



**PROTOCOL MEETING BETWEEN
TŪHOURANGI AND ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL**

*Huinga Tūhono kai waenga i a
Tūhourangi me te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua*

Wednesday 4th March at 10am
to be held in the Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council

Chairperson:	Mayor Chadwick	
RLC members:	Cr Raukawa-Tait	Cr Maxwell
Tūhourangi	Alan Skipwith	Manutai Schuster
Members	Watu Mihinui	Rangitahi Pene
		Ngarepo Eparaima

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5. General Business

- Extension of track surrounding Ōkareka
- Rates at Hinemihi

6. Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing Karakia

Draft Minutes	
Tūhourangi Protocol Committee meeting	
Date:	Monday 15th April 2019

Venue:	Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council
Chairperson:	Mayor Steve Chadwick
Members present:	Cr Hunt, Cr Maxwell, Alan Skipwith, Manutai Schuster, Roku Mihinui
In attendance	Te Taru White, Jenny Riini,
Apologies:	Cr Raukawa-Tait, Shane Gibbons, Rangitihi Pene, Watu Mihinui
Council officers present:	Geoff Williams, Monty Morrison, Gina Rangi, Aneta Morgan, Hilda King,

1. KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Monty Morrison opened the meeting with a mihi and karakia.
Mayor Steve Chadwick welcomed everyone present

2. NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA - APOLOGIES

Resolved

That apologies from Cr Raukawa-Tait, Shane Gibbons, Rangitihi Pene, Watu Mihinui & Ben Manley(RLC) be accepted.

Cr Hunt/A Skipwith
CARRIED

3. TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINTUES

Resolved

That the minutes of the 15 May 2017 be confirmed as true and accurate record.

Cr Maxwell/A Skipwith
CARRIED

4. Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Action Plan

Rob Pitkethley & Henry Weston introduced the recently developed joint action plan.
(Attachment 1)

Explained that it is a living working document of Tūhourangi and Rotorua Lakes Council's shared aspirations.

Frame work is set up to assist with reporting back on projects in process, which include:

- Lake Ōkāreka improvements
- Acacia bay
- Tarawera Landing improvements
- Whakarewarewa/Tokorangi Forest Development

They continued to speak to a powerpoint presentation titled “Tūhourangi Protocol Meeting – update on current projects”. (*Attachment 2*)

Other discussion points included:

- Verbal update on Marae project outlined by Alan Skipwith.
- Increase of Pedestrians crossing at unsafe areas near the Whakarewarewa forest entry.
- Catfish discussions and the creation of an area for cleaning boats.
- Tryon property discussion took place.
- Ablution block upgrade discussed.

5. Wastewater treatment Verbal update

Rotorua wastewater treatment plant upgrade – Council has applied for a resource consent to upgrade the existing plant, and to discharge to Te Arikioa – this would allow RLC to end the discharge into the forest. The Environment Court received submission on the application. Some of the submissions claimed there was a lack of consultation. Council has therefore asked the Court for an extension to allow us to go back and engage with the submitters and mana whenua.

Tarawera Scheme – a unanimous decision from the steering group committee (which included Maori land owners) supported pumping from Tarawera to Ōkareka through the roadway. Main reason for the roadway is that ongoing access is much easier and there is less likelihood of uncovering wāhi tupuna. There is an existing pump station at Ōkareka which will connect the pumping from Tarawera and take it to Rotorua.

Action: Cultural Impact Assessment is currently in Draft. Details will be shared with TTA (Tūhourangi Tribal Authority) once it has been received and finalised.

6. Iwi mapping

Ben Manley gave his apologies for today and will make contact with TTA to arrange a presentation at their convenience.

Gina gave a brief description of the Iwi mapping project that Ben Manley (RLC) is currently working on and the benefits to all involved.

Action: Ben to make contact with TTA – Roku and Alan keen to work with Ben

7. Te Tatau o Te Arawa update

Te Taru White (Chair of Te Tatau o Te Arawa) explained how their role here is to fill any gaps that would be beneficial for Te Arawa and that a true partnership is about working together intuitively.

Te Taru continued to speak to a powerpoint presentation titled “Te Arawa Partnership with Rotorua Lakes Council”. (*Attachment 3*)

The presentation highlighted:

- The beginnings of Te Tatau o Te Arawa
- progress & achievements & significant issues to date
- Te Arawa 30-50 year vision
- Te Tatau elections

Further discussion topics included:

- A steering group (which includes iwi representatives) has been set up by Regional Council to address the engagement around the BOP geothermal plans which are up for review. There are 3 plans but the main plan being the one that starts from Lake Rotorua through to Waikato.
- Captain Cook 250 year celebration coming up – Great project for Tūhourangi being the genesis in tourism to highlight the role they play in this industry. A golden opportunity to bring national attention to the position of Tūhourangi as well as an added significant attraction to Rotorua. - Te Tatau o Te Arawa could support and facilitate this.
- Te Tatau Elections – Electronic and postal.
- Ahurei Maori position currently available– adding to the strengthening of the Te Arawa partnership

8. General Business:

Small Discussion around partnership at Hasting Council.

9. Next meeting date

Request to change next protocol hui date to November as July is a bit too soon at the moment. Majority agreed that collaborative work is continuing well at an operational level. Suggested date for next meeting to be 11 November

10. Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing Karakia

Monty Morrison closed with karakia

Meeting closed at 11.45AM

Note: Attachments to these minutes are available with the full sent of minutes already posted.

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Tūhourangi and Rotorua Lakes Council

Action Plan – 2019-2021

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For the Rotorua Lakes Council, its focus is on advancing those things that make Rotorua special – the district’s active environment, the strong Te Arawa culture and manaakitanga, the fantastic lifestyle we enjoy and the diverse economic opportunities that exist here.

This Action Plan is designed to take meaningful steps to advancing shared aspirations of Tūhourangi and the Rotorua Lakes Council, as well as to support other aspirations of Tūhourangi where possible. It is designed to ensure that priority projects and objectives are identified together and progress against them monitored on a regular basis.

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Minutes Tūhourangi Protocol Committee meeting	
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In attendance	
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Council officers present:	Geoff Williams, Kingi Biddle, Gina Rangi, Aneta Morgan, Hilda King, Stavros Michael, Rob Pitkethley

1. KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Kingi Biddle opened the meeting with a mihi and karakia.
Mayor Steve Chadwick welcomed everyone present

2. NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA - APOLOGIES

Resolved

That apologies from Cr Raukawa-Tait, Rangitihi Pene, Watu Mihinui be accepted.

M Schuster/A Skipwith
CARRIED

3. TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINTUES

Resolved

That the minutes of the 15 April 2019 be confirmed as true and accurate record.

M Schuster /Mayor Chadwick
CARRIED

4. Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Action Plan

Joint Action Plan - Rob Pitkethley

Action plan meetings are held every 6 to 8 weeks and progress is continuous.
The Joint Action plan outlines the productive progress to date and projects moving forward.
(Attachment 1)

4.1 Tarawera Sewage Scheme – Gina Rangī

A powerpoint handout titled “Tarawera Wastewater Scheme” was distributed. (Attachment 2)

- Today's goals – Provide a summary of work carried out to date and obtain a reasonable amount of support from Landowners and our iwi partners.
- While working on obtaining agreement on what is a preferred option, nothing is being done and the status quo remains ie: Septic tanks are still on properties and the degradation of the Lake continues.
- RLC require guidance from Tūhourangi and Ngāti Rangitīhi on a preferred response towards the cultural assessment.

Stavros Michael (General Manager – Infrastructure)

- Outlined the role of Infrastructure regarding future planning.
- Evaluating needs for the growing population continue.
- In particular the Tarawera catchment and the many criteria that needs to be met including cultural assessments.
- The big question should the majority choose to proceed with the option of reticulation is “Where should treatment take place?” your thoughts and opinions on this is greatly sort after.
- RLC appreciate that this is not an easy request but the views of mana whenua are an essential requirement.

Alan Skipwith

- Elections are being held this weekend. Tuhourangi Operations team is changing.
- One of the jobs for the new trustees is to ratify a proposed new structure. Plan is to promote Ngarepo Eparaima more responsibilities with the resignation of Roku Mihinui.
- The Joint working Action plan has been working well to date.
- Alan advised he was one of the committee members on the Wastewater Sewerage Scheme and believes one of their preferred responses was removal from the Catchment. (Have a separate treatment plant.) Still believe there are a number of questions still to be resolved.
- Agree we're all between a Rock and a hard place.

Gina advised that Alan remaining on the committee and being involved with hapu discussions would be beneficial. There is a perception out there that this is a Council owned project we need to show that this is not the case.

RLC happy to brief the new board when they're ready and seek guidance on how they wish to progress.

Further discussion took place about how all parties are affected no matter what decision takes place.

4.2 Lake Okareka & Tarawera upgrades & enhancements – Simon Alefosio (RLC Recreation Partnership Advisor):

Simon spoke to a powerpoint titled “Tūhourangi Protocol committee March 2020” (Attachment 3) in conjunction with the Tūhourangi & RLC Action Plan 2019-2021.

Conversation was held around the history of areas around the Lake and how there are many stories to be told. Alan confirmed with Simon that today's information could be socialised.

4.3 Tokorangi & Whakarewarewa Forest developments

Rob and Simon continued to talk to the powerpoint and action plan.

4.4 Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options

Rob spoke to Slide 10 of the presentation titled "***Tarawera Landing Café – transfer of land process***"

4.5 Rob gave a verbal update on the Tarawera Trail and pest control initiatives.

RLC have been working with a couple of local groups – Tarawera Landcare & Tarawera Ratters who work together with home owners as pest control groups.

(End of Action plan discussion)

5. **General Business**

5.1 Lake Okareka Walking Track extension (Slide 11)

Simon - Lake Okareka association manage the 2 camp grounds.

Revenue from this goes back into public assets and conservation projects.

Goal is to create a walking track around Lake Okareka.

RLC have been approached for planning requirements and advice on how to proceed has been shared.

Resource consent is yet to be applied for.

Some discussion has been held with TTA.

5.2 Rates at Hinemihi

Alan - Essentially there are 2 blocks. Initially there were 3 but 2 were consolidated. Not sure why the 3rd was not consolidated but this is the block subject to rates.

Rangitahi Pene along with Hinemihi Marae trustees held discussions with RLC Finance department and are in the process of consolidating this block.

Further discussion will be held upon completion.

5.3 Protocol Agreement update

Ngarepo requested an update to the protocol agreement in line with Mana Whakahono ā Rohe.

Gina explained that "Mana Whakahono ā Rohe" is a process set up in statute and is useful when dealing with a Council that doesn't want to engage with iwi. It sets out a template of what has to be in a protocol agreement.

We aren't tied to the existing protocol format or to a Mana Whakahono ā Rohe format. It's a question of saying what works, what needs to be improved and develop this together.

5.4 Rotorua Duck Tours

Alan raised concerns regarding the transferring of both weed and catfish from the Duck.

Tarawera rate payers have the same concerns.

It's Understand The Duck has a process where they and check and spray. Confirmation that this process has been carried out would be appreciated.

I believe a spray area for boat washdowns has been incorporated into the upgrade plans.

Simon explained that in partnership with Regional Council and Te Arawa Lakes Trust we are looking at ways to improve. 5 minute parking zones are being incorporated which will also be used for washdowns/checks. It's designed to make checking easier too.. ie: gravel can make it difficult for checking. This is also devised to help reduce traffic congestion.

6. Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing Karakia

Cr Maxwell closed with Karakia

Meeting closed at 11.45AM

Tūhourangi Protocol Hui

MATTERS ARISING Meeting held 4 March 2020

Item No	Subject	For action by	updates	Status
4.1 (page 2)	<i>Tarawera Sewage Scheme</i>	RLC & Committee	Continuous discussion to be held	Report back to next meeting
5.3 (Page 3)	<i>Protocol Agreement update</i>	RLC & Committee	Further discussion to be held	Report back to next meeting

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Tarawera wastewater scheme

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Water quality

- Water quality in Tarawera is declining.
- Approx 420 homes, most rely on septic tanks
- Removing septic tanks is the quickest way to improve Tarawera water quality

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Timeline so far

2015 Tarawera restoration plan identifies wastewater as key issue/action

2017 Cultural impact assessment (CIA)

2019 Tarawera steering committee unanimously identifies preferred option. Second CIA carried out

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First CIA

1. Degradation of the lake and **mauri of wai** is the highest level of cultural impact
2. **Te Hokinga Mai** - Tūhourangi and Ngāti Rangitihi desire to return to their ancestral home.
3. Tarawera is a cultural landscape with multiple **wāhi tupuna** (especially urupā).
4. There are tikanga associated with waste and its disposal

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Second CIA

Two further priorities:

5. Protect Papatuānuku
6. Work with Council

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What are the options

STEP or Low Pressure Grinder Pump

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A new Tarawera WWTP or Rotorua WWTP

Ruled out: OSET (each home treats their own wastewater) and crossing Playnes Farm to Rotorua

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A new WWTP at Tarawera

- A WWTP at Tarawera would need to process about half the capacity of the Rotoiti WWTP
- However it would need to be similar size, standard and cost as Rotoiti WWTP
- Indicative cost of Tarawera WWTP is \$6.1m to \$12.6m depending on site (doesn't include cost of acquiring the land, network etc)

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Indicative costs

- 1. STEP + a new Tarawera WWTP – \$49,400
- 3. LPGP + a new Tarawera WWTP - \$43,323
- 2. STEP + Rotorua WWTP - \$36,600
- 4. LPGP + Rotorua WWTP - \$30,300

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Tūhourangi Protocol Committee

March 2020

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Lake Okareka upgrades

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Legend

- Asphalt
- Concrete sets
- Concrete type 1
- Concrete type 2
- Timber boardwalk
- Gravel
- Dirt track
- Lawn
- Garden beds
- Tree
- Sand
- Boulders
- Picnic table
- Seating
- Cafe outdoor dining
- Interpretation signage
- Ferry jetty (retained)
- Walkway threshold
- Rapure
- Information kiosk
- Bus stop
- Bus + trailer parking
- Boat ramp (retained)
- Jetty
- Viewing platform over ramp
- Slow vehicle access
- Exiting car
- Disabled car parking
- Toilets
- Visitor car parking
- Public grassed area
- Swimming platform
- Shrub bush wall
- Access to event space & rock wall
- Connected waterfront pathway (timber shown, could be concrete)
- Sculpture location
- Staff parking



Design Statement

The serenity of Lake Tarawera's shoreline, nestled in native bush and deep blue green hues of the landscape with the ever-present profile of Mt Tarawera across the water, draws people from across the globe. The landing acts as a gateway to the lake, connecting people water and land.

