



**ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

Kaupapataka Agenda

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 7 October 2026

Time: 9:30 am

Venue: Council Chamber

MEMBERSHIP

Chair

Cr Barker

Members

Cr Brown (Deputy Chair)

Cr Sandford

Cr Paterson

Cr Wang

Cr Maxwell

Mayor Tapsell

Deputy Mayor Kai Fong

Cr Raukawa-Tait

Cr Lee

Cr Temara-Benfell

Quorum

6

**Andrew Moraes
Chief Executive**

**NGĀ TUKUNGA HAEPAPA A TE KAUNIHERA
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS**

Type of Committee	Standing Committee
Subordinate to	Council
Legislative Basis	Schedule 7, clause 30 (1) (a), Local Government Act 2002.
Purpose	To develop, implement, monitor and review strategies, policies, plans and functions associated with Infrastructure activities.
Membership	Cr Karen Barker (Chair) Cr Gregg Brown (Deputy Chair) Mayor and all councillors
Quorum	6
Meeting frequency	Monthly
Delegations	• Oversee the management of council's infrastructure assets, and utility services. • Accountable for the development and implementation of the Infrastructure Strategy, Asset Management Plan and inputs on infrastructure related projects associated with Development Contributions Policy. • Oversight of progress of design and build of infrastructure projects • Encourage engagement with organisations within the sector to consider infrastructural and environmental matters. • The management and approval of council's tenders and contracts for the delivery of infrastructure services.
Relevant Statutes	All the duties and responsibilities listed above must be carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation.

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1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Tūtawa Mai

Tūtawa mai i runga
Tūtawa mai i raro
Tūtawa mai i roto
Tūtawa mai i waho
Kia tau ai te mauri tū
Te mauri ora, ki te katoa
Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

Tūtawa Mai

I summon from above
I summon from below
I summon from within
I summon the surrounding environment
The universal vitality and energy to infuse and
enrich all present
Enriched, unified and blessed

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES

The Chair invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Infrastructure Committee; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE - URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed

The Chair will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of Rotorua Lakes Council

The Chair shall state to the meeting.

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Rotorua Lakes Council.

s.46A (7), LGOIMA

Discussion of minor matters not on the agenda.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Rotorua Lakes Council.

The Chair shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Rotorua Lakes Council for further discussion

s.46A (7), LGOIMA

5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held 16 September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Minutes

**Infrastructure Committee meeting
held Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 9.30am
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Barker (Chair)
Mayor Tapsell (via Zoom), Deputy Mayor Kai Fong, Cr Brown (Deputy Chair),
Cr Paterson, Cr Wang, Cr Raukawa-Tait, Cr Lee, Cr Temara-Benfell,
Cr Maxwell.

APOLOGIES: Cr Sandford.

STAFF PRESENT: S Michael, Group Manager, Infrastructure and Assets;
S Fellows, Group Manager, Organisational Performance & Innovation;
J-P Gaston, Group Manager, Destination Development;
P Warbrick, Manahautū, Te Arawa Partnerships;
D Jensen, Chief Financial Officer;
H Leef, General Counsel;
R George, Director – Infrastructure & Environment;
M Liddicoat, Capital Delivery Controls Manager;
S Kelly, Development & Partnerships Manager;
E McCarthy, Manager, Capital Delivery;
G Kieck, Manager - Governance, Strategy & Compliance;
B Horne, Civil Defence Readiness Manager;
N Michael, Executive of Communications – Mayor's Office;
P Elliot, Principal Advisor;
D Thorne, Communications & Engagement Partner;
R Griffith, Governance & Democracy Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.31am.

The Chairperson welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public.

1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Lee opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES

RESOLVED ICCCC 26/09-053

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Cr Brown

- 1. That the apologies from Cr Sandford be accepted.**

CARRIED

3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE – URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2026****RESOLVED ICCCC 26/09-054**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kai Fong

Seconded: Cr Brown

1. That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held 12 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ TĀPAETANGA - PRESENTATIONS

None.

7 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS**7.1 PENSIONER HOUSING UPDATE****RESOLVED ICCCC 26/09-055**

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kai Fong

1. That the report 'Pensioner Housing Update' be received.

CARRIED

Cr Paterson arrived at 9.34am.

Steph Kelly and Peniel Elliot overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled 'Redevelopment of Lucas Place Pensioner Housing & Rental Options' (DOC ID: 23156891).

Action Points:

In response to questions from Cr Raukawa-Tait:

- Councillors to be circulated the Old Person's Poverty Report.
- Councillors to be provided information regarding accountability reporting and measures from Emerge.

7.2 INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS UPDATE**RESOLVED ICCCC 26/09-056**

Moved: Cr Raukawa-Tait

Seconded: Cr Wang

1. **That the report 'Infrastructure & Assets Update' be received.**

CARRIED

Stavros Michael overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled 'Infrastructure & Assets Progress Report June, July & August' (DOC ID: 23113238).

Action Point

- The Chair requested that the committee receive oversight reporting of the FOGO project.

Mayor Tapsell left the meeting at 11.03am.

