

Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako



Kaupapataka Wātea | Open Agenda



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako will be held on:

Ko te rā | Date: Tuesday 18 April 2023
Wā | Time: 9.00am
Wāhi | Venue: Te Takere Room
11 Tainui Street
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Matamata-Piako District
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1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Chairperson to welcome members and open the meeting.

2 Karakia

The opening karakia is to be performed.

3 Ngā whakapāha/Tono whakawātea | Apologies/Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

4 Pānui i Ngā Take Ohore Anō | Notification of Urgent/Additional Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and*
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-*
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and*
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”*

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, -

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-*
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and*
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but*
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”*

5 Whākī pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

6 Whakaaetanga mēneti | Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes, as circulated, of the Ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako, held on 27 February 2023

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.1 Freedom Camping Bylaw

CM No.: 2702531

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Council is progressing a review of its regulatory approach to freedom camping and intends to develop a new Freedom Camping Bylaw in response to recent changes in legislation. The Council does not currently have a Freedom Camping Bylaw, and the activity is managed by a range of different regulatory mechanisms which are difficult to enforce. A new Freedom Camping Bylaw will consolidate and clarify the Council's position on freedom camping. At this early stage of the project, this report provides an update Te Manawhenua Forum of the intended bylaw development approach, and seeks to receive advice on how to engage with iwi and mana whenua most appropriately on the issue.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. **Te Manawhenua Forum receive the “Freedom Camping Bylaw Development Update” report dated 24 March 2023.**
2. **Te Manawhenua Forum advise staff on how the Council can most appropriately engage with iwi and mana whenua throughout the development of the Freedom Camping Bylaw, specifically in the pre-consultation stage occurring between April – June 2023.**

Horopaki | Background

Change to legislation

In 2022 the Government introduced the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill to change freedom camping law. Once enacted, this will require vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle when they stay on council land, unless council designates the site as suitable for non-self-contained vehicles through a bylaw. In response to this, the Council was successful in receiving funding through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) Freedom Camping Transition Fund to develop a Freedom Camping Bylaw under section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Current approach to Freedom Camping

Matamata-Piako District Council (the Council) does not have a Freedom Camping Bylaw. Camping as an activity is managed through a range of different instruments including:

- **Freedom Camping Act 2011**, (the Act) which allows people to camp on any land controlled by the Council unless a Freedom Camping Bylaw made under this act, or another enactment (such as the Reserves Act 1977) prohibits it at the site.
- **Council's Reserve Management Plans**, which are made under the Reserves Act and provide some regulation on gazetted reserve land. There are signs on the reserves where freedom camping is allowed or regulated under the Reserves Act but they are not currently promoted.
- **Council's Public Amenities Bylaw**, which prohibits camping (including in vehicles) in any public amenity which is not specifically set aside for the purpose of camping. This approach is inconsistent with the Act.

The Council cannot currently regulate freedom camping at any land under the control or management of Council other than land which is gazetted Reserve.

Freedom camping in the District

The Council website promotes camping at Firth Tower Reserve, Morrinsville Recreation Ground and Hetana Street. There are dump station facilities at Firth Tower, Morrinsville Recreation Ground, Hetana Street and Te Aroha Boat Ramp. In the 2020/21 year, the Council relocated the Hetana Street dump station to Rockford Street at a total cost of \$70,000, and MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Funding was used to upgrade Wairere Falls carpark and public toilets which opened in 2021.

These efforts to improve facilities and to promote certain sites for camping resulted in Matamata, Te Aroha and Morrinsville being named as 'motorhome-friendly-towns' by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc (NZMCA).

In Te Aroha, Council has provided land to NZMCA for a motor caravan park, which is available for use by NZMCA members. Whilst this is not freedom camping, it does free up other camper parking locations for the tourist market. Council does not hold recent data on how many people are camping in our district and where they are doing it. A 2019 report from Camper Mate identified a total of 1,823 overnight stays in May 2019. The top three campsites searched within our District during this time was Piarere Hall, Boyd Park and Morrinsville Recreation Ground.

During the 2019 calendar year MBIE reported 18,000 responsible camping nights were recorded in Matamata-Piako district. While there was a reduction in visitors between 2020 – 2022, it is expected that the international tourism spend will increase again with the borders now open. Large tourism employers like Hobbiton increased their staff numbers in preparation for the 2022/23 summer period, and the Council is actively promoting the District as an attractive place for visitors.