The raw beauty of the surroundings like prominence in the design. The concept uses materials and forms which create simple, timeless elegance which complement the character of the area. The use of natural materials and simple spaces which mould into the landscape and enhance the functionality of the site. Connections formed through the lake like bent boardwalks, mimic the water's edge. It flows into the water landscape cementing the concept to the place.

The key moves for concept 2 areas

- Retain existing ferry jetty location
- Separation of three key areas, with emphasis on multi-use pedestrian areas
- Strong connection to waterfront and shoreline vistas by accentuating lake edge
- Realignment of jetty and boat ramp to create pedestrian threshold and draw attention to the lake

Boffa Miskell



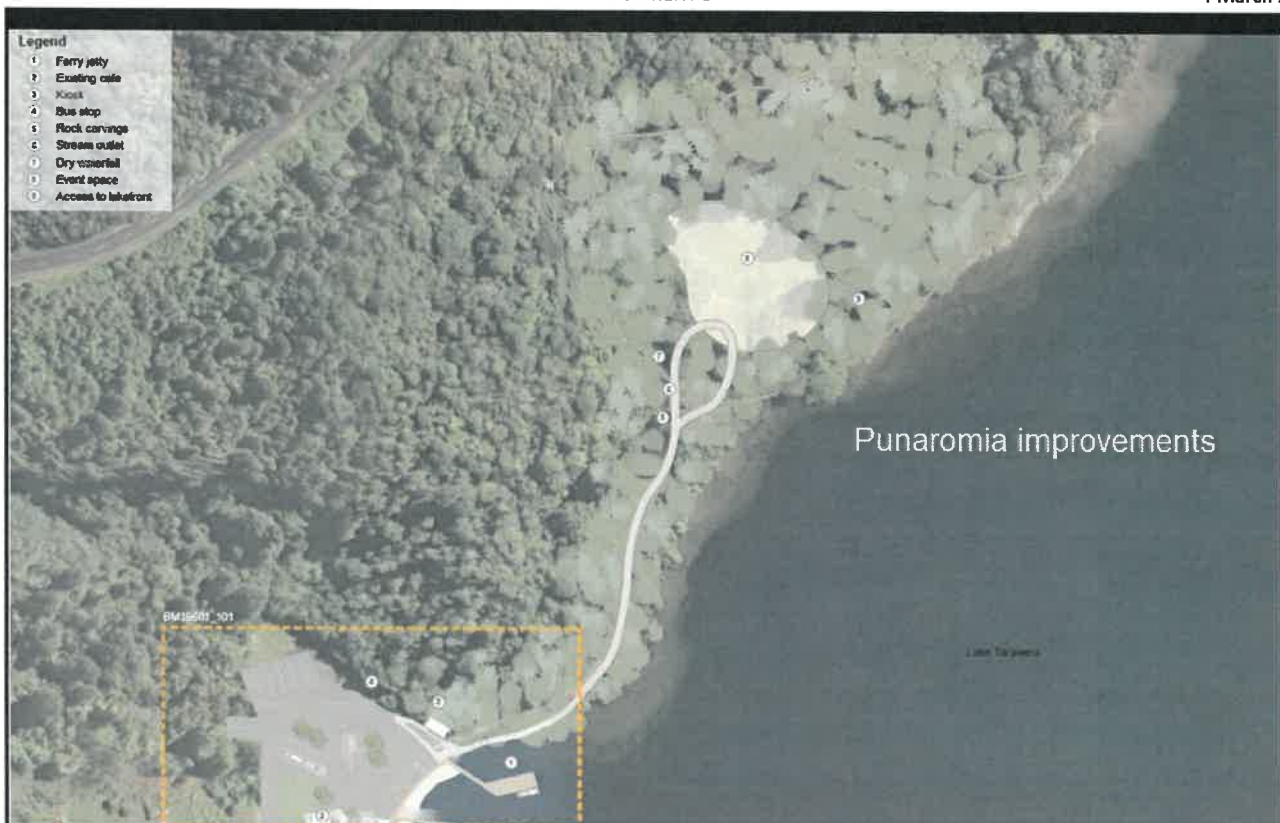
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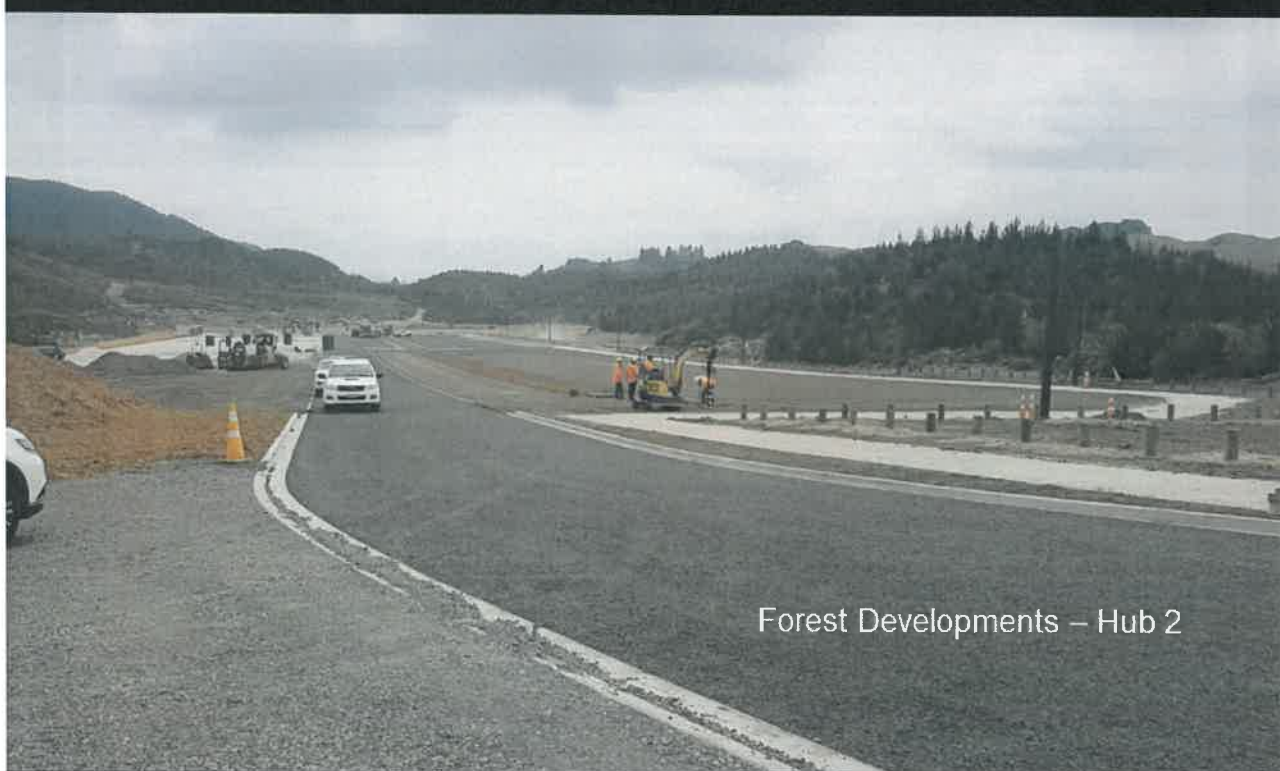
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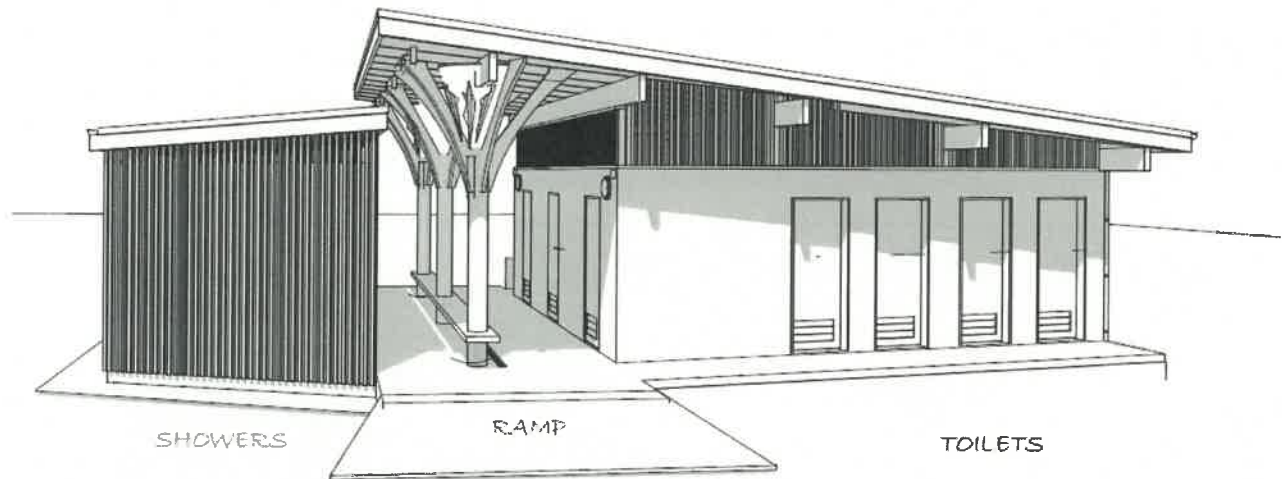


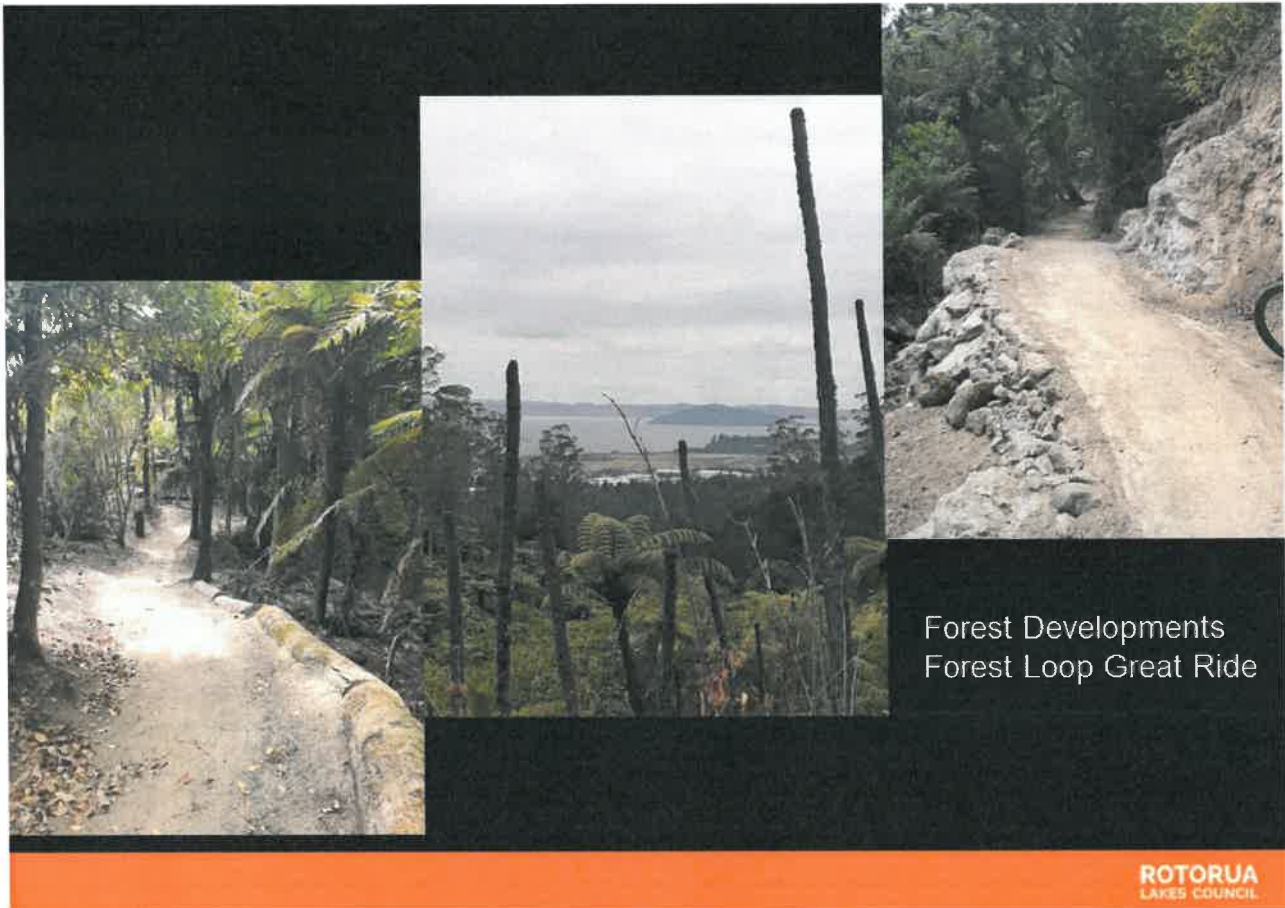
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***Tarawera Landing Cafe – transfer of land process***

