

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS  
ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2020 AT 4.00 PM**

- PRESENT:** Mayor John Carter (HWTM), Deputy Mayor Ann Court, Cr David Clendon, Cr Dave Collard, Cr Felicity Foy, Cr Mate Radich, Cr Rachel Smith, Cr Kelly Stratford, Cr Moko Tepania, Cr John Vujcich
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Adele Gardner (Te Hiku Community Board Chairperson), Belinda Ward (Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board), Andy Nock (Far North Holdings Limited)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Shaun Clarke (Chief Executive Officer), Andy Finch (General Manager Infrastructure and Asset Management), Dean Myburgh (General Manager District Services), William J Taylor, MBE (General Manager Corporate Services), Darrell Sargent (General Manager Strategic Planning and Policy)

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING PRAYER**

Cr Vujcich commenced the meeting with a prayer.

**2 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 DEPUTATION**

Lau'rell Pratt, Rowena Tana, Shirley Bradshaw, and Pita Tipene representing Kawakawa Hundertwasser Park Charitable Trust spoke regarding the Kawakawa-Hundertwasser Toilet Facility.

Centre opening in October and would like the members to attend.

**4 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \$900,000 allocated through TPK for Holianga Collective Water Projects in Opononi, Hihi, (sending note to Aisha).
- Freese Park, requesting a report to be brought to Council.
- Opononi Wharf, needs to be discussed at Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board for a recommendation to Council.

**5 REPORTS**

**5.1 APPROVAL OF UNBUDGETED FUNDS FOR DROUGHT RESILIENCE WORK IN 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Agenda item 5.1 document number A2922119, pages 12 - 19 refers

**RESOLUTION 2020/50**

Moved: Mayor John Carter

Seconded: Cr Kelly Stratford

**That Council, subject to adequate funding from other sources being approved, approve**

- a) unbudgeted capital funding of \$1,184,000 for a new water supply bore in the deep aquifer at Monument Hill in Kaikohe.**

- b) unbudgeted capital funding of \$15,000 for pH treatment at the Opononi/Omapere water treatment plant.
- c) unbudgeted capital funding of \$70,000 for amending the Kawakawa water take consent to remove the residual flow requirements.
- d) unbudgeted capital funding of \$100,000 for a new self-cleaning screen at the intake for the Paihia water treatment plant.
- e) unbudgeted capital funding of \$150,000 for the design, consenting and construction of a permanent weir at the Awanui River intake for the Kaitaia water treatment plant.
- f) unbudgeted capital funding of \$500,000 for the design, installations and commission of new clarifiers at the Kerikeri water treatment plant.
- g) unbudgeted capital funding of \$100,000 for the purchase of leak detection equipment to be use across the district on all water supplies.

In Favour: Crs John Carter, Ann Court, David Clendon, Dave Collard, Felicity Foy, Rachel Smith, Kelly Stratford, Moko Tepania and John Vujcich

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Mate Radich

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 THREE WATERS MOU WITH THE CROWN FOR TRANCHE ONE REFORMS AND ACCESS TO STIMULUS FUNDING

Agenda item 5.2 document number A2923885, pages 20 - 28 refers

### RESOLUTION 2020/51

Moved: Mayor John Carter

Seconded: Cr Moko Tepania

#### That Council:

- a) Note that:
  - i) in July 2020, the Government announced an initial funding package of \$761 million to provide a post COVID-19 stimulus to maintain and improve water networks infrastructure, and to support a three-year programme of reform of local government water services delivery arrangements; and
  - ii) initial funding will be made available to those councils that agree to participate in the initial stage of the reform programme, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Funding Agreement, and approved Delivery Plan.
  - iii) this initial funding will be provided in two parts: a direct allocation to individual territorial authorities, and a regional allocation. The participating individual authorities in each region will need to agree an approach to distributing the regional allocation
  - iv) the Steering Committee has recommended a preferred approach to the allocation of regional funding, being the same formula as was used to determine the direct allocations to territorial authorities
- b) Agree to sign the Three Waters Service Reform Memorandum of Understanding at Appendix A and Funding Agreement at Appendix B.
- c) Agree to nominate the Chief Executive as the primary point of communication for the purposes of the Three Waters Service Review Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and reform programme – as referred to on page 6 of the MoU.
- d) Agree to delegate decisions about the allocation of regional funding to the Chief

**Executive, with the understanding that the minimum level of funding to the Council be based upon the formula used to calculate the direct council allocations, and noting that participation by two-thirds of territorial authorities within the Northland region is required to access the regional allocation**

- e) **Note that the Three Waters Service Reform Memorandum of Understanding and Funding Agreement cannot be amended or modified by either party, and doing so would void these documents.**
- f) **Note that participation in this initial stage of the Three Waters Service Reform is to be undertaken in good faith, but this is a non-binding approach, and the Council can opt out of the reform process at the end of the term of the agreement (as provided for on page 5 of the MoU).**
- g) **Note that the Council has been allocated \$5,900,000 of funding, which will be received as a grant as soon as practicable once the signed MoU and Funding Agreement are returned to the Department of Internal Affairs, and a Delivery Plan has been supplied and approved (as described on page 5 of the MoU).**
- h) **Note that the Northland Region has been allocated \$14,130,000 of funding. Our portion of which will be received as a grant as soon as practicable once the signed MoU and Funding Agreement, and notice of agreed Regional allocations as determined by 2/3 of Territorial Authorities in the region are returned to the Department of Internal Affairs, and a Delivery Plan has been supplied and approved (as described on page 5 of the MoU).**
- i) **Note that the Delivery Plan must show that the funding is to be applied to operating and/or capital expenditure relating to three waters infrastructure and service delivery, and which:**
  - i) **supports economic recovery through job creation; and**
  - ii) **maintains, increases, and/or accelerates investment in core water infrastructure renewal and maintenance.**
- j) **Agree to authorise the Chief Executive to finalise the Delivery Plan, to address feedback from Government and to obtain the approval needed to release funding.**

**In Favour:** Crs John Carter, Ann Court, David Clendon, Dave Collard, Felicity Foy, Mate Radich, Rachel Smith, Kelly Stratford, Moko Tepania and John Vujcich

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED**

### **5.3 TAI TOKERAU WORKER REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE - STORM RESPONSE FUNDING VARIATION**

Agenda item 5.3 document number A2942013, pages 70 - 73 refers

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Mayor John Carter

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ann Court

#### **That the Council:**

- a) **note that approval is being sought from Whangarei District Council to vary the existing funding agreement with the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment to receive an additional \$4m of funding for storm repair program acceleration and associated operational and capital expenditure to address flood damage in Northland (specifically \$2m funding in Far North and \$2m funding Whangarei Districts) related to roads, culverts, drains, parks, stormwater and other storm impacted Council Infrastructure**

- b) approves the variation to the previously approved back to back contractual agreement with Whangarei District Council for an additional sum of \$2m, bringing the total Funding Contract value to \$4.32m, to ensure delivery of the FNDC projects included in the agreement in item a)**
- c) delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to finalise the terms and conditions of the agreements in b).**

In Favour: Crs John Carter, Ann Court, David Clendon, Dave Collard, Felicity Foy, Mate Radich, Rachel Smith, Kelly Stratford, Moko Tepania and John Vujcich

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 10/0**

**6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING PRAYER**

Cr Tepania closed the meeting with a Karakia

**7 MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 24 September 2020.

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**CHAIRPERSON**