrounding area Link to NRC LTP submissions: https://www.nrc.govt.nz/your- council/about-us/council-projects/long- term-plan-2021-2031/ Living Waters Bay of Islands — Wai Ora - Charitable Incorporated Society working in association with a number of agencies and land owner groups to help restore native life on land and sea. Whitebait Connection - A freshwater community conservation programme. Ministry for the Environment (MfE) - Freshwater Improvement Fund (dates for next funding yet to be set) - Fund commits \$100 million over 10 years to improve the management of New Zealand's lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater and wetlands.
Protection/ Conservation of Native Flora & Fauna; • Kiwi • Native birdlife • Trees • Marine Life • Coastal ecology • Educational signage	Education QEII Trusts	School Local hapū DOC Farmers/Landowne rs TPK NRC	2021/22 DOC – Community Fund - this fund supports community-led conservation projects on public and private land. WWF Community Conservation Fund Supports communities to run projects that conserve and restore New Zealand's natural environment - freshwater, coastal, wetlands, forest and dunes. 2021/22 Te Puni Kokiri – Whenua Māori Fund - the Whenua Māori Fund supports Māori land owners to explore different uses of land and ways of boosting its productivity. 2021/22 Northland Regional Council - Environment Fund - funding assistance

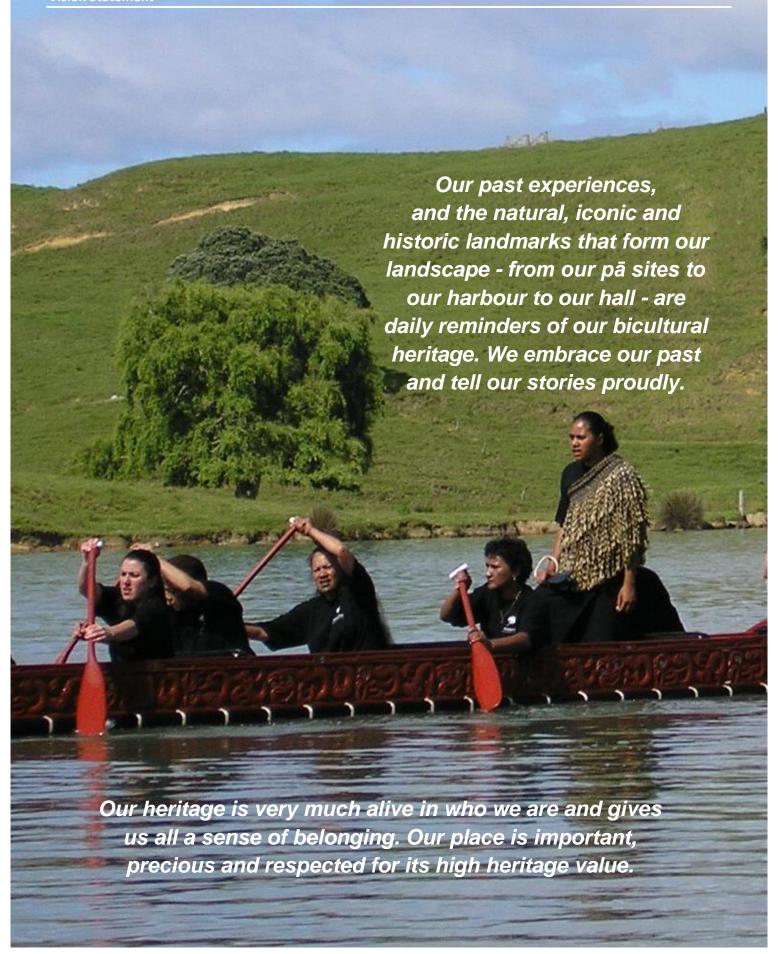
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Flood Protection	Dredging of Nukuwai/Campbell Stream Culverts, drainage	FNDC NRC Landowners NZTA CDEM - Civil Defense Emergency Management	for projects that protect and enhance Northland's natural environment. Link to NRC LTP submissions: https://www.nrc.govt.nz/your-council/about-us/council-projects/long-term-plan-2021-2031/ 2021/22 QEII National Trust — Partner with landowners to protect natural (and heritage sites) by way of covenant FNDC - Conservation Covenant rates remission policy — Where rateable land has a conservation covenant applied for biodiversity, landscape or heritage protection a remission on rates can be applied for. 2021/22 Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Strategic Planning NZTA 2021 FNDC Long Term Planning-Submissions open in March FNDC District Planning-Submissions open in March NRC LTP submissions Link to NRC LTP submissions: https://www.nrc.govt.nz/your-council/about-us/council-projects/long-term-plan-2021-2031/
Environmental Weeds & Pests	 Control of roadside weeds Enforce Northland Regional Pest and Marine Pathway Management Plan Control of invasive weeds Explore alternative control methods (nontoxic) 	FNDC NRC Landowners DOC	Northland Regional Council - Community Pest Control Areas - Community Pest Control Areas can be established in areas that have been identified by the community as worth protecting. Link to NRC LTP submissions: https://www.nrc.govt.nz/your- council/about-us/council-projects/long- term-plan-2021-2031/ WWF Community Conservation Fund Supports communities to run projects that conserve and restore New Zealand's natural environment - freshwater, coastal, wetlands, forest and dunes. Ministry for the Environment (MfE) — Community Environment