The committee agreed that the meeting would continue beyond two hours without a break.

7.3 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROGRESS UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2026**RESOLVED ICCCC 26/09-057**

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Temara-Benfell

1. **That the report 'Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Progress Update for August 2026' be received.**

CARRIED

Stavros Michael and Ian Gray overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled 'WWTP Upgrade Progress Update' (DOC ID: 23080742).

**8 HE WHAKATAUNGA KIA HURI ATU TE ARONGA O TE HUI KI TE HUI TŪMATAITI –
RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED (TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT
CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS)**

RESOLVED ICCCC 26/09-058

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kai Fong

Seconded: Cr Wang

- 1. That Infrastructure Committee resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.**

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
8.1 - Confidential Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 August 2026	Please refer to the relevant clause/s in the open meeting minutes.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).
8.2 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Progress Update for August 2026 - Confidential	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
8.3 - Linton Park Legal Update	s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege	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
8.4 - Tarawera Sewerage Scheme Stage 2 Completion & Stage 3 Delivery	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
Plain English	Making the information public impacts council's commercial position for delivering the projects; and releasing the information could compromise council's legal position in proceedings.	

Consideration has been given to the public interest in these matters and officers advice is that the above reasons for confidentiality outweigh the public interest in the matters.

CARRIED

9 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Lee closed the meeting with a karakia.

The Meeting closed at 12.42pm

To be confirmed at the Infrastructure Committee meeting on 14 October 2026.

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6 NGĀ TĀPAETANGA - PRESENTATIONS

None.

7 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS**7.1 RECOVERED WATER MANAGEMENT SOLUTION PROGRESS UPDATE OCTOBER 2026**

Doc ID: 23167711

Prepared by: Ian Gray, Programme Manager - Wastewater

Approved by: Elrond McCarthy, Manager, Capital Delivery

Attachments: 1. Recovered Water Management Solution Progress October Update

**HE TŪTOHUNGA
RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the report 'Recovered Water Management Solution Progress Update October 2026' be received.**



Recovered Water Management Solution Progress

Infrastructure Committee Update

14th October 2026

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Project Summary

Recovered Water Management Solution Project

Identifying a sustainable, affordable and culturally appropriate long-term solution for Rotorua's treated wastewater.

Why is the project needed?



The upgraded Rotorua Wastewater Treatment Plant produces treated wastewater, referred to as recovered water, which must be safely managed and discharged.



Recovered water is currently discharged into Whakarewarewa Forest under an existing resource consent that expires on 31 December 2027.



A sustainable long-term solution is required that meets environmental, cultural, regulatory and affordability requirements.

How does it fit in?

The project determines how the treated wastewater (recovered water) from the Rotorua Wastewater Treatment Plant will be managed and discharged in the long term.



What are we doing?

We are investigating a range of potential solutions and locations, including:

Land contact beds and irrigation to land



Constructed wetlands and natural treatment systems



Alternative locations and combinations of options



Options are being assessed against Council's adopted criteria:

- Relationship with mana whenua
- Community acceptance and support
- Environmental outcomes
- Whole-of-life cost and affordability
- Implementation risk

What happens next?

Technical investigations will progressively narrow the options, providing Council with the evidence and cost information needed to select a preferred solution and progress towards resource consent.