- *Council approval to initiate*
- *Preliminary Investigations*
 - *Land Status Report*
 - *Assessment of compliance with Council's property disposal policy*
 - *Surveyor site plan*
- *Documents for Public Consultation – single process to cover;*
 - *Subdivision*
 - *Reserve Status revocation*
 - *Reserve Management Plan changes*
- *Submissions, including Public Hearing*
 - *Preparation*
 - *Appointment of Hearings Commissioner*
 - *Hearings*
- *Council decision*
- *DoC process*
- *Council process*



Figure 1. Indicative proposed track route along eastern Lake Okareka (Further detail in Appendix B)

General Business.

Lake Okareka walking track
extension



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Time: 9am

Venue: Council Chamber

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson: Mayor Chadwick
RLC members: Cr Raukawa-Tait
Cr Maxwell

**Tūhourangi
Members** Kirikowhai Mikaere
Deliah Balle
Ngarepo Eparaima

TŪHOURANGI PROTOCOL

Type of Committee	Māori Protocol Committee
Tuhourangi Protocol	On 5 April 2005 the Rotorua District Council and Tūhourangi signed a protocol. The protocol seeks to form a basis of understanding on the principles and process of communication and collaboration for the benefit of the peoples of Tūhourangi and of the District of Rotorua in general.
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Membership	Tūhourangi Representatives: & Council representatives:
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1 Opening karakia - Karakia whakapuaki

2 Apologies - Ngā whakapaaha

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting.

3 Confirmation of Minutes – Te whakaū i ngā meneti -**3.1 Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes 4 March 2020**

Draft Minutes	
Tūhourangi Protocol Committee meeting	
<i>Date:</i>	Wednesday 4 th March 2020
<i>Venue:</i>	Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council
<i>Chairperson:</i>	Mayor Steve Chadwick
<i>Members present:</i>	Cr Maxwell, Alan Skipwith, Manutai Schuster, Ngarepo Eparaima
<i>In attendance</i>	
<i>Apologies:</i>	Cr Raukawa-Tait, Rangitihi Pene, Watu Mihinui
<i>Council officers present:</i>	Geoff Williams, Kingi Biddle, Gina Rangi, Aneta Morgan, Hilda King, Stavros Michael, Rob Pitkethley

1. KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Kingi Biddle opened the meeting with a mihi and karakia.
Mayor Steve Chadwick welcomed everyone present

2. NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA - APOLOGIES**Resolved**

That apologies from Cr Raukawa-Tait, Rangitihi Pene, Watu Mihinui be accepted.

M Schuster/A Skipwith
CARRIED

3. TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINTUES**Resolved**

That the minutes of the 15 April 2019 be confirmed as true and accurate record.

M Schuster /Mayor Chadwick
CARRIED

4. Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Action PlanJoint Action Plan - Rob Pitkethley

Action plan meetings are held every 6 to 8 weeks and progress is continuous.

The Joint Action plan outlines the productive progress to date and projects moving forward.
(Attachment 1)

4.1 Tarawera Sewage Scheme – Gina Rangi

A powerpoint handout titled “Tarawera Wastewater Scheme” was distributed. (Attachment 2)

- Today's goals – Provide a summary of work carried out to date and obtain a reasonable amount of support from Landowners and our iwi partners.
- While working on obtaining agreement on what is a preferred option, nothing is being done and the status quo remains ie: Septic tanks are still on properties and the degradation of the Lake continues.
- RLC require guidance from Tūhourangi and Ngāti Rangitahi on a preferred response towards the cultural assessment.

Stavros Michael (General Manager – Infrastructure)

- Outlined the role of Infrastructure regarding future planning.
- Evaluating needs for the growing population continue.
- In particular the Tarawera catchment and the many criteria that needs to be met including cultural assessments.
- The big question should the majority choose to proceed with the option of reticulation is “Where should treatment take place?” your thoughts and opinions on this is greatly sort after.
- RLC appreciate that this is not an easy request but the views of mana whenua are an essential requirement.

Alan Skipwith

- Elections are being held this weekend. Tūhourangi Operations team is changing.
- One of the jobs for the new trustees is to ratify a proposed new structure. Plan is to promote Ngarepo Eparaima more responsibilities with the resignation of Roku Mihinui.
- The Joint working Action plan has been working well to date.
- Alan advised he was one of the committee members on the Wastewater Sewerage Scheme and believes one of their preferred responses was removal from the Catchment. (Have a separate treatment plant.) Still believe there are a number of questions still to be resolved.
- Agree we're all between a Rock and a hard place.

Gina advised that Alan remaining on the committee and being involved with hapu discussions would be beneficial. There is a perception out there that this is a Council owned project we need to show that this is not the case.

RLC happy to brief the new board when they're ready and seek guidance on how they wish to progress.

Further discussion took place about how all parties are affected no matter what decision takes place.

- 4.2 Lake Okareka & Tarawera upgrades & enhancements – Simon Alefosio (RLC Recreation Partnership Advisor):
Simon spoke to a powerpoint titled “Tūhourangi Protocol committee March 2020” (Attachment 3) in conjunction with the Tūhourangi & RLC Action Plan 2019-2021.

Conversation was held around the history of areas around the Lake and how there are many stories to be told. Alan confirmed with Simon that today’s information could be socialised.

- 4.3 Tokorangi & Whakarewarewa Forest developments
Rob and Simon continued to talk to the powerpoint and action plan.
- 4.4 Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options
Rob spoke to Slide 10 of the presentation titled “*Tarawera Landing Café – transfer of land process*”
- 4.5 Rob gave a verbal update on the Tarawera Trail and pest control initiatives.
RLC have been working with a couple of local groups – Tarawera Landcare & Tarawera Ratters who work together with home owners as pest control groups.
(End of Action plan discussion)

5. General Business

- 5.1 Lake Okareka Walking Track extension (Slide 11)
Simon - Lake Okareka association manage the 2 camp grounds.
Revenue from this goes back into public assets and conservation projects.
Goal is to create a walking track around Lake Okareka.
RLC have been approached for planning requirements and advice on how to proceed has been shared.
Resource consent is yet to be applied for.
Some discussion has been held with TTA.
- 5.2 Rates at Hinemihi
Alan - Essentially there are 2 blocks. Initially there were 3 but 2 were consolidated. Not sure why the 3rd was not consolidated but this is the block subject to rates.
Rangitihi Pene along with Hinemihi Marae trustees held discussions with RLC Finance department and are in the process of consolidating this block.
Further discussion will be held upon completion.
- 5.3 Protocol Agreement update
Ngarepo requested an update to the protocol agreement in line with Mana Whakahono ā Rohe.
Gina explained that “Mana Whakahono ā Rohe” is a process set up in statute and is useful when dealing with a Council that doesn’t want to engage with iwi. It sets out a template of what has to be in a protocol agreement.
We aren’t tied to the existing protocol format or to a Mana Whakahono ā Rohe format. It’s a question of saying what works, what needs to be improved and develop this together.

5.4 Rotorua Duck Tours

Alan raised concerns regarding the transferring of both weed and catfish from the Duck.

Tarawera rate payers have the same concerns.

It's Understand The Duck has a process where they and check and spray. Confirmation that this process has been carried out would be appreciated.

I believe a spray area for boat washdowns has been incorporated into the upgrade plans.

Simon explained that in partnership with Regional Council and Te Arawa Lakes Trust we are looking at ways to improve. 5 minute parking zones are being incorporated which will also be used for washdowns/checks. It's designed to make checking easier too.. ie: gravel can make it difficult for checking. This is also devised to help reduce traffic congestion.

6. Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing Karakia

Cr Maxwell closed with Karakia

Meeting closed at 11.45AM

Tūhourangi Protocol Hui**MATTERS ARISING
Meeting held 4 March 2020**

Item No	Subject	For action by	updates	Status
4.1 (page 2)	<i>Tarawera Sewage Scheme</i>	RLC & Committee	Continuous discussion to be held	Report back to next meeting
5.3 (Page 3)	<i>Protocol Agreement update</i>	RLC & Committee	Further discussion to be held	Report back to next meeting

Note: Attachments to these minutes are available with the full sent of minutes already posted.

4 Actions arising from previous minutes - Ngā take kua puea ake i ngā meneti

4.1 Actions from Tūhourangi Meeting held 4 March 2020

The following items to be addressed within agenda:

- Tarawera Sewage Scheme (Item 5.1.2)
- Protocol Agreement (item 6.1)

5 Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Action Plan

5.1 Update on Current Projects

Tuhourangi and Rotorua Lakes Council Action Plan – 2019-2021				RDC-908194
Tuhourangi and the Rotorua Lakes Council entered into a Protocol Agreement in 2012 underpinned by the principles of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga. The Protocol records the commitment to work together to develop a shared view and vision of the future of Lake Tarawera and its surroundings, and other areas of Tuhourangi interest. For Tuhourangi, re-establishing their Mana Whenua and return of the land will reconnect their people to their special places and provide the base for rebuilding the economic, cultural and environmental foundations for their people through the exercise of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga. For the Rotorua Lakes Council, its focus is on advancing those things that make Rotorua special – the district's active environment, the strong Te Arawa culture and manaakitanga, the fantastic lifestyle we enjoy and the diverse economic opportunities that exist here. This Action Plan is designed to take meaningful steps to advancing shared aspirations of Tuhourangi and the Rotorua Lakes Council, as well as to support other aspirations of Tuhourangi where possible. It is designed to ensure that priority projects and objectives are identified together and progress against them monitored on a regular basis.				
Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress	
5.1.1 Lake Tarawera Develop a shared view of the future of Lake Tarawera, its surroundings, and other areas of Tuhourangi interest	To have a collaborative and consistent approach to planning and operational activities to improve the resident and visitor experience.	TBC with Tuhourangi	Still to merge RLC Vision documents with TTA strategic documents to create draft for consideration.	
5.1.2 Tarawera sewage scheme	To improve the water quality and mauri of the waters of Lake Tarawera, allow for Tuhourangi to return home and recognise their cultural history.	June 2024 (Tentative and will be confirmed after funding options confirmed and Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) completed).	CIA completed and considered. Council approved in principle to proceed with reticulation into town provided Tarawera community support and letters sent to ratepayers. After responses considered then detailed design.	