Goals	Key Actions	Key Stakeholder s	Timeline & Funding and/or Support Opportunities
			Fund (CEF) is to empower New Zealanders to make a positive difference to the environment. It does this by funding projects that: strengthen environmental partnerships, raise environmental awareness, encourage participation in environmental initiatives in the community.
Dog Exercise Area	Safe area away from native wildlife and traffic	FNDC	FNDC 2021 Long Term Plan – during until 6 th April 2021 for submission
Refuse	Recycling Rubbish collection — need to advertise this so community are aware of service Working bees for roadside beautification/rubbish collection	FNDC Private collection agencies	FNDC Solid Waste Management/Comms Northland Waste East-West Waste
Public toilets	Lane Cove hut entrance/start of Wairakau Track (toilets and parking required, cars sometimes block the road), Wharf- upgrade toilet facility and location • Explore alternatives- composting	FNDC DOC	FNDC District Facilities/Comms DOC
Healthy Nature, Healthy People	Create a park (potential Mill Area DOC Land, Hall Domain?) for wellbeing of community (trees, seats, grass, walkway) Consider recreational sports facilities e.g. multiuse court i.e. tennis, basketball • Create walkway through mangroveseducational signage	FNDC DOC Runanga NRC	FNDC 2021 Long Term Plan – during until 6 th April 2021 for submission