The intended outcome

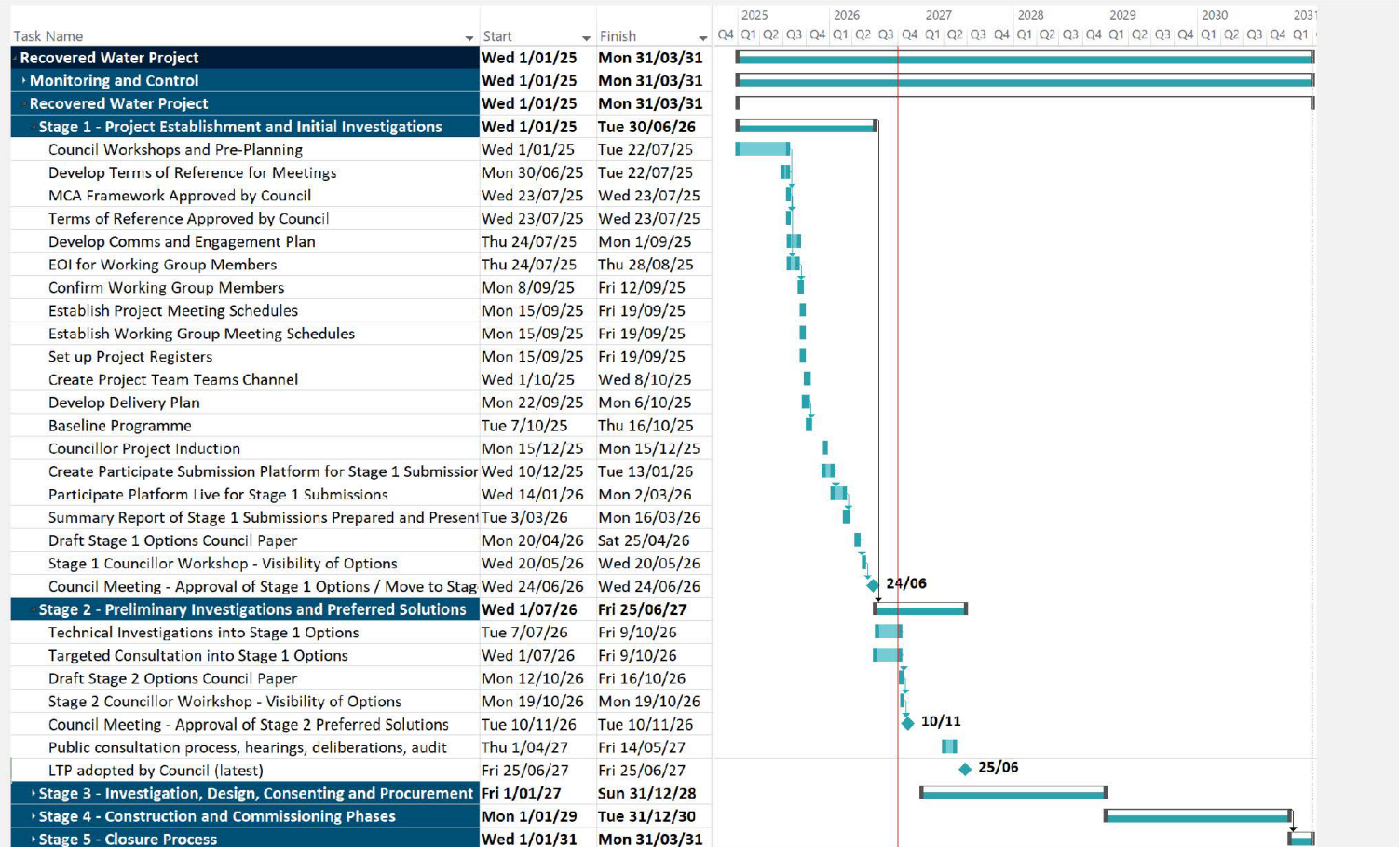


A consentable, environmentally sustainable and culturally appropriate long-term recovered water solution that provides value for money for Rotorua ratepayers.

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Programme



Note

Select Stage 3 tasks continue in parallel with the LTP process.

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Project overview

- The upgraded WWTP that commenced construction in late 2022 is now nearing commissioning and will be producing fully treated recovered water in the first part of 2027
- The landowner where the current disposal occurs has indicated that they no longer support the use of their land for forest discharge, so a new solution to dispose of or reuse the resource is required.
- Council adopted an MCA process in June 2025 that outlined how a new solution should be assessed.
- A working group were selected in October 2025, to oversee the initial investigations, assess solutions, and work towards recommending a final solution/s for Council consideration in December 2026.
- The working group completed the production of a 'long list' of solutions that they assessed against the MCA stage 1 criteria, and Council approved their recommendations in June 2026 to proceed to stage 2 of the MCA evaluation.
- Council will make a decision in December 2026 which solution/s should proceed into the public LTP consultation process commencing in April 2027.
- Council will adopt a solution in June 2027 that will proceed into the detailed design and consenting phases.

Focus areas

Short and medium term

Key achievements

- Design consultant engaged, with significant design now well underway.
- All landowners identified within MCA stage 1 engaged with, to gauge whether they were interested in working with RLC to explore viability of their site being considered for concept design and assessment by the WG.
- A number of solutions/sites are not proceeding further with landowners stating that their land is not available for consideration.
- Site visits commenced with landowners indicating a desire to continue to explore viability.

Focus for October

- Utilise the working group meeting for initial assessments against the MCA stage 2 criteria.
- Continue landowner engagement where landowners have indicated that they wish to continue to explore viability with RLC.
- Continue solution investigation, design and reporting processes.

Focus for the next period

- Engagement continuing with wider group of landowners that could be affected by any of the solutions.
- Continue more detailed investigations to enable sequential assessment (as more detail becomes available from consultants) by the WG against stage 2 MCA values.
- RLC officers focus on gathering any additional information required outside those solutions being investigated by the WG, to enable Council to understand the full breadth of possible solutions, with risks and opportunities clearly articulated.
- Focus on Council workshop on 19th November.
- Focus on Council infrastructure meeting on 9th December, to consider the WG recommendations from stage 2 of the MCA assessment, and any additional considerations that may be necessary outside those recommended by the WG.

8 HE WHAKATAUNGA KIA HURI ATU TE ARONGA O TE HUI KI TE HUI TŪMATAITI – RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED (TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS)

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

1. Exclusion of the Public
2. The general subject 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(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

RECOMMENDATION		
1. That Infrastructure Committee resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.		
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9 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA

Kia whakairia te tapu

Kia wātea ai te ara

Kia turuki whakataha ai

Kia turuki whakataha ai

Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

Restrictions are moved aside

So the pathway is clear

To return to every day activities

To return to every day activities

Allied, enriched, unified, and blessed