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.3 Lake Ōkāreka upgrades of visitor facilities at Boyes Beach and Acacia Road	To provide quality public facilities that reflect the high natural value of the area and recognise the cultural importance of the area to Tūhourangi	Ōkāreka Boat Ramp and Boyes Beach construction work completed. Cultural overlay needed for both sites. Narrative by 1 July for LTP funded work before 1 December	Construction of Acacia Rd ramp and parking complete. Boyes Beach ablation block complete. Work with Tūhourangi on cultural overlay.
5.1.4 Waitōharuru (Tarawera Landing) upgrades and enhancements	To provide quality public facilities that reflects the high natural value of the area and an important access point to the lake. To recognise the cultural importance of the area to Tūhourangi and their manakitanga with NZ Tourism.	Concept discussions – on-going, started in 2017 TIF applications – 31st March 2019 Consents being prepared for lake edge work summer 2021-22.	Toilet refurbishment completed Dec 2020. Consent for lake edge structures still being prepared for winter lodgement. Need to cover multi users of site. RLC to provide resource to assist with additional funding under TTA name for Punaromia. Punaromia plan being developed with artistic consultant, HeritageNZ, RLC and TTA.
5.1.5 Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options	To return the control of the Tarawera Café to Tūhourangi.	Current lease expires 31/12/2023 Council have approved transfer. Process for subdivision and Reserve Act requirements initiated by Aug 2020.	SP&F Committee approved initiation of land disposal & transfer process Feb 2020. Land Status Report, assessment against land Disposal Policy and Site Plan surveying has been completed. DoC notified and are assessing against Reserve Act requirements.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.6 Tokorangi and Whakarewarewa Forest developments	To create public infrastructure that supports recreational access and associated commercial opportunities, manakitanga and kaitiakitanga for landowners	Forest Loop Cycle Trail by December 2019. Forest Hub 2 Car park by February 2020	Loop open October 2020 with alternate routes around several areas. Tokorangi Pa and Rotokakahi routes being resolved. Te Pūtake o Tawa completed July 2020 and opened October 2020. Commercial activity increasing late 2020 into early 2021. RLC support for Economic Development infrastructure obtained. Construction of public shelter autumn 21.
5.1.7 Papakāinga and other housing	To allow Tūhourangi to develop Papakāinga housing opportunities on their lands within their rohe (To be developed)	To be developed	There is currently a marae development proposal being circulated by the trustees of the land opposite the Buried Village. The marae complex includes papakāinga housing. TTA has no jurisdiction over that area but it is Tūhourangi whenua.
5.1.8 Tarawera Trail and pest control initiatives	<i>Tarawera Trail (To be developed)</i> To support a community led pest control programme for the Tarawera catchment that reduces animal pest impacts on native flora and fauna.	<i>To be developed</i> Tarawera Landcare for Spencer Rd by 30 November	Tarawera Landcare brought into a citywide collective of pest control groups. Currently active along Spencer Rd.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.9 Safer Communities at Whakarewarewa Village	To support a community led safer community plan for the Whakarewarewa Village.		Te Pākira Marae, in the village, will soon be holding a hui to ascertain the specific nature of safety issues arising there. RLC should then be able to determine what support it can offer.
5.1.10 Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements	<i>To be developed</i>		As set out in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Kawenata, the Puarenga Reference Group (PRG) will be established by CNI, TALT and RLC. RLC is providing the admin support and initial funding for the PRG. CNI have appointed Alamoti Te Pou, Selwyn Insley and Rangitihi Pene. TALT have appointed Nuki Nicholson plus one other tbc. RLC have appointed Stavros Michael and Deputy Mayor Dave Donaldson. Council staff are organising the first meeting of the PRG. Council has also applied for external funding to support stream environmental work to begin

6 General business – Ngā take atu anō

6.1 Protocol Agreement update

Attachment 1 – Copy of last signed agreement (Page 16)

6.2 Rates at Hinemihi

7 Closing Karakia - Te Karakia whakamutunga

A Protocol between TUHOURANGI and ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes

**Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Meeting
held Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 9.00 am
Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council**

CHAIRPERSON: Mayor Steve Chadwick (via Audio Visual)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ngarepo Eparaima, Kirikowhai Mikaere

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Maxwell, Cr Raukawa-Tait, Deliah Balle, Watu Mihinui
(Audio Visual)

APOLOGIES: Rangitihi Pene

STAFF PRESENT Geoff Williams, Gina Rangi, Aneta Morgan, Rob Pitkethley, Simon Alefosio-Tuck, Hilda King, Gomathi Konara

STAFF PRESENT Jocelyn Mikaere, Kingi Biddle
(Audio Visual)

The meeting opened at 9.00am.

The Chair welcomed board members & staff.

1. KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Kingi Biddle opened the meeting with a mihi and karakia. He acknowledged the passing of Alan Skipwith.

Mayor Steve Chadwick welcomed everyone present and acknowledged the passing of Alan Skipwith, Ani Morgan and Del (Delamere Rei).

ATTENDANCE: Kingi Biddle left the meeting at 9.05am after Karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA - APOLOGIES

Resolved:

That apologies from Rangitihi Pene and Deliah Balle for early departure be accepted.

Mayor Chadwick/Cr Maxwell
CARRIED

3. TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Tūhourangi Protocol meeting held on 4 March 2020 be confirmed as true and accurate record.

Mayor Chadwick/ Ngarepo Eparaima
CARRIED

4. NGĀ TAKE KUA PUEA AKE I NGĀ MENETI – ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**4.1 Actions from Tūhourangi Meeting held 4 March 2020**

The following items to be addressed within agenda:

- Tarawera Sewage Scheme (Item 5.1.2)
- Protocol Agreement (item 6.1)

5. Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Action Plan

Joint Action Plan - Rob Pitkethley and Simon Alefosio-Tuck

Rob Pitkethley overviewed the “Tūhourangi and Rotorua Lakes Council Action Plan – 2019-2021” and spoke to a Power Point presentation attached as ‘Attachment 1’.

5.1.1 Lake Tarawera - Rob Pitkethley

- The intention is to develop a shared view of the future of the surroundings of Lake Tarawera and other areas of Tūhourangi interest. This is not specific to Lake Tarawera. This is a shared view for the rohe.
- Have had earlier discussions around taking Council’s 2030 vision and considering how that sits with Tūhourangi’s guiding documents in terms of iwi management plans or environmental management plans. Then formulate a shared view to work on key things together. Perhaps get the influence from Te Arawa 2050 vision as well.
- Suggested to leave this item until more discussions happen around updating the protocol agreement.

Resolved:

To include developing a shared view of the future of the surroundings of Lake Tarawera and other areas of Tūhourangi interest under “Protocol Agreement Update”.

Mayor Chadwick/ Cr Maxwell.
CARRIED

5.1.2 Tarawera Sewage Scheme - Gina Rangi

- Two Cultural Impact Assessments (CIA) have been done on the proposal.
- Sensitive Community Steering Group has been established that included mana whenua, Māori land owners and local residents.
- The preferred option came out from the community steering group was to have connection back in to town following the road. This was unanimously adopted subject to CIA been done.
- In the CIA report there was a request to further investigate the viability of an in- catchment treatment plant. This investigation has been done and the establishment of an in- catchment treatment plant has increased the costing which has to be borne by households.
- Council has written to the local residents asking them to consent to the scheme and Council requires consent from 75% of the residents to proceed with the scheme.
- There is a need to have cultural monitoring when the physical work start and TTA (Tūhourangi Tribal Authority) could resource cultural monitors.

Action Point –

1. Gina to send a summary of the work that is done at Rotoiti in regards to cultural monitoring to TTA to have a discussion.
2. Te Amorangi unit to prepare a briefing paper in regards to what the key risks might be and mechanisms to address those and send to TTA to discuss any make changes as needed.
3. Gina to send the resource consent documents to Deliah.

ATTENDANCE: Watu Mihinui joined the meeting via audio visual link at 9.15am.

5.1.3 Lake Ōkareka upgrades - Rob Pitkethley

- Toilet block in Boyes Beach is operational since mid-2020 and this is by far the top of the line ablution block we have. Have hot and cold running water, charging facilities and other extra facilities. Well appreciated by the locals who use Boyes Beach.
- Received Tourism Infrastructure Fund's support for this and Acacia Rd Boat Ramp upgrade.
- Trailer Inspection point available at Acacia Rd to improve biosecurity.
- There are few adjustments planned to the Acacia road car park, including an accessible parking slot near the ramp and slightly changing the shape of an existing kerb.
- There is a condition on the consent to reflect cultural foundation of the area. Council requires Tūhourangi's help in this space. The history should be portrayed in there.
- Lake Ōkareka Community Association (LOCA), who is leading the work at Lake Ōkareka walkway is planning to fund the walkway extension with the revenue from responsible camping site and other avenues. Needs a resource consent. CIA has been completed.

5.1.4 Waitōharuru (Tarawera Landing) - Rob Pitkethley

- This area needed a major refurbishment and council received MBIE funding since this is a popular visitor site.
- Had to delay the work to understand the complexities under "Lakes A Zone" and has a very limited time window to work on the lake edge and in the water.
- Toilet block upgrade has been completed.
- Improvements in Punaromia was not supported by MBIE so Council and TTA should work together to get alternative funding avenues.

5.1.4 Tarawera Landing café ownership - Rob Pitkethley

- Land has been acquired by the Crown and given to council to manage. Therefore, return process has to go via the Crown. Department of Conservation (DoC) is the main representative for the crown in regards to reserves.
- Council is waiting for a feedback from DoC regarding the process and what needs to be done.
- Gina Rangi gave an update on the process undertaken to date. Ie: Minister of Conservation office has been approached advising that a change to the reserves act is required as there's no treaty provision in the reserves act.
- DoC has a treaty clause through its main legislation but still has to follow the Reserves Act process.