02 Heritage

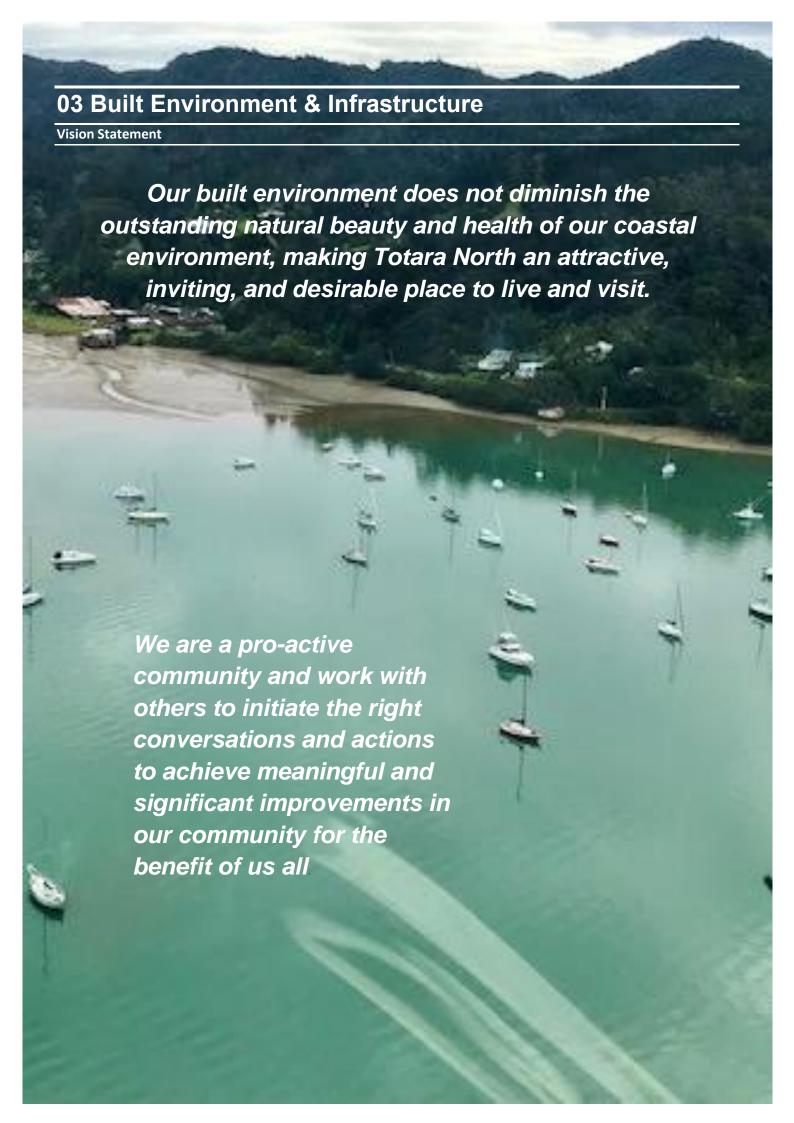
Vision Statement



Goal	Key Actions	Key Stakeholders	Timeline & Funding and/or Support Opportunities
Record, promote and maintain buildings	To support the pā sites and Totara North cemetery maintenance and burials. Urupa and historic graves, wahi tapu Signage/history boards/maps at historic locations Have a register of important places and buildings Maintain Totara North Hall/potential to list with Heritage NZ Potential purchase of (community owned) Te Mama Museum Retention of boat sheds	FNDC Community Ministry of Culture and Heritage Heritage NZ School Bay or Islands- Whangaroa Community Board Local hapū	FNDC Creative Communities Scheme - All groups and individuals involved in local arts and cultural projects can apply. \$2000 or less. The application deadlines for the 2019 year are: 1 February, 3 May, 2 August, 1 November. FNDC Bay of Islands Whangaroa Community Board Community Grants Funding & Placemaking Funding – both these funds use same application form. Lottery Grants Board
Record & promote Early Māori and Settlers	Gather and record information on the history and key pioneers who lived in the district and preserve for posterity. Local Narratives Encourage preservation and development of traditional skills Promote historical significance of harbour	Traditional & Social Media Personal contacts Bay of Islands- Whangaroa Community Board Local hapū Runanga Ministry of Culture and Heritage Heritage NZ Totara North School	Lottery Grants Board - Distributes the profits made from New Zealand state lotteries, such as Lotto and Instant Kiwi, for the benefit of New Zealand communities. Forestry New Zealand - Matariki Tu Rākau - The Government announced Matariki Tu Rākau on Anzac Day, 25 April 2018. It's an opportunity for communities to plant trees to recognise the service of men and women of the New Zealand Defence Force, past and present.
Record Early Businesses	Assemble information about early businesses, i.e. boatbuilding, whaling, milling	Community Northland Inc. Ministry of Culture and Heritage Heritage NZ	Research – local newsletters, museums archives and other sources such as Paper Past Ministry of Culture and Heritage funding
Heritage Sites	Places of interest/Plans Protect existing sites Historical waterfront walkway with signage	Residents Business Owners FNDC Local hapū	Heritage New Zealand - Incentives for Historic Heritage Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Community Fund - Projects should encourage community

Goal	Key Actions	Key Stakeholders	Timeline & Funding and/or Support Opportunities
		Ministry of Culture and Heritage Heritage NZ DOC Iwi FNDC	leadership, self-reliance and the work of volunteers FNDC - Conservation Covenant rates remission policy – Where rateable land has a conservation covenant applied for biodiversity, landscape or heritage protection a remission on rates can be applied for.