Ngā Take | Issues / Kōrerorero | Discussion

Issues with Freedom Camping in the District

The Council does not receive a large number of complaints regarding freedom camping in the District. Largely, complaints are related to people in non-self-contained vehicles disposing of waste at parks. Prior to 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council received five complaints each year on average, however during 2021/22 ten were received. Recent complaints have related to parks and public areas across our district; namely Te Aroha Library and Office car park, Pohlen Park car park, Herries Park, Te Aroha Domain, Waihou Rugby Ground, Morrinsville River walk, Centennial Drive, Swap Park, Rewi Street, Tainui Street, Rapurapu reserve, Wilson Street, and Murray Oaks.

There has also been a recent issue of a person using camping locations within the District to live in their vehicle. There are no appropriate enforcement tools available to the Council to manage this issue. The only tool available is prosecution through the District Court, which is disproportionate, costly and takes time.

Freedom Camping Bylaws

With the increasing trend in complaints received relating to freedom camping, a review of the Council's regulatory approach related to freedom camping is deemed appropriate. Any bylaw development will also prompt a review of the associated education and enforcement processes.

The advantage of a bylaw under the Act is that it allows the Council to impose fines without the Council needing to bring prosecution to the Court. A fine can be imposed and signage use to encourage compliance with the regulation.

A bylaw made under the Act also enables Council to identify those sites which are inappropriate for camping. These sites may only be prohibited or restricted for the following reasons as per section 11(5) of the Act:

- i) to protect the area
- ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area
- iii) to protect access to the area

Protection of important historic, cultural or archaeological sites on land can be captured under point i) above – to protect the area.

Engagement with iwi

A key element to providing an accurate assessment of sites which the Council may wish to either encourage freedom camping, restrict freedom camping, or prohibit freedom camping, is ensuring the views, knowledge and aspirations of key stakeholders, especially iwi and mana whenua, are appropriately included in assessments. To this end, Council staff seek advice from Te Manawhenua on the best way to approach this. For example, this could be:

- Hui at a convenient location and time where specific sites of concern are discussed during the development of documentation, and/or
- Review of an early draft of the site assessment information for the purpose of providing information which could fill gaps and ensuring any specific sites which should be assessed as requiring protection are included.

In addition to these potential pre-consultation activities, the Council is required to hold a month-long public consultation period to receive submissions on the proposed draft bylaw, where feedback will be sought on the proposed approach from both key stakeholders and from the wider community.

Mōrearea | Risk

There is risk around legal compliance in the development of this bylaw. There is also risk surrounding external funding as majority funding for this bylaw development was secured from MBIE.

Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

This is covered above in the *Discussion* section.

Ngā Pāpāhonga me ngā Wātaka | Communications and timeframes

The proposed timeframe for this work is as follows:

Key stage	Timeframe
Information gathering, including developing issues and options for addressing freedom camping, identifying key sites, and completing an assessment of these sites	March – June 2023
Pre-consultation activities with identified key stakeholders	April - June 2023

Prepare a draft bylaw	May – August 2023
Undertake public consultation as per the Local Government Act 2002	August – September 2023
Submission analysis and decision making	September – October 2023
Final bylaw adopted by the Council	By December 2023

A more comprehensive project plan is currently under development.

Ngā take ā-lhinga | Consent issues

There are no consent issues at this stage.

Pānga ki te pūtea, me te puna pūtea | Financial Cost and Funding Source

Council was granted \$64,950 from MBIE after applying to the Freedom Camping Transition Fund which Fund provides \$10 million of funding (\$5 million each year) to support local authorities to undertake activities relating to the transition to the new freedom camping rules during 2022/23 and 2023/24. A total of \$5,000 co-funding (in-kind support from staff) is available for this bylaw development. Furthermore, at the Council meeting on 22 March, Council approved the allocation of \$13,000 from the Community Purposes reserve fund to supplement the contribution from MBIE, and to allow for some contingency if actual costs exceed budgeted costs.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.1 Six Month Report 2022/23

CM No.: 2704078

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to adopt its Annual Report and Summary by 31 October each year.

To ensure that there are no unexpected performance or financial matters leading up to this report, a Six Month Report has been prepared to advise of progress and any likely issues that may arise.

Staff have prepared a condensed Six Month Report which highlights financial and non-financial performance for July to December 2021. The report is attached.

Attached is a capital & renewal forecast and operating projections to 30 June 2023.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The Committee receive the Six Month Report July – December 2022.

Horopaki | Background

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to adopt its audited Annual Report and Summary by 31 October each year. The Annual Report and Summary must be published within one month of adoption. The Annual Report and Summary must be audited, and an opinion on the Annual Report and Summary provided to Council and the report's readers.