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6. General Business

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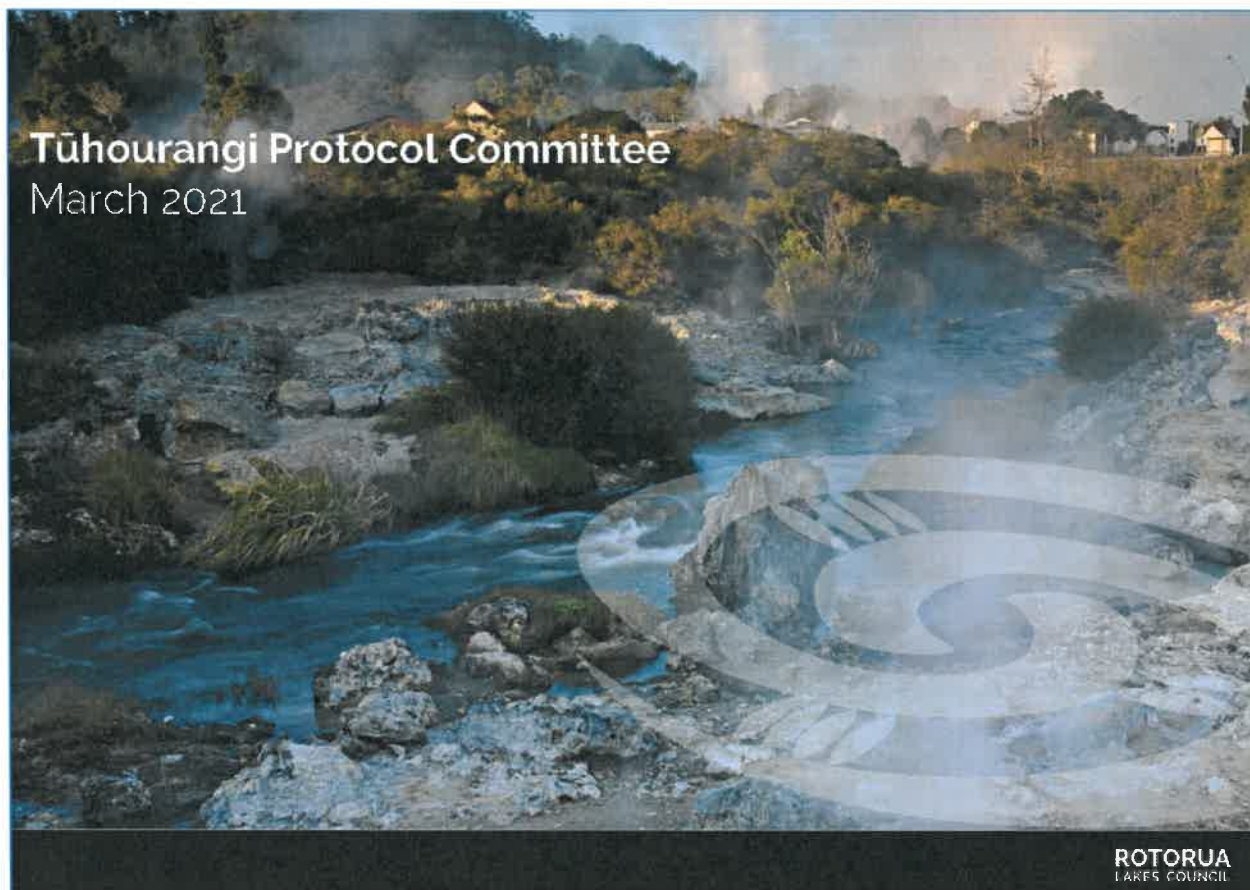
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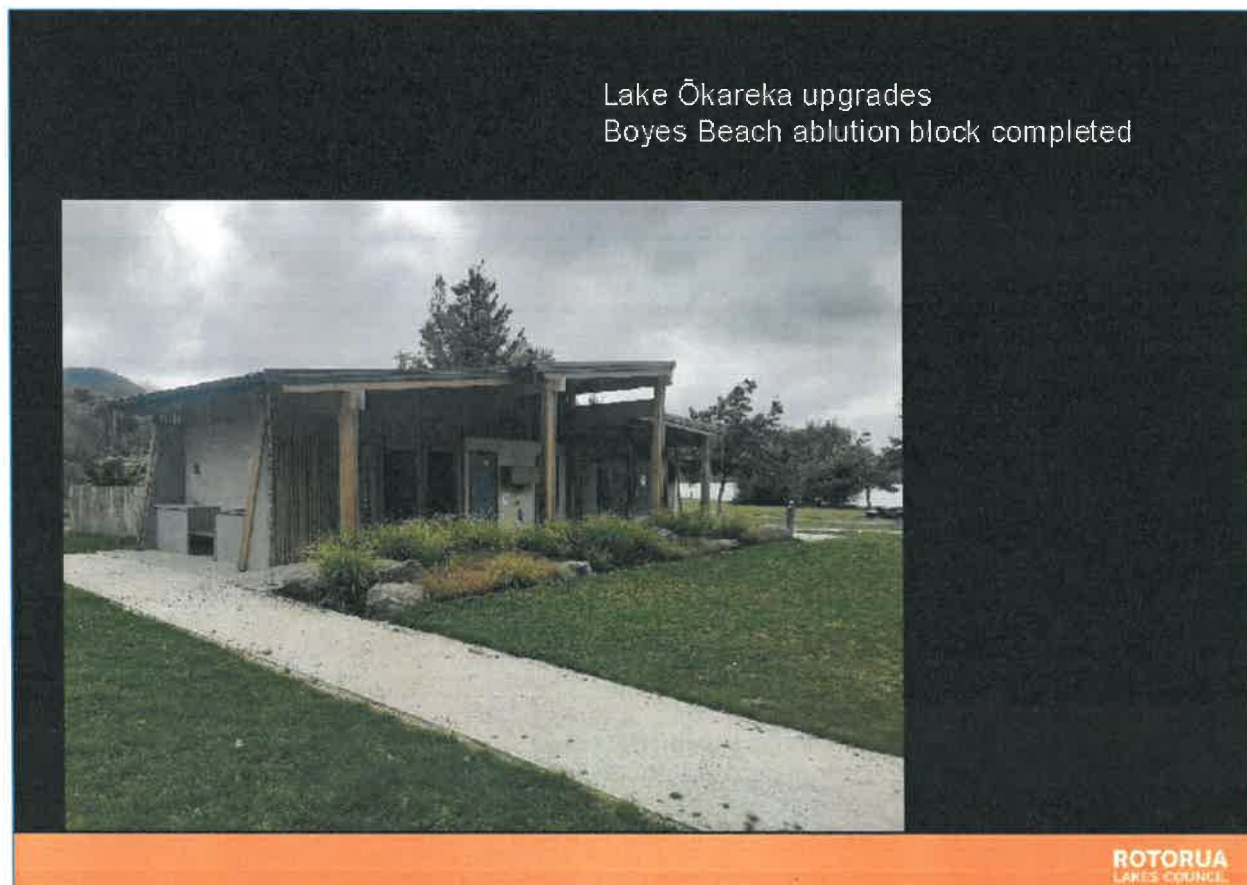
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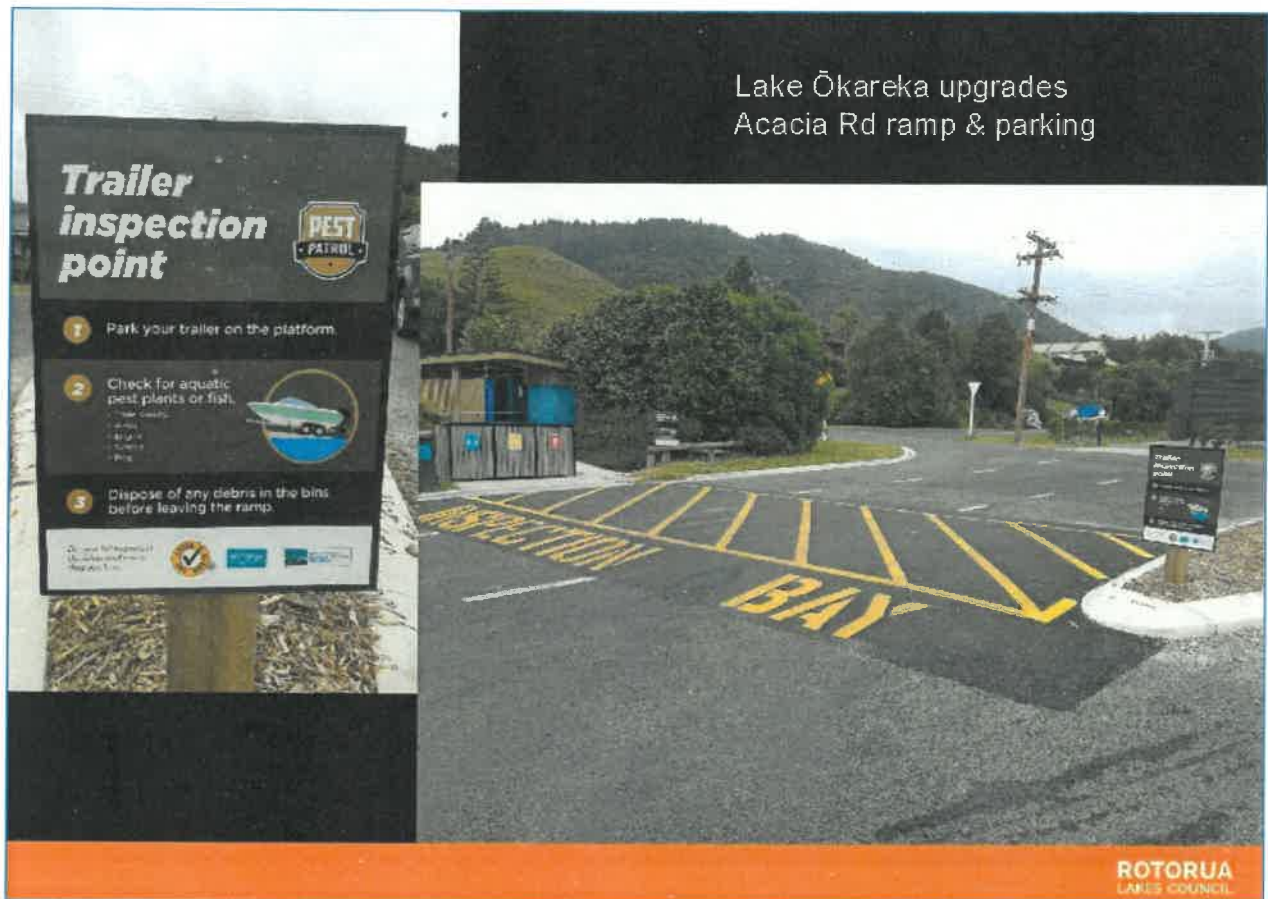
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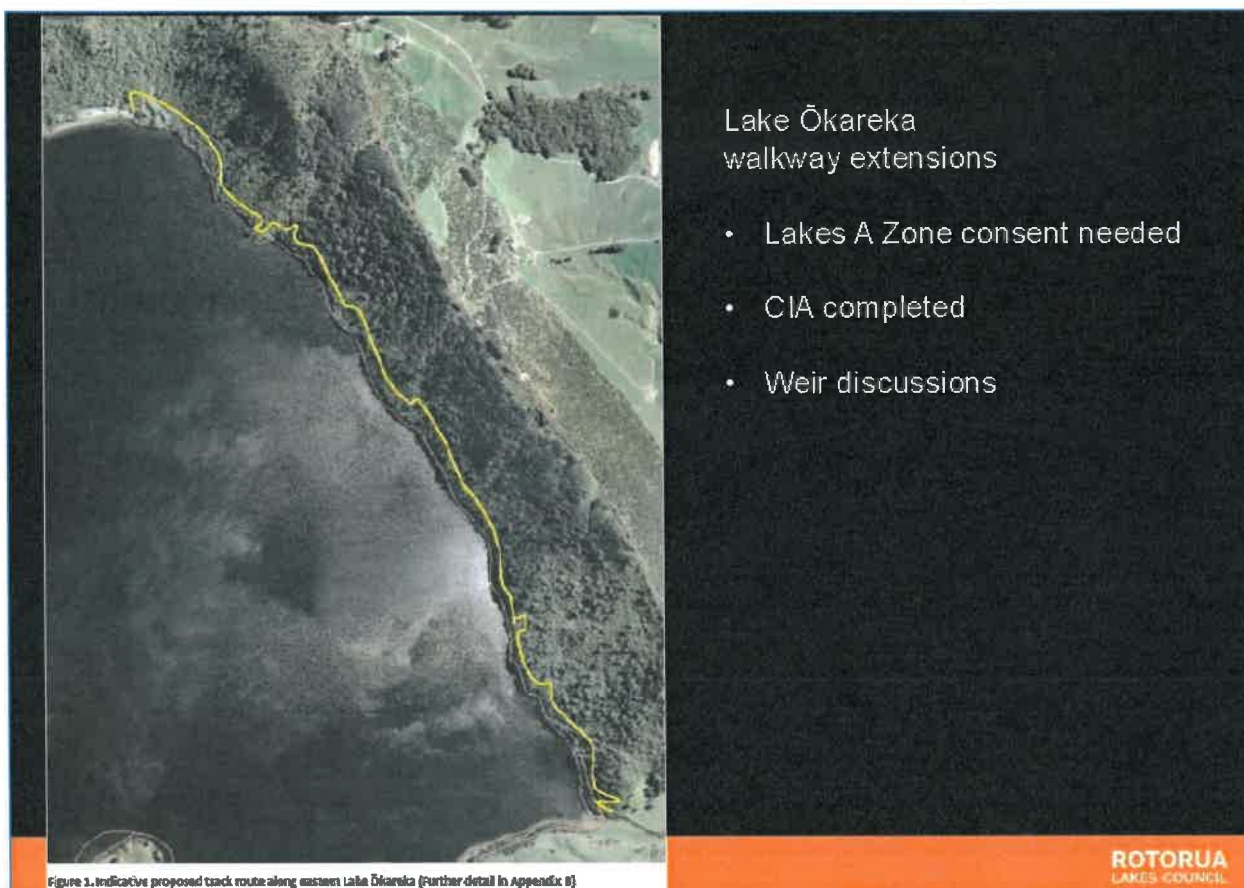
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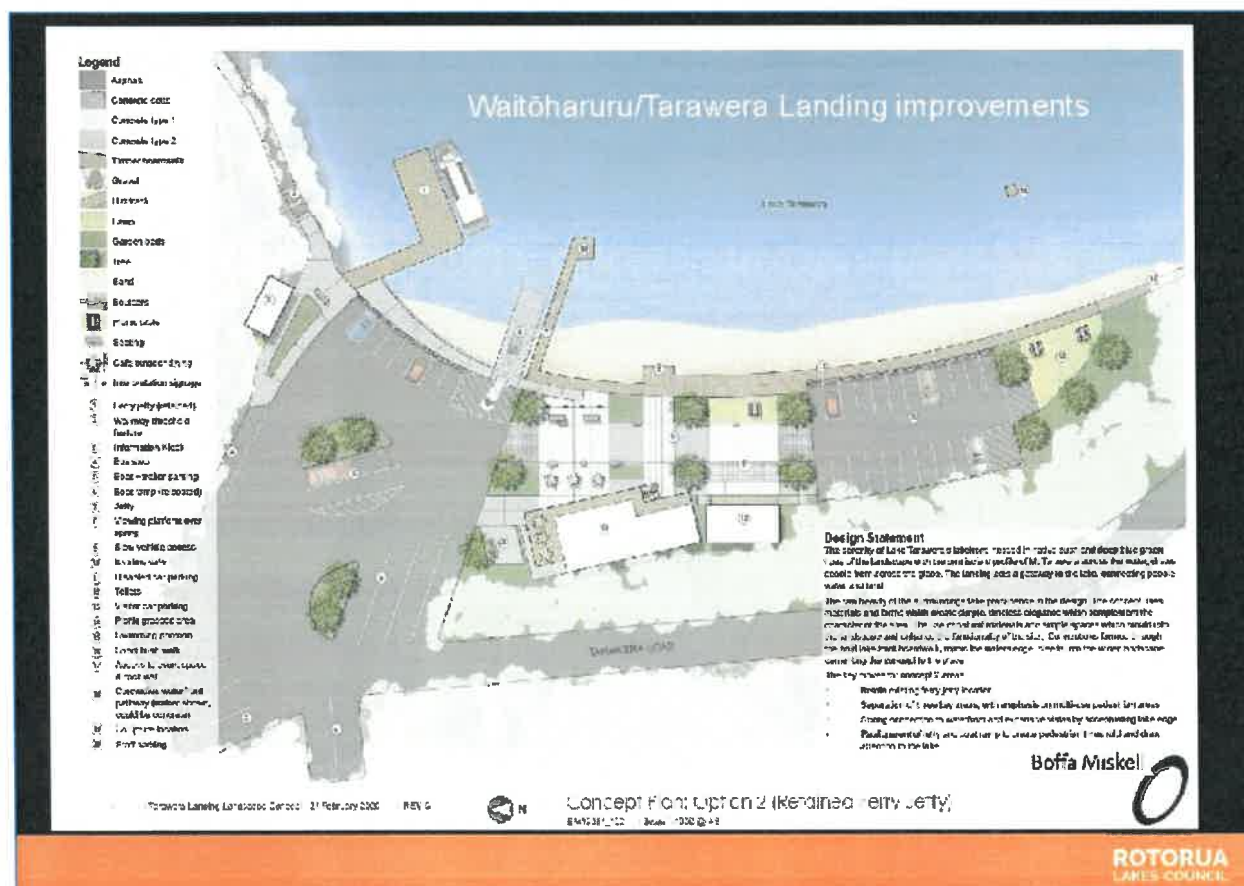
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Waitōharuru/ Tarawera
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Lake Structures - early 22
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Cultural foundation
Punaromia support