Built Environment

Includes all the man-made objects that have been created in the area, which are accessed by (and affect the lives of) people in the community. Items that we identified included:

- Roads
- Bridges
- Rivers, creeks, drains and stop banks
- Wharf/parking
- Boat ramp
- Power lines
- Phone lines
- The Mill
- Houses
- Schools
- Halls
- · Recycle station
- Businesses
- Churches
- Marae
- Cemeteries/Urupa/wahi tapu
- Toilets

Infrastructure

Infrastructure includes the services that are provided to the community, and the things that are used to deliver those services Items that we identified included:

- Electricity
- · Landline phone services
- Mobile phone services
- Internet access
- Postal services
- Emergency services Fire, Ambulance, Police
- Education services
- · Health services
- · Community activities
- · Recreational activities
- Waste collection
- · Recycling services



Roads

Who uses the roads?

- Private vehicles individuals & families
- Tour/school buses
- Campervans
- · Local people who know the roads
- Visitors who don't know the roads, coming to schools, halls, wharf, boat ramp, pā sites, cemeteries
- Boaties-vehicles towing boats
- Business vehicles cars, utes, trucks
- Farm vehicles small, medium, large
- Cyclists
- Walkers/runners
- Children
- Commercial vehicles
- Horses
- DOC track users

What standard would we like the roads to be at?

- Water tables kept clean to reduce damage to the road edges and surfaces
- Culverts to extend past the formed road so that washouts of culvert coverings don't reduce road width
- Road foundation to be built up so that bare dirt is not exposed during regular road use
- Reduce dust levels produced by vehicles using the roads
- Maintain a safe road surface (no significant potholes and corrugations)
- Safe intersections, especially for pulling onto and off State Highway 10
- Speed limits
- Signage
- Footpaths

What aspect of roading concerns us?	What needs doing?	Who can help?	What can they do?	What priority is this? (1 =high, 3=low)
Road safety	Signage Speed limits Tourists are inexperienced users of our roads Vehicles and boats are getting bigger Footpaths/boardwalks	FNDC Contractors Neighbouring landowners Northland Inc.	Assess roads Plan improvements Set aside funding Engage contractors Complete contracts Move fences, if needed Allow use of land, if needed Allow dumping of fill, if needed	1
Water table/drain cleaning	Clean water tables on a regular basis to protect road edges and surfaces	FNDC Contractors Neighbouring landowners Local people with suitable gear	Assess needs Plan improvements Set aside funding Engage contractors Complete contracts Move fences, if needed Allow use of land, if needed Allow dumping of fill, if needed Assist with transporting of waste material, if possible	1
Culverts repaired	Extend ends of culverts and repair culvert end coverings	FNDC Contractors	Assess needs Plan improvements Set aside funding Engage contractors Complete contracts	1
Road foundations	Apply and lock in good quality road base course	FNDC Contractors	Assess needs Plan improvements Set aside funding Engage contractors Complete contracts	1
Reduce dust levels	Apply appropriate road surface covering	FNDC Contractors	Assess needs Plan improvements	1

What aspect of roading concerns us?	What needs doing?	Who can help?	What can they do?	What priority is this? (1 =high, 3=low)
			Set aside funding Engage contractors Complete contracts	
Upgrades/dust control/cement stabilization, etc. to Okura Bay Rd, School Rd, Campbell Rd (Lane Cove track), Wairakau Rd, Gangway Rd., Mills Access Rd.	Roads need to be assessed individually	FNDC NZTA	Set aside funding	1
Maintain a safe road surface (no significant potholes & corrugations)	Better road foundation More consistent road maintenance	FNDC Community	RFS	1
Safe intersections, especially for pulling on and off State Highway 10	Clear obstructions to views on intersections Clear and obvious signage in both directions to Totara North-give way/stop/flashing lights	NZTA NRC FNDC Land owners	Investigation Planning Partial funding Clear obstructions on NZTA, FNDC & private land Lighting Actively involved in NZTA consultation	1

The Wharf / Boat Ramp

Who uses the wharf?