The Six Month Report provides Council with an opportunity to review the non-financial and financial performance of the organisation. The financial information builds on the monthly financial reports whereby staff endeavour to ensure there are no "surprises" for Council.

As at the six month mark, 37 performance measures are on track for the year, with 14 not on track, and 8 performance measures which are only measured at the end of the financial year.

Some of the performance measures are measured through a Customer Survey (Survey) that is undertaken by Versus Research (Versus). This survey asks how satisfied respondents are with a number of different services or facilities that Council provides. Respondents are asked to rate their satisfaction on a 6-point scale with 1 being very dissatisfied and 5 being very satisfied or a sixth option of don't know.

There are 200 randomly selected people surveyed throughout the year. Versus ensure respondents are representative of the overall population of our district in regards to where they live, their gender, age, ethnicity and so forth.

The results from the Survey are used to track our performance against our performance measure targets set in the LTP. The quarter two report dashboard from Versus is attached.

Ngā Take | Issues / Kōrerorero | Discussion

Financial Overview

Six-month operating results

At the six-month point, in terms of Council's day-to-day operations, (and looking at the overall Council Funding Impact Statement), there is a cash deficit from operating of \$3.18 million at the six-month mark, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$337,000. At an activity level, we have a number of activities showing significant funding shortfalls including Water, Consents, Community Facilities and Rubbish and Recycling. The reasons for these shortfalls and the expected position at the end of the financial year are discussed in the attached report.

Six-month capital spending

At the six-month point, in terms of our spending on Council's assets (capital), and looking at our overall Council Funding Impact Statement, it shows that there is \$12.2 million of work completed to date, compared to a budgeted spend of \$20.5 million. The main projects that have yet to progress include:

- Te Aroha Spa Development has been pushed back because the project requires further investigation
- The Burwood Road Bulk Sewer project is no longer going ahead
- The Morrinsville Lockerbie Bore Pump and Water Treatment Plant projects are progressing later in the year with \$2.7m likely to be carried forward to next year.
- Capacity and resource issues have delayed progress in renewals works.

In terms of funding that capital spend, Council's funding has been boosted with development contributions being \$1.9 million higher than budgeted for the first six months of the year, particularly from significant development activity in both Morrinsville and Matamata. Subsidy income to fund Roding capital work is \$676,000 behind budget at the six month point, which is a usual trend, with the bulk of the Roding work usually scheduled over the later summer months. Forecast borrowing for capital work has not been required to the level budgeted given the delay in the capital work programme. Budget managers project that they will spend a further \$11.3 million (including \$6.9m of subsidised Roding) by 30 June 2023.

Overall financial position

The Statement of financial position (included in the attached report) is a snapshot of Council's financial health at a point in time. Despite the challenging operating results against budget this year to date, Council is in good financial shape overall. Council's physical assets have been valued at \$795 million and are generally in a good state. Council's core external debt currently sits at \$38.5 million, and is expected to increase to \$42 million by 30 June. This level of debt is considered low for a Council of MPDC's size, and there remains plenty of headroom to meet the financial covenants expected by our lenders.

Non-financial information

Full details of performance measured to date against MPDCs targets are set out in the Six Month Report. A number of these measures can only be measured annually and are not included. E.g. the number of elderly persons housing tenants who are satisfied with the standard of maintenance and accommodation.

Mōrearea | Risk

Refer to discussion above.

Ngā Whiringa | Options

The preparation of the Six Month Report is a non-statutory process for Council. The Committee may wish to consider any risks or issues arising from this report.

Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

The Annual Report measures our performance against the Long Term Plan 2021-31

Ngā take ā-lhinga | Consent issues

There are no consent issues.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