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 - *Preparation*
 - *Appointment of Hearings Commissioner*
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- *Council decision*
- *DoC process*
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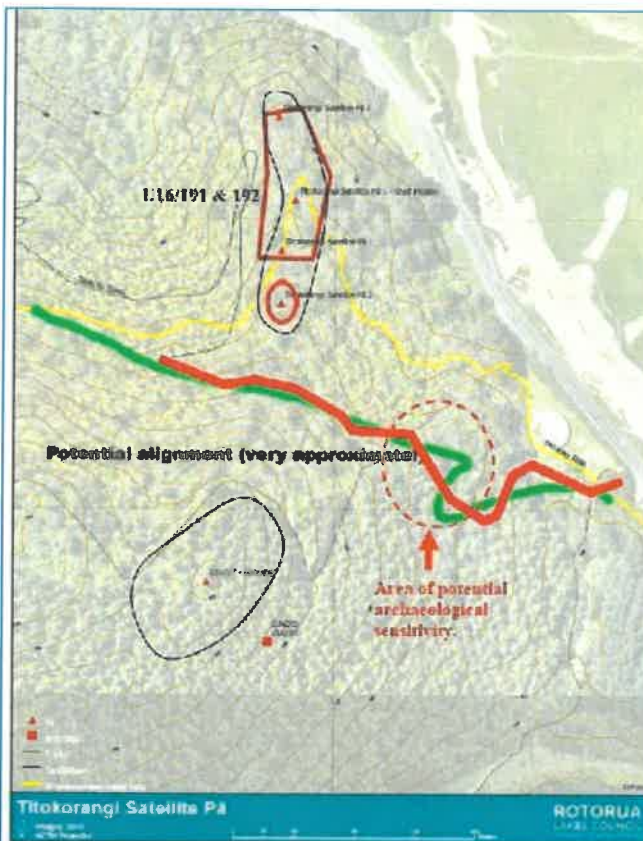


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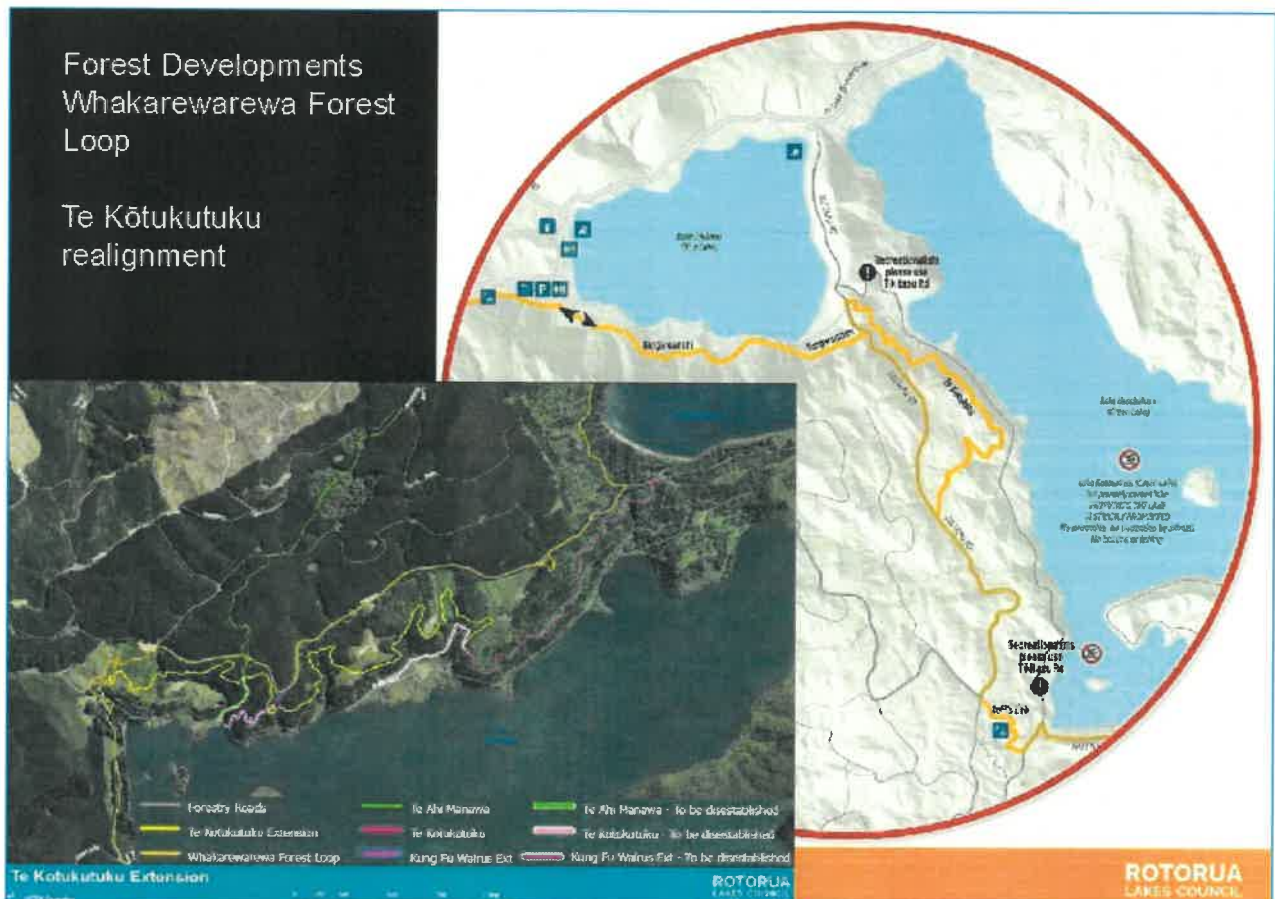
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Archeological assessment for track realignment.
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Kaupapataka Agenda

PROTOCOL MEETING BETWEEN TŪHOURANGI AND ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL

*Huinga Tūhono kai waenga i a
Tūhourangi me te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua*

Date: Monday, 01 November 2021

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 1

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson: Mayor Chadwick
RLC members: Cr Raukawa-Tait
Cr Maxwell

**Tūhourangi
Members** Kirikowhai Mikaere
Deliah Balle
Ngarepo Eparaima

TŪHOURANGI PROTOCOL

Type of Committee	Māori Protocol Committee
Tūhourangi Protocol	On 5 April 2005 the Rotorua District Council and Tūhourangi signed a protocol. The protocol seeks to form a basis of understanding on the principles and process of communication and collaboration for the benefit of the peoples of Tūhourangi and of the District of Rotorua in general.
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Reference	20-07-015
Membership	Tūhourangi Representatives: & Council representatives:
Meeting frequency	Bi-Annually
Application	• Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will seek opportunities to share perspectives and jointly develop process to further a consistent vision for Lake Tarawera, its surroundings and other areas of Tūhourangi interest. • Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will meet regularly to foster an early and informed understanding of issues and assist a co-ordinated strategic response. • Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will identify and regularly update appropriate channels of communications between hapu and Council. • Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will develop policy and make ongoing management decisions within their respective areas of responsibility with an understanding of this protocol vision, priorities and expectations of both organisations

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The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting.

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3.1 Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes 3 March 2021

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Minutes

**Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Meeting
held Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 9.00 am
Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council**

CHAIRPERSON: Mayor Steve Chadwick (via Audio Visual)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ngarepo Eparaima, Kirikowhai Mikaere

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Maxwell, Cr Raukawa-Tait, Deliah Balle, Watu Mihinui
(Audio Visual)

APOLOGIES: Rangitihi Pene

STAFF PRESENT Geoff Williams, Gina Rangi, Aneta Morgan, Rob Pitkethley, Simon Alefosio-Tuck, Hilda King, Gomathi Konara

STAFF PRESENT Jocelyn Mikaere, Kingi Biddle
(Audio Visual)

The meeting opened at 9.00am.
The Chair welcomed board members & staff.

1. KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Kingi Biddle opened the meeting with a mihi and karakia. He acknowledged the passing of Alan Skipwith.

Mayor Steve Chadwick welcomed everyone present and acknowledged the passing of Alan Skipwith, Ani Morgan and Del (Delamere Rei).

ATTENDANCE: Kingi Biddle left the meeting at 9.05am after Karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA - APOLOGIES

Resolved:

That apologies from Rangitihi Pene and Deliah Balle for early departure be accepted.

Mayor Chadwick/Cr Maxwell
CARRIED

3. TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINTUES**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Tūhourangi Protocol meeting held on 4 March 2020 be confirmed as true and accurate record.

Mayor Chadwick/ Ngarepo Eparaima
CARRIED

4. NGĀ TAKE KUA PUEA AKE I NGĀ MENETI – ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**4.1 Actions from Tūhourangi Meeting held 4 March 2020**

The following items to be addressed within agenda:

- Tarawera Sewage Scheme (Item 5.1.2)
- Protocol Agreement (item 6.1)

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Joint Action Plan - Rob Pitkethley and Simon Alefosio-Tuck

Rob Pitkethley overviewed the “Tūhourangi and Rotorua Lakes Council Action Plan – 2019-2021” and spoke to a Power Point presentation attached as ‘Attachment 1’.

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Resolved:

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CARRIED

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- The preferred option came out from the community steering group was to have connection back in to town following the road. This was unanimously adopted subject to CIA been done.
- In the CIA report there was a request to further investigate the viability of an in- catchment treatment plant. This investigation has been done and the establishment of an in- catchment treatment plant has increased the costing which has to be borne by households.
- Council has written to the local residents asking them to consent to the scheme and Council requires consent from 75% of the residents to proceed with the scheme.
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5.1.4 Waitōharuru (Tarawera Landing) - Rob Pitkethley

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- The group has commissioned a report from Council's infrastructure team regarding all of the literature that are available in regional council related to Puarenga. Part of the literature review is to include all the CIAs and Iwi information that already exists. This report will help identify the gaps and priorities.
- The reference group requested to arrange a site visit and Council will contact TTA to confirm attendees from TTA. The site visit will be to the new land identified for discharge bed and down the stream to treatment plant.
- TTA is still to hold an iwi and hapū meeting and prepare a position statement.
- TTA will look at the possibility of accessing Te Mana o te Wai Fund.
- Whakarewarewa Primary School was interested in getting involved in cleaning the stream.

6. General Business

6.2 Rates at Hinemihi – Aneta Morgan

- Ben Manley has done some research regarding the titles of the three lands and he is working on understanding exactly what is happening with the lands. Meanwhile, Te Amorangi unit is meeting with Council's rates department to understand what Hinemihi is rated for.

7. Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing Karakia

Ngarepo Eparaima closed the meeting with a Karakia.

Meeting Closed at 11.05am

Note: Attachments to these minutes are available with the full sent of minutes already posted.

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4 Actions arising from previous minutes - Ngā take kua puea ake i ngā meneti

4.1 Actions from Tūhourangi Meeting held 3 March 2021

The following items to be addressed within agenda:

- Review and Update Protocol Agreement (item 5.1.1)
- Tarawera Sewage Scheme (Item 5.1.3)
- Tarawera Landing café ownership (Item 5.1.6)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

Item No	Subject	For action by	updates
5.1.3	Tarawera Sewage Scheme	1. Gina Rangi 2. Te Amorangi unit 3. Gina Rangi	1. Send a summary of the work that is done at Rotoiti in regards to cultural monitoring to TTA to have a discussion. 2. Prepare a briefing paper in regards to what the key risks might be and mechanisms to address those and send to TTA to discuss any make changes as needed. 3. Send the resource consent documents to Deliah.
5.1.6	Tarawera Landing café ownership	Gina Rangi	1. Gina to provide information of process to date to Kirikowhai
5.1.1	Protocol Agreement update	Gina Rangi and Kirikowhai Mikaere	1. Gina and Kirikowhai to meet and discuss a way forward and set up a committee. 2. To include developing a shared view of the future of the surroundings of Lake Tarawera and other areas of Tūhourangi interest under "Protocol Agreement Update".

5 Reports – Pūrongo

5.1 Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Proposed Action Plan 2021- 2023

Attachment 1 - RDC-1194747

RDC-1194747

**Tūhourangi and Rotorua Lakes Council
Action Plan –2021-2023**

Tūhourangi and the Rotorua Lakes Council entered into a Protocol Agreement in 2012 underpinned by the principles of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga. The Protocol records the commitment to work together to develop a shared view and vision of the future of Lake Tarawera and its surroundings, and other areas of Tūhourangi interest.

For Tūhourangi, re-establishing their Mana Whenua and return of the land will reconnect their people to their special places and provide the base for rebuilding the economic, cultural and environmental foundations for their people through the exercise of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga.

For the Rotorua Lakes Council, its focus is on advancing those things that make Rotorua special – the district's active environment, the strong Te Arawa culture and manaakitanga, the fantastic lifestyle we enjoy and the diverse economic opportunities that exist here.