- Locals
- Fisherman
- Recreational boaters
- Visitors
- Freedom campers



What aspect of the wharf/boat ramp concerns us?	What needs doing?	Who can help?	What can they do?	What priority is this? (1 =high, 3=low)
Inadequate parking Misuse of pontoon	Signage, increase in spaces Pontoon needs to be monitored for misuse	FNDC Local companies or individuals Far North Holdings, Inc	Long Term Plan Set aside funding Prepare Contract Undertake work Community pontoon monitoring	1
A shop and café needed for locals/visitors/and fisherman Far North Holdings land-leased, but could be area in the future for commercial zoning	Approach local businesses to establish needs/interest in ownership	Local companies or individuals FNDC endorsement of commercial zoning	Set aside funding Undertake work District plan	2
Storage facilities -bait and ice, secure parking, holding supplies for commercial fisherman	Approach local businesses to establish needs/interest in ownership	Local companies or individuals	Set aside funding Consider alternative funding Apply for funding	2
Lighting to allow for 24hr use, and to assist with security	Approach FNDC/FNHL to see if they will install a suitable light to provide sufficient lighting for 24hr use, and to assist with site security	FNDC/FNHL	Set aside funding Consider alternative funding Apply for funding	1
Establish a boat club and children's sailing club	Boating/sailing community driven Sailing club requires storage shed, boats, teaching facility	Community	Put feelers out in the community	2
Build pontoon	Add pontoon to boat ramp as a platform providing walking access to the vessels secured alongside. Also consider a pontoon for recreation/swimmers	FNHL/FNDC	Start discussions with Community	2
Move commercial shed	Long term as there is	FNHL	Start discussions with	3

What aspect of the wharf/boat ramp concerns us?	What needs doing?	Who can help?	What can they do?	What priority is this? (1 =high, 3=low)
	currently a 5 year lease		Community	
Community allowed us of land located along the shed-Far North Holdings	Community would like control of this area as not being used	FNHL	Start discussions with Community	1



Freedom Camping Area Possibilities

What are the options?

- Upgrade area and install toilet facilities
- Keep as freedom camping area
- Develop as a park with tables and shade trees
- Dog exercise area
- Parking for boat trailers
- Tennis court
- Basketball court
- Cycle track

What aspect of the freedom camping area concerns us?	What needs doing?	Who can help?	What can they do?	What priority is this? (1 =high, 3=low)
Health and Safety of visitors: Area is dark and uninviting Old dump site	Investigate access and parking area for boat trailers Signage at ramp directing trailers to this site Signage for dog exercise area	FNDC Investigate access and parking area	Upgrade or redevelop area	1



Flood Control

Who will benefit from better flood control?

- Residents
- Visitors, fisherman, recreational boat users
- Local businesses
- Emergency services

What standard would we like flood control to be at?

- Reduce the frequency of flooding
- Reduce the duration of flooding
- Reduce the severity of flooding

What aspect of flooding concerns us?	What needs doing?	Who can help?	What can they do?	What priority is this? (1 =high, 3=low)
Reduce the frequency, duration, and severity of flooding	Look at a combination of road levels, drain capacity, water holding areas, and water flow rates	NZTA NRC FNDC Land owners	SHW10 road levels Area wide drainage planning and remediation Local road levels Private drain maintenance Drainage of blocked flood gates	1

Reporting Faults & Issues

How do we report faults and issues?