A.  MPDC dashboard Quarter 2 2022 2023



B.  FINAL 6-Month Report July - December 2022 (*Under Separate Cover*)

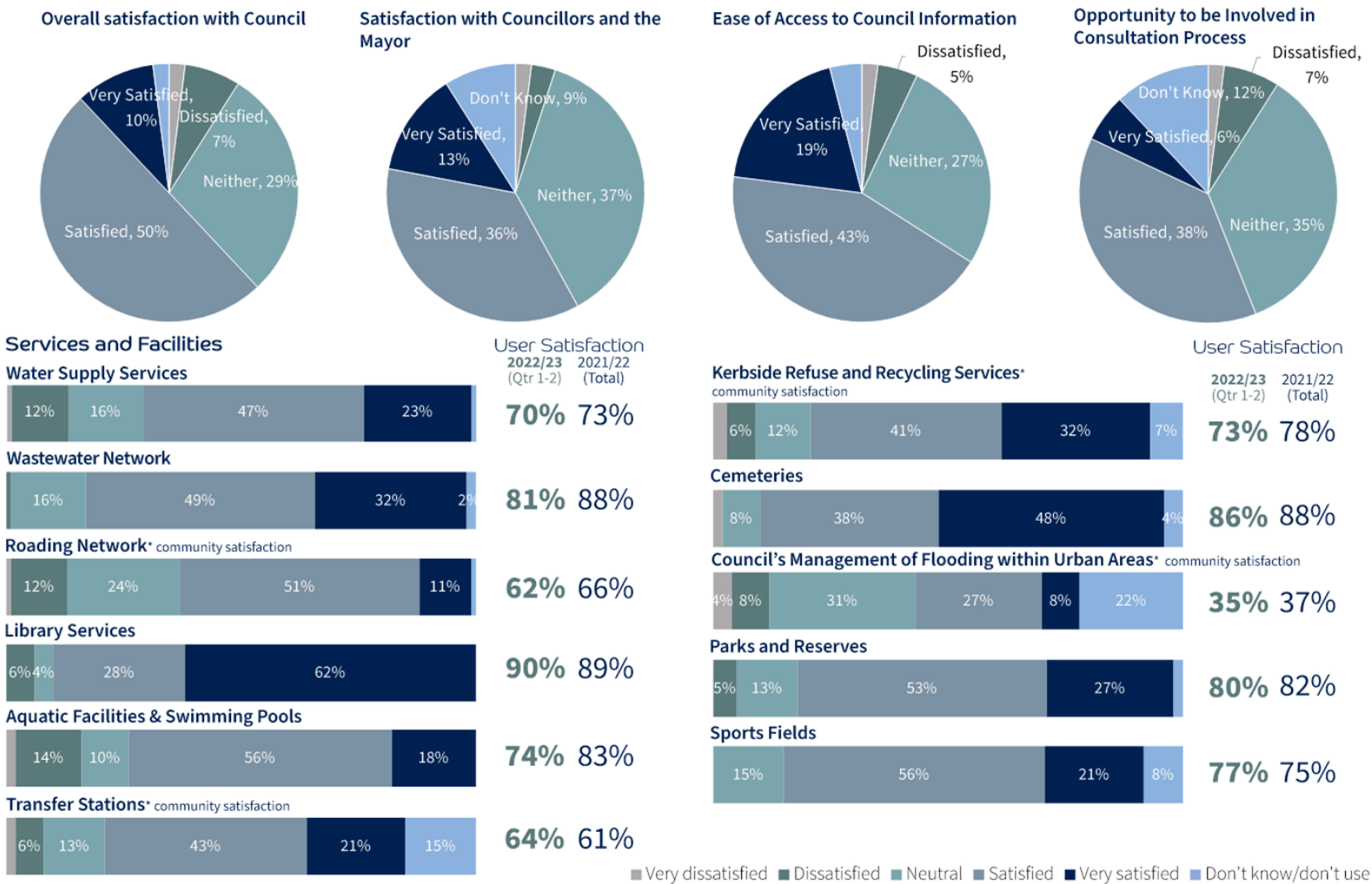
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QUARTERLY DASHBOARD

(QUARTER 1 - 2 2022/23 n=200* unweighted sample)

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8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.2 Matariki

CM No.: 2707523

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

At the February 2023 Te Manawhenua Forum meeting, staff sought advice from Te Manawhenua Forum on Matariki celebrations and the role that Council should play.

The Forum recommended that Council should play a support role to other delivering Matariki events, providing funding or support in kind (such as equipment, venues or staff time) for iwi-led Matariki events.

Council has agreed to reallocate funding from Waitangi Day 2023 towards supporting iwi-led Matariki events that are open to the public. This report outlines how Iwi can go about accessing this funding.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The report be received.

Horopaki | Background

At the February 2023 Te Manawhenua Forum meeting, staff sought advice from Te Manawhenua Forum on Matariki celebrations and the role that Council should play.

The Forum recommended that Council should play a support role to other delivering Matariki events, providing funding or support in kind (such as equipment, venues or staff time) for iwi-led Matariki events.

The Forum also recommended that Council look to provide ongoing/annual funding to support Matariki celebrations and other cultural events.