This Action Plan is designed to take meaningful steps to advancing shared aspirations of Tūhourangi and the Rotorua Lakes Council, as well as to support other aspirations of Tūhourangi where possible. It is designed to ensure that priority projects and objectives are identified together and progress against them monitored on a regular basis.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.1 Review and update the Tūhourangi Protocol	To build on and strengthen the existing Protocol.	March 2022	Initial meetings held
5.1.2 Develop a shared view of the future of Lake Tarawera, its surroundings, and other areas of Tūhourangi interest	To have a collaborative and consistent approach to planning and operational activities to improve the resident and visitor experience.	TBC with Tūhourangi	Still to merge RLC Vision documents with TTA strategic documents to create draft for consideration.
5.1.3 Protect the mauri of Lake Tarawera	To improve the water quality and mauri of the waters of Lake Tarawera, allow for Tūhourangi to return home and recognise their cultural history.	June 2024	CIA completed. Council approved wastewater reticulation of Tarawera community. Currently RLC is identifying a preferred contractor to design and construct the system. It is expected that construction will begin 2022 and be completed 2024. Crown funding is currently at risk, as Minister of the Environment proposes shifting Tarawera funding to the Rotoiti/Rotoma scheme (RLC opposes this).

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Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.4 Lake Okareka upgrades of visitor facilities at Boyes Beach and Acacia Road	To provide quality public facilities that reflect the high natural value of the area and recognise the cultural importance of the area to Tūhourangi	Ōkareka Boat Ramp and Boyes Beach construction work completed. Cultural overlay needed for both sites. Consent requirement and some funding in 21-24 LTP. Need to complete by mid-2022.	Construction of Acacia Rd ramp and parking complete. Boyes Beach ablution block complete. Work with Tūhourangi on cultural foundation/stories to share needs to be further developed.
5.1.5 Waitōharuru (Tarawera Landing) upgrades and enhancements	To recognise the cultural importance of the area to Tūhourangi and their manaakitanga with NZ tourism. To provide quality public facilities that reflect the high natural value of the area and an important access point to the lake.	Lake Structures & Car park/ pedestrian area April 2022 Consents being prepared for lake edge work summer 2021-22.	Toilet refurbishment completed Dec 2020. Resource consent for lake structures/earthworks lodged 27 August 2021 and some RFI's being progressed for end October. Design & Build Tender being prepared for release late October. Still need to progress Punaromia funding options with TTA
5.1.6 Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options	To return the control of the Tarawera Café to Tūhourangi.	Current lease expires 31/12/2023 Council have approved transfer. Process for subdivision and Reserve Act requirements initiated Aug 2020. Still awaiting DOC approval.	SP&F Committee approved initiation of land disposal & transfer process Feb 2020. Land Status Report, assessment against land Disposal Policy and Site Plan surveying has been completed. DoC notified and are assessing against Reserve Act requirements.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.7 Tokorangi and Whakarewarewa Forest developments	To create public infrastructure that supports recreational access and associated commercial opportunities, manakitanga and kaitiakitanga for landowners. Ensure that Tūhourangi cultural identity and values are expressed throughout the tourism and recreation experience Ensure that development in the Forest aligns with long term aspirations of CNI, Tūhourangi and Ngāti Whakaue	Forest Loop Cycle Trail by December 2019. Te Pūtaka o Tawa Car park opened by February 2020 Concessions awarded at Te Pūtaka o Tawa by end of 2020 Cultural foundation (including branding, signage, art works and way-finding) established at Te Pūtaka o Tawa by end of 2021	Te Pūtaka o Tawa completed July 2020 and opened October 2020. Commercial activity increasing during 2021. RLC Economic Development funding for infrastructure obtained and building consent for public shelter lodged. Forest Loop opened October 2020 with alternate routes around several areas still being worked through. Full loop completed late October 21. Cultural interpretation signage and App being developed now for roll out from late 2021 Te Hura I nga Pou Whenua a Tūhourangi (unveiling of art works) is scheduled for 30 October 2021. Tūhourangi have requested funding support to develop a Tūhourangi vision for the Forest to help inform their decision-making.
5.1.8 Papakainga and other housing	To allow Tūhourangi to develop Papakainga housing opportunities on their lands within their rohe (To be developed)	To be developed	There is currently a marae development proposal being circulated by the trustees of the land opposite the Buried Village. The marae complex includes papakāinga housing. TTA has no jurisdiction over that area but it is Tūhourangi whenua.
5.1.9 Tarawera Trail and pest control initiatives	Tarawera Trail (To be developed) To support a community led pest control programme for the Tarawera catchment that reduces animal pest impacts on native flora and fauna.	To be developed Tarawera Landcare for Spencer Rd completed November 20 and work is ongoing.	Trail development still with DOC Tarawera Landcare brought into a citywide collective of pest control groups. Currently ongoing along Spencer Rd.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.10 Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements	To ensure that RLC designs a wastewater discharge method that does not harm the Puarenga For RLC, CNI, TALT, Whakaue and Tūhourangi to work with BOPRC and key catchment stakeholders to: • Identify the current health status of the Puarenga. • Understand the key drivers of pollution in the Puarenga. • To develop a strategy to improve the health of the Puarenga • To seek funding for projects that the PRG consider will support the health of the Puarenga.		As set out in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Kawenata, the Puarenga Reference Group (PRG) will be established by CNI, TALT and RLC. RLC is providing the admin support and initial funding for the PRG. CNI have appointed Alamoti Te Pou, Selwyn Insley and Rangitihi Pene. TALT have appointed Nuki Nicholson plus one other tbc. RLC have appointed Stavros Michael and Deputy Mayor Dave Donaldson. The PRG has met and received initial reports on the health of the Puarenga. Council has also applied for external funding to support stream environmental work to begin.

6 General business – Ngā take atu anō

6.1 Update on Three Waters Reform – Gina Rangi

6.2 Update on Rotorua Museum / Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa – Clark Pirika

6.3 Rates at Hinemihi - Ben Manley

6.4 Amendments to Rating Act - Ben Manley & Rob Mumford

6.5 Update on Landfill – Gina Rangi

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6.6 Draft Consent Application - Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk**Report prepared by:** Robert Atkinson – Assets Advisor (Open Spaces)**1. TE PŪTAKE
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to the Tuhourangi Protocol Committee the draft application for consent to renew the boardwalk on the Lake Ōkāreka walkway.

**2. HE TŪTOHUNGA
RECOMMENDATION**

That the Draft Consent Application – Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk be received.

**3. TE TĀHUHU
BACKGROUND**

The large boardwalk located on the Rotorua Lakes Council walkway that runs from Acacia Road to the Lake Ōkāreka Outlet has been identified as needing to be replaced with a new one.

The existing boardwalk was constructed in 2002 and the walkway opened to the public in Feb 2003. The boardwalk is approximately 470 lineal meters long and provides access over a rehabilitated wetland to the Lake Ōkāreka outlet and to a bird hide located about halfway along the boardwalk.

The boardwalk is an integral part of the walkway and provides an area where people can experience the flora and fauna of the local area. The area is enhanced and maintained by a local community care group with the assistance of the Council.

When the boardwalk was first constructed in 2002 the underlying land was dry farm land (has since been allowed to revert to wetland) and at the time there was no requirement for a resource consent. The replacement of the boardwalk now requires consent under the National Environment Standards for Freshwater Regulations 2020 and the Rotorua District Plan – Lakes A Zone, both state that the activity is Non-Complying.

The proposal is to replace the existing boardwalk with a new one in roughly the same alignment. The new boardwalk will be 2 meters wide (the existing one is 1.4 meters wide) to provide sufficient space for people to comfortably pass each other without feeling constrained.

Funding of the replaced boardwalk will be available the 1st July 2022, exact start date will be determined by the consent conditions and contractor availability.

The ecological assessment completed by Wildlands Consultants has indicated that at the outlet end of the boardwalk are patches of *Machaerina articulata* reedland and that these should be avoided. It is intended in this area to relocate the boardwalk slightly more inland to achieve this.

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Accompanying this report is the completed draft consent application, Application for Resource Consent to Construct New Boardwalk Structure at Lake Ōkāreka dated 18th August 2021 completed by Cheal Consultants.

It would be appreciated if Tūhourangi could review the accompanying document and provide their thoughts, feelings back to Council by the 17th December 2021. Cheal consultants and myself would be happy to meet with you directly to discuss any aspect of the consent application at your convenience.

4. TĀPIRINGA ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 - Application for Resource Consent to Construct New Boardwalk Structure at Lake Ōkāreka (distributed separately).

7 Closing Karakia - Te Karakia whakamutunga

20-07-015
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Minutes
Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Meeting
held Monday, 1 November 2021 at 1.00 pm
Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council

CHAIRPERSON:	Mayor Steve Chadwick
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ngarepo Eparaima, Kirikowhai Mikaere, Watu Mihinui, Cr Maxwell
MEMBERS PRESENT (AUDIO VISUAL):	Cr Raukawa-Tait
APOLOGIES:	Deliah Balle, Rangitihi Pene, Manutai Schuster
STAFF PRESENT	Geoff Williams, Gina Rangī, Aneta Morgan, Rob Pitkethley, Clark Pirika, Ben Manley, Robert Atkinson, Simon Alefosio-Tuck, Gomathi Konara

The meeting opened at 1.06 pm.
The Chair welcomed board members & staff.

1. KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Pirika opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Acknowledgements

1. Mr Pirika and Mayor Chadwick acknowledged the passing of Mr Wiremu Mikaere, father of Kirikowhai Mikaere.
2. Mayor Chadwick applauded the Te Hura I nga Pou Whenua a Tūhourangi (unveiling of Tūhourangi artworks) at Te Pūtaka o Tawa on 30th October 2021.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA - APOLOGIES

Noted the apologies from Deliah Balle, Rangitihi Pene and Manutai Schuster.

3. TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Tūhourangi Protocol meeting held on 3 March 2021 be confirmed as true and accurate record.

Moved : Ms Mikaere
Seconded : Ms Mihinui
CARRIED

4. NGĀ TAKE KUA PUEA AKE I NGĀ MENETI – ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Actions from Tūhourangi Meeting held 3 March 2021

The following items to be addressed within agenda:

- **Review and Update Protocol Agreement**

This item is included in the action plan under item 5.1.1.

- **Tarawera Sewage Scheme**

This item is included in the action plan under item 5.1.3.

- **Tarawera Landing café ownership**

This item is included in the action plan under item 5.1.6.

5. REPORTS – PŪRONGO

5.1. Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Proposed Action Plan 2021- 2023 RDC-1194747

Gina Rangi and Rob Pitkethley overviewed the “Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Proposed Action Plan – 2021-2023” and spoke to a Power Point presentation attached as ‘Attachment 1’.

5.1.1 Review and update the Tūhourangi Protocol

- Tūhourangi have had an initial meeting with Gina Rangi to discuss this matter and also have had internal meetings with iwi in regards to having a relationship of reciprocity with the council.
- Tūhourangi is interested in working with council around how it can help with the rebranding of Rotorua.

5.1.2 Develop a shared view of the future of Lake Tarawera, its surroundings, and other areas of Tūhourangi interest

- Still to merge RLC Vision documents with Tūhourangi Tribal Authority (TTA) strategic documents to create draft for consideration.

5.1.3 Protect the mauri of Lake Tarawera

- Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) completed. Council approved wastewater reticulation of Tarawera community.
- Council has approved funding through Long Term Plan to commence work this year and currently RLC is identifying a preferred contractor to design and construct the system. It is expected that construction will begin 2022 and be completed 2024.
- Crown funding is currently at risk, as Minister of the Environment proposes shifting Tarawera funding to the Rotoiti/Rotoma scheme (RLC opposes this).

- Discussions are underway to solve this issue.

5.1.4 Lake Ōkāreka upgrades of visitor facilities at Boyes Beach and Acacia Road

Rob Pitkethley spoke to a presentation attached as "Attachment 1".

Slide no. 3 of the attachment 1 is a photo of end of Acacia road taken from the new jetty.

- Construction of Acacia Rd ramp and parking completed.
- Boyes Beach ablution block completed.
- Work with Tūhourangi on cultural foundation/stories to share needs to be further developed.
- Still have some conflicts between swimmers and boats. Council will discuss with Te Arawa Lakes Trust to request another structure and will come back to Tūhourangi for feedback if it is viable.

5.1.5 Waitōharuru (Tarawera Landing) upgrades and enhancements

Slide nos. 4 to 7 of the attachment 1.

- Toilet refurbishment completed in Dec 2020.
- Resource consent for lake structures/earthworks lodged on 27 August 2021 and some Requests for Information (RFIs) being progressed for end October.
- Design & Build Tender being prepared for release late October.
- Tūhourangi would like to remove jetty 1 and replace with another owned by iwi.
- Still need to progress Punaromia funding options with TTA.

5.1.6 Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options

- Council's Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee recommended initiation of land disposal & transfer process in February 2020.
- Land Status Report, assessment against land Disposal Policy and Site Plan surveying has been completed and Department of Conservation (DoC) has been notified.
- Mayor Chadwick and council staff met with DoC officers this morning (01.11.2021).
- DoC are assessing against Reserve Act requirements and are facing issues with regard to legislation around transferring reserves back to iwi.
- DoC is working on a similar matter in Turangi, where they want to transfer a camp ground back to iwi. They are trying to remove the vesting from DOC and transfer the vesting to iwi. This will not give the freehold title to iwi but will give the administration rights and the land will stay as a reserve.
- Council will work with DOC and comeback with options to Tūhourangi.