• If it's a FNDC related issue (e.g. roading) use Council's Request for Service (RFS) system.

• Phone: 0800 920 029

• Email: ask.us@fmdc.govt.nz

In person: Visit an FNDC office

• Website: www.fndc.govt.nz/online-forms/public/request-for-service

• If it's a power fault or you notice overgrown vegetation around power lines, phone Top Energy,

• Phone: 0800 TOP ENERGY (0800 867 363)

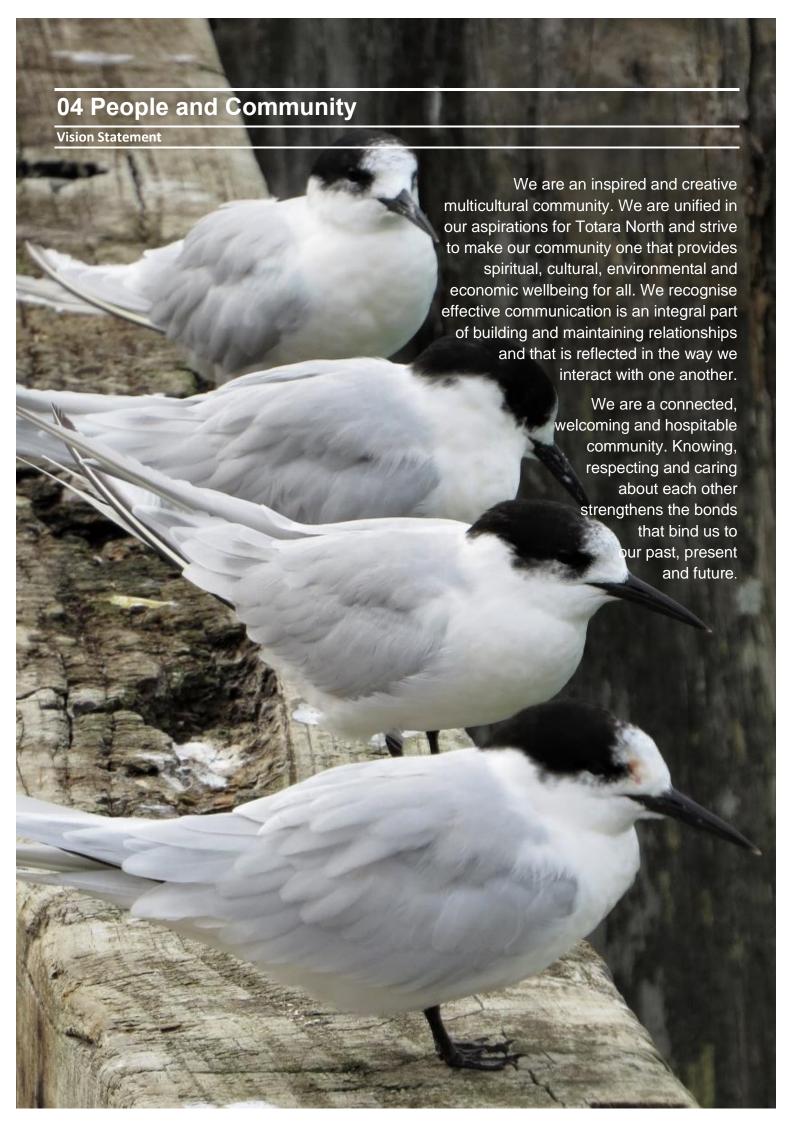
Walkways and Cycleways

Where could these be located?