Council has considered these recommendations from Te Manawhenua Forum and agreed to reallocate funding from Waitangi Day 2023 (which was unable to proceed) towards supporting iwi-led Matariki events that are open to the public.

Council has also asked for further advice from Te Manawhenua Forum on future annual commitments for Matariki, Waitangi Day and other cultural events. This will be workshopped separately.

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Council has an existing framework for grants for events taking place in the district, however, the Policy criteria is targeted towards Economic Development outcomes, rather than Cultural outcomes. For the sake of being able to process funding applications efficiently, Council has suggested using this existing grant process to support iwi-led Matariki events for 2023.

Council intends to review all the existing grants during 2023/24 as part of the Long Term Plan, and will consider long-term commitments as part of this wider review.

In order to be eligible for the Matariki funding in 2023:

- the applicant/Iwi must be represented on Te Manawhenua Forum mo Matamata-Piako
- the event must take place in the Matamata-Piako District
- the event must be open to the public to learn about/celebrate Matariki
- applicants can apply a maximum of \$1000 towards their event
- funding applications should be received by 2 June 2023

Any iwi organising events that meets these criteria can apply for funding using the online application form at <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/grants-and-funding/district-events-funding>. Applicants need to complete the form with as much detail as possible.

Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

Council acknowledges that Matariki events will not meet the existing District Events Funding Policy criteria, so some sections of the application form will not be relevant. Council will still consider these applications and make funding available.

Ngā Pāpāhonga me ngā Wātaka | Communications and timeframes

Forum members are asked to share the availability of this funding with their Iwi, and encourage applications.

Funding applications should be received by 2 June 2023 to ensure they can be processed within the 2022/23 financial year.

Te Tākoha ki ngā Hua mō te Hapori me te here ki te whakakitenga o te Kaunihera | Contribution to Community Outcomes and consistency with Council Vision

Theme: Vibrant Cultural Values

Community Outcome: We value and encourage strong relationships with Iwi and other cultures, recognising wāhi tapu and taonga/significant and treasured sites and whakapapa/ ancestral heritage.

Pānga ki te pūtea, me te puna pūtea | Financial Cost and Funding Source

The funding source for Matariki grants is through Council's Events operating budget – reallocating funds from the Waitangi Day event that was unable to proceed in 2023 due to severe weather.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.3 District Plan Update

CM No.: 2702425

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Te Manawhenua Forum with a summary on the rolling review of the District Plan and changes around Resource Management matters. Kumesh Burr will be present to deliver the update and answer any questions.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information be received.

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Plan Change 54 – “Papakāinga”

Matamata-Piako District Council is preparing a plan change to the District Plan, which seeks to update the District Plan provisions for papakāinga development (PC54). The aim is to ensure that the District Plan provides an enabling framework for quality papakāinga development that supports the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of tangata whenua. This plan change was originally raised by Te Manawhenua Forum and recommended to Council as a priority. Council took on this recommendation and initiated a plan change. The Māori Purpose Zone (Precinct 1 – Papakāinga Tahī) will provide the most enabling provisions for papakāinga by increasing housing density in comparison to rural zoning and establishment of home businesses and small-scale community facilities, education facilities and healthcare facilities. Sites that are proposed to be rezoned as Māori Purpose Zone (Precinct 2 - Papakāinga Rua) have existing papakāinga. In addition to the Māori Purpose Zone, the plan change proposes general provisions in the rural and rural-residential zone enabling papakāinga development on Māori Freehold Land, General Land owned by Māori (if it can be demonstrated there is an ancestral connection and a legal mechanism in place to ensure the land is maintained in whanau ownership in perpetuity), and Treaty Settlement Land. We re-notified for public submissions on 21 December 2022, and closed for submissions on 13 February 2023. In total there were 54 submissions received. A summary of submissions will be available from 4 April 2023 on our website, with further submissions closing on the 26 April 2023 at 4.30pm.

In response to a question at the last meeting we have reviewed the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) in relation to the Papakāinga Plan Change. Clause 3.8 and 3.9 of the NPS-HPL states that subdivision and landuse must be avoided unless it is on specified Māori land (subdivision includes partitioning orders made under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993). Specified Māori land is defined in the NPS-HPL as land that is any of the following:

- (a) Māori customary land or Māori freehold land (as defined in Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993);
- (b) land vested in the Māori Trustee that— (i) is constituted as a Māori reserve by or under the Māori Reserved Land Act 1955; and (ii) remains subject to that Act:

(c) land set apart as a Māori reservation under Part 17 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 or its predecessor, the Māori Affairs Act 1953:

(d) land that forms part of a natural feature that has been declared under an Act to be a legal entity or person (including Te Urewera land within the meaning of section 7 of the Te Urewera Act 2014):

(e) the maunga listed in section 10 of the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014:

(f) land held by or on behalf of an iwi or hapū if the land was transferred from the Crown, a Crown body, or a local authority with the intention of returning the land to the holders of the mana whenua over the land.