Action Point – TTA to express their requirements in writing to be submitted to the minister and attend a meeting with the minister along with the mayor and council staff.

5.1.7 Tokorangi and Whakarewarewa Forest developments

Slide nos. 8 to 10 of the attachment 1.

- Te Pūtake o Tawa completed July 2020 and opened October 2020. Commercial activity increasing during 2021.
- RLC Economic Development funding for infrastructure obtained and building consent for public shelter lodged.

- Forest Loop opened October 2020 with alternate routes around several areas still being worked through. Full loop completed late October 21. Cultural interpretation signage and App being developed now for roll out from late 2021
- Tūhourangi have requested funding support to develop a Tūhourangi vision for the forest to help inform their decision-making.

Tikitapu – Rotokākahi Lookout Toilet

Slide nos. 11 & 12 of the attachment 1.

- Proposed for a new fully contained, environmental friendly toilet at Tikitapu – Rotokākahi Lookout.
- Have opposition from Rotokākahi Board of Control.
- Funding from TIF would be used and resource consent is needed for this facility.

Action Point – TTA to attend a meeting with the Board of Control along with the council staff.

5.1.8 Papakainga and other housing

Gina Rangi updated members as below:-

- Council has been approached for support by several land owner trusts.
- They have to discuss among themselves before proceeding.
- There are ongoing discussions with number of land owners regarding consents.

Noted from the updates on joint action plan document-

- There is currently a marae development proposal being circulated by the trustees of the land opposite the Buried Village. The marae complex includes papakāinga housing. TTA has no jurisdiction over that area but it is Tūhourangi whenua.

Action Point – TTA would like to work with council on scoping a plan up for housing needs for Tūhourangi whenua.

5.1.9 Tarawera Trail and pest control initiatives

- Trail development still with DOC
- Tarawera Landcare brought into a citywide collective of pest control groups. Currently ongoing along Spencer Rd.

5.1.10 Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements

- As set out in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Kawenata, the Puarenga Reference Group (PRG) will be established by CNI, TALT and RLC. RLC is providing the admin support and initial funding for the PRG.
- CNI have appointed Alamoti Te Pou, Selwyn Insley and Rangitihi Pene. TALT have appointed Nuki Nicholson plus one other tbc. RLC have appointed Stavros Michael and Deputy Mayor Dave Donaldson.
- The PRG has met and received initial reports on the health of the Puarenga.

- Council has also applied for external funding to support stream environmental work to begin.
- TTA would like to get some support from council to keep engaging with their people under TTA's Taiao plan.

Action Point – Gina Rangī to include “Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements” under the Tūhourangi Taiao Plan in the joint action plan.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS- NGĀ TAKE ATU ANŌ

6.1 Update on Three Waters Reform – Gina Rangī

- The government has made the three waters reform proposal mandatory and the legislation will be introduced before next election.
- Te Arawa Lakes trust has been engaging with the crown on behalf of Te Arawa.
- Rotorua Lakes Council's area will be included under “Entity B”.
- All of the iwi in the areas under “Entity B” are to be engaged collectively in forming a five member panel.
- Management of drinking water, storm water and waste water will be handled by this new entity.
- Council's view is that the council should still act as a facilitator to communicate with local communities.
- Mayor Chadwick has been working with other mayors in the region under a working party.
- Each council has been asked to answer a questionnaire and sent to ministry as data.
- The minister has acknowledged that there are issues to work through.

6.2 Update on Rotorua Museum / Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa – Clark Pirika

- A major piece of work other than the infrastructure works happening at the museum is planning for the exhibitions.
- There is a road map that is being followed in engaging with iwi and hapu and this work is also guided by a vision statement. The engagement is basically to provide awareness about the planning.
- The vision statement is “Whakapapa” – connecting with the past, “Whakamana” – empowering the present and “Whakaoho” – inspiring the future.
- The next phase is to go back to iwi and hapu and listen to the korero regarding taonga, which would then be displayed with the exhibits.

6.3 Rates at Hinemihi - Ben Manley

- Ben has met with Rangithi Pene (Trustee) and Rob Mumford (Council's Financial Services Manager) and discussed various outstanding issues and options on rates arrears on the land block where the Marae is situated.

6.4 Amendments to Rating Act - Ben Manley

Ben Manley spoke to a presentation titled “He Ara Hou: The Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021” attached as “Attachment 2”

6.5 Update on Landfill – Gina Rangi

- The landfill was created in 1970's and it was a hole in the ground where people put their rubbish.
- In 2017, the council decided to close the landfill.
- There were storm water settlement ponds and bunds built to stop water from flooding.
- In between the decision and implementation the landfill saturated overwhelming the system in place because of some extreme weather events.
- As a result regional council prosecuted against the council.
- There were six charges of which, Court decided that four charges didn't have a case to be answered.
- One charge was withdrawn by the regional council.
- Rotorua Lakes Council pleaded guilty for the remaining charge.
- Council is waiting for the Court's decision.
- Extensive monitoring on the landfill is happening from upstream and downstream.

6.6 Draft Consent Application - Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk – Robbie Atkinson

Robbie Atkinson, Asset Advisor, Rotorua Lakes Council spoke to a presentation titled "Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk Consent Application" attached as "Attachment 3".

7. Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing Karakia

Mr Ngarepo Eparaima closed the meeting with a Karakia.

Meeting Closed at 15.30pm

**SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS
from Tūhourangi Protocol
Meeting held 1 November 2021**

Item No	Subject	For action by	updates
5.1.6	Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options	TTA	TTA to express their requirements in writing to be submitted to the minister and attend a meeting with the minister along with the mayor and council staff.
5.1.7	Tikitapu – Rotokākahi Lookout Toilet	Rob Pitkethley & TTA	TTA to attend a meeting with the Board of Control along with the council staff.
5.1.8	Papakāinga and other housing	TTA & Gina Rangi	TTA would like to work with council on scoping a plan up for housing needs for Tūhourangi whenua.
5.1.10	Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements	Gina Rangi	Gina Rangi to include “Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements” under the Tūhourangi Taiao Plan in the joint action plan.

Attachment 1 – Joint Action Plan Information**Slide 1****Slide 2****Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Action Plan information****Lake Ōkāreka visitor facilities****Waitōharuru upgrades****Punaromia****Tokorangi & Whakarewarewa Forest developments****Forest Loop****Tikitapu/Rotokakahi lookout toilet**

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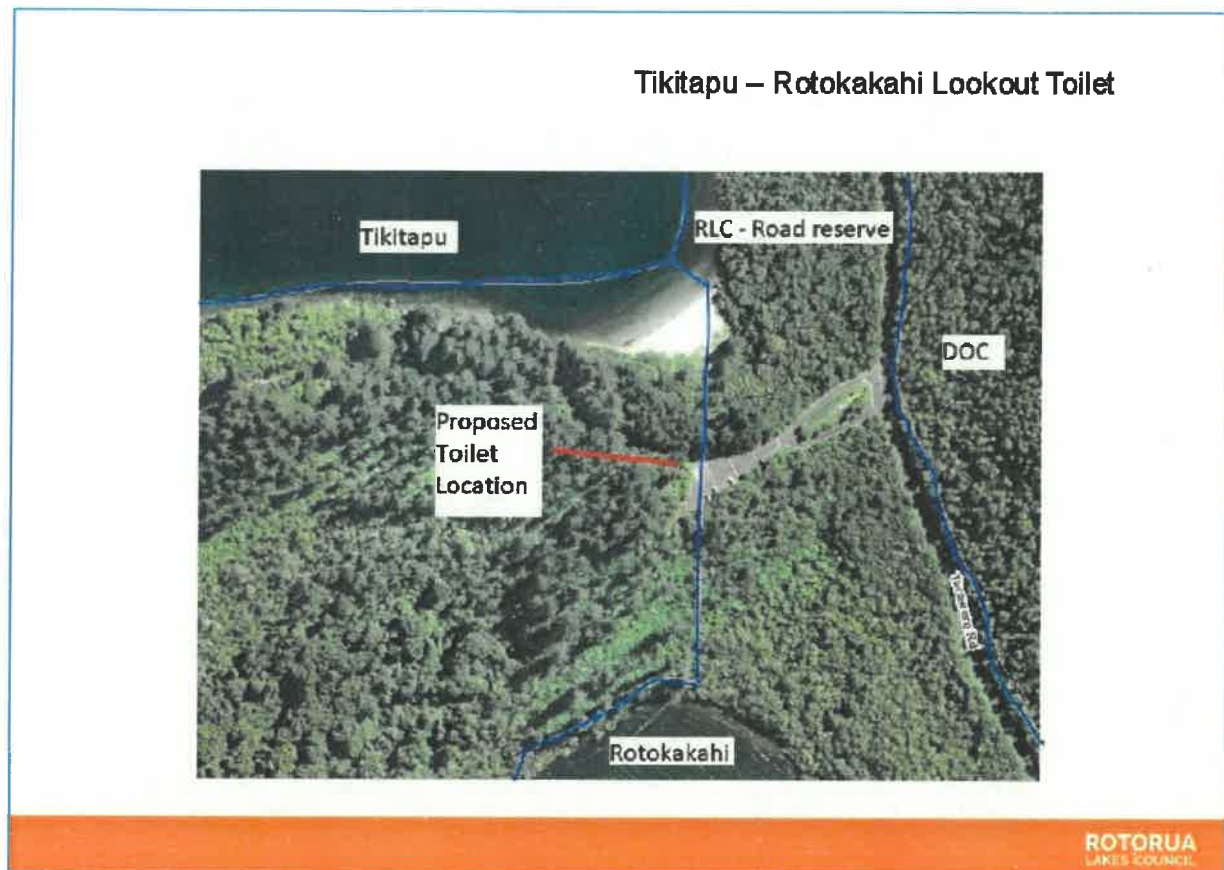
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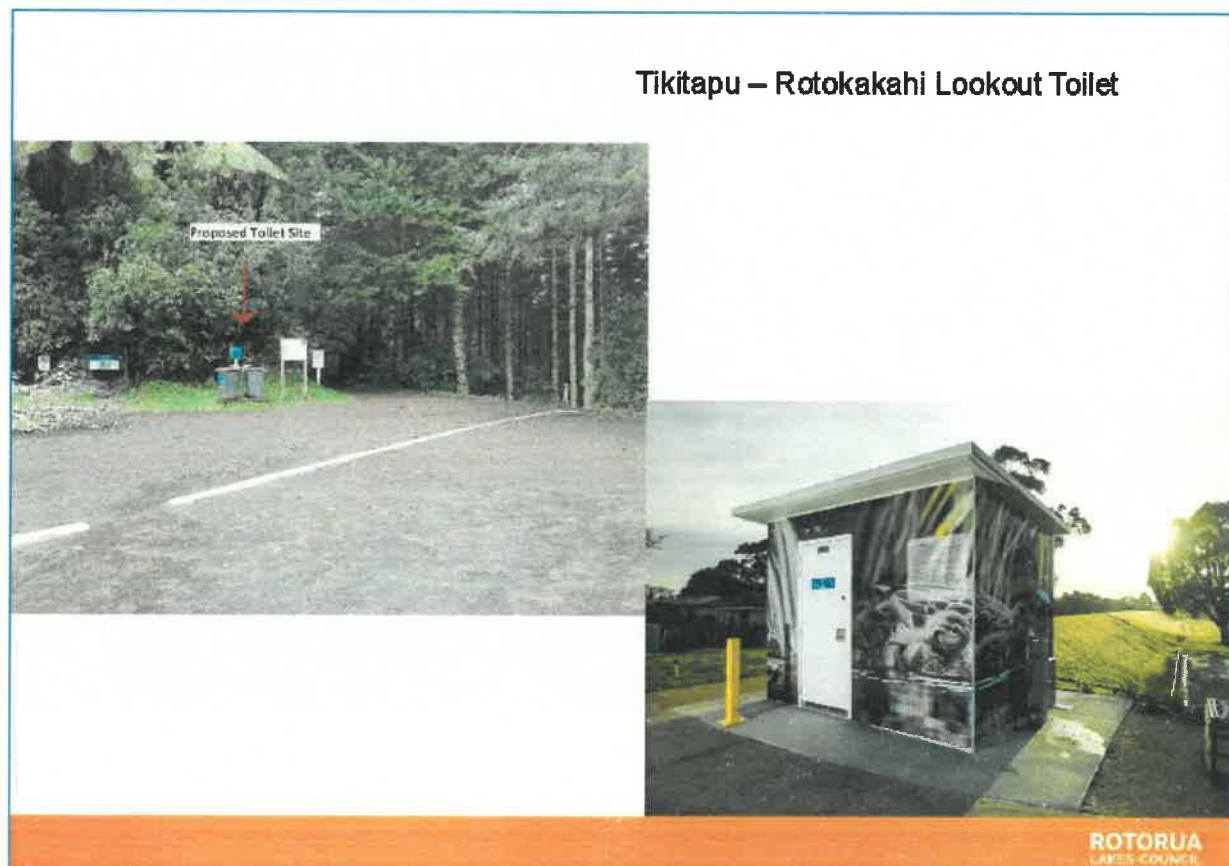
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