- Totara Road
- Okura Road
- Esplanade, harbour and foreshore areas
- Mill area
- · Campbell Road to wharf
- Gangway Road to Campbell Road
- Papakura Track (already has DOC-PGF funding, Billion Tree Fund)

Future Proofing

- We encourage FNDC to actively purchase land, when available, to support the wellbeing of the Totara North Community.
- Civil Defense Emergency Management:
 - Establish a fit for purpose meeting place
 - Siren installed at Totara North Hall
 - o Tsunami and CDEM signage
 - o Develop a Civil Defense Plan



Goals	What needs to be done to achieve these	How might it be done	Who can do it
To have a range of opportunities to promote and support community recreation Community spirit Unity	Develop Recreation Park at the back of the Totara North Hall- central place for all to meet socialize and recreate Bike track Health and fitness Tables, chairs, shaded areas, barbeque area Playground New mural (historical/who we are as a community) School project All-purpose court for tennis, basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton-behind Hall Community garden	Improve community communication Seek funding-Community Grant from FNDC	Community as administrators Community Board Funding Funding is available through the three Community Boards to support projects that encourage community leadership, self- reliance and the work of volunteers. Sport Northland Community-Led Development – supports community sports & rec projects. Contact Community Connector for Mid North cheryls @sportnorth.co.nz Sport Northland - Sport New Zealand Sport New Zealand is investing a total of \$3million over the next three years to support projects designed to get more young women(12 – 18) physically active and develop leadership opportunities through play, active recreation and sport. Kai Ora Fund This fund helps Northlanders grow and eat nutritious and sustainably and locally grown kai. The Kai Ora Fund is a small community grant of up to \$5,000. FNDC Events Investment Funding - targeted at events that attract visitors and enrich the district. Funding can cover most costs associated with running an event. The next funding round will open in late April/early May
Totara North is a safe haven	Positive and effective relationships Community events to nurture relationships	Phone tree Neighbourhood watch	Local community members Police FNDC Request for Service system (RFS) – 0800 920029 Northland Civil Defense Emergency Management Sport Northland Community-Led Development – supports community sports & rec projects. Contact Community Connector for Mid North cheryls @sportnorth.co.nz
A range of community education opportunities are available for all	Local courses, gardening, food preserving, health and fitness, childcare, short courses Community Book Swap Coordinate social activities with Runanga's outreach nursing service	Seek support from education providers or community organisations to provide these opportunities locally Sport Northland Min. of Education	Other communities Totara North School Other people within our community with skills

Economic opportunities that unify the community Shops, arts and crafts, Cafe	Approach local businesses to establish needs/interest in ownership Explore possibilities	Local companies or individuals FNDC endorsement of commercial zoning- District Plan submissions
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APPENDIX

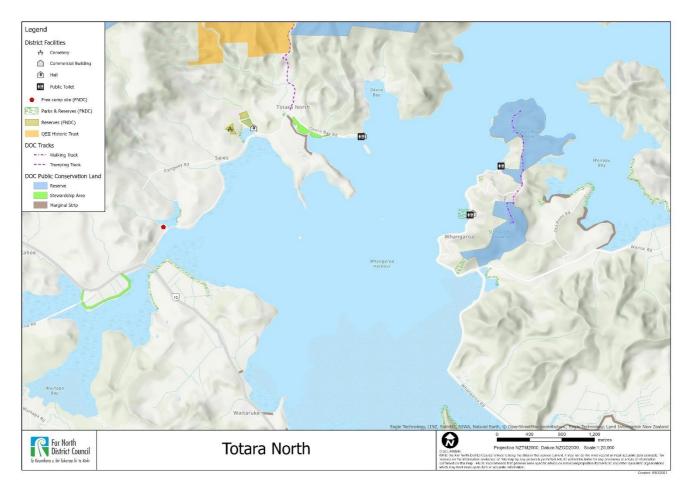
Present Community Assets

- Totara North School
- Totara North Hall
- Totara North Cemetery
- Totara North Museum
- Commercial enterprises
- Recycling Station
- The wharf and boat ramp
- Trap library
- DOC Estate-walks
- Freedom camping site
- Historic sites

Heritage Places & Buildings

- Totara North Hall
- The Mill
- Businesses: Gumstore Bar and Grill
- Local marae- Waihapa
- Totara North School
- Christian Brethren Church
- Waitaruke
- Catholic stone cairn/urupa

Map



Current Zoning