Hauraki Gulf Forum

The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000 (HGMPA), and is a key component among other legislative frameworks in advancing the integrated management approach of the Hauraki Gulf/ Tikapa Moana/ Te Moananui ā Toi. Since the introduction of the HGMPA 2000, there has been a number of State of the Gulf reports advocating the need to upgrade to the HGMPA 2000. In May 2021, the Hauraki Gulf Forum passed a recommendation to strengthen the HGMPA 2000 through co-governance. Subsequently the Co-Governance model was presented to Parliament which was positively received. The HGF agreed to the allocation of \$50,000 from the Forum's accumulated surplus to contract economic services to establish a new 'minimum floor valuation' of the Hauraki Gulf – this is currently being carried out. This broad-based holistic natural capital valuation will assist in understanding the Hauraki Gulf's vast and finite marine resources. The meeting that was scheduled for 6 March 2023, was cancelled due to a number of people being involved with Cyclone relief efforts. Kumesh will be present at the meeting to provide an update to the Forum based on the written agenda updates in lieu of the meeting. These topics include a Caulerpa update, Waikato Regional Council's State of the Environment report and a financial update.

In response to a question raised at our last meeting, the Hauraki Gulf Forum supports mana whenua and communities as a core part of the Forum's governance statement (attached). Kumesh will be present to talk to the document further and take any further questions.

Plan Change 49 – "Waharoa"

This plan change seeks to review the zoning and development controls of Waharoa. To date, a preliminary community Hui was held in partnership with Ngāti Hauā to understand the invited stakeholder's aspirations for the town. Following this, a Working Group was established that consists of Matamata-Piako elected members and Ngāti Hauā representatives as governance members along with a number of support staff. On the 30th of November 2022, Matamata-Piako and Ngāti Hauā held a community consultation event at Te Kura O Waharoa in order to understand if the initial spatial plan that was developed, meets the communities' aspirations and needs for Waharoa. As part of this consultation, an online survey where you could share your thoughts on the initial spatial plan was also available following the consultation event for those that could not attend. In total a 150 participants completed the online survey and there were around 30 participants at the community event. The draft report summarising this feedback is in draft form and will be available shortly. In addition, Warren Gumbly consultants have been engaged from an archaeology perspective and this work is currently underway.

Plan Change 57 - Calcutta

On the 3rd of July 2022, Matamata-Piako District Council received an application for Private Plan Change 57 – Calcutta. This plan change seeks to rezone approximately 41ha of rural land to General Industrial Zoned land along the southern side of Tauranga Road, Matamata. This plan change proposes to introduce a new General Industrial Zone into the District Plan in accordance

with the National Planning Standards. On the 11th of October 2022, submissions opened for the Calcutta private plan change and closed at 4:30pm on Wednesday 9th October 2022. Matamata-Piako received 28 submissions in total. Council have summarised the submissions received and opened for further submissions on the 7 March 2022 with a closing date of 21 March 2022.

Private Plan Change 55 - "Fonterra –Waitoa"

On the 13th of November 2020, Council received a private plan change application regarding the Waitoa manufacturing site Development Concept Plan. The proposal is to amend the current noise emission control boundary in the Operative District Plan and replace it with a new Noise Emission Control Boundary and amend associated rules. Council made a request, on the 22nd of January 2022, for further information under Clause 23, RMA Schedule 1. Council received this further information at the end of November and have been working with the applicant to finalise this information.

Private Plan Change 58 - Avenue Industrial Park

A private plan application was lodged on the 22 of December to rezone 14ha of rural land to industrial land in Morrinsville along Avenue Road North and neighbouring State Highway 26. The proposed private plan change is expected to adopt the same General Industrial Zone provisions as the proposed Calcutta private plan change under the National Planning Standards. Council is working through the application and outcomes of the stormwater, wastewater and water, and transport peer reviews. Following the staff review and the application meeting the RMA requirements, the next step for the proposed private plan change is for it to go to Council to decide whether to: accept, reject, adopt, or process the private plan change as a resource consent.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

[A↓.](#) governance-statement from Alex Rogers (2)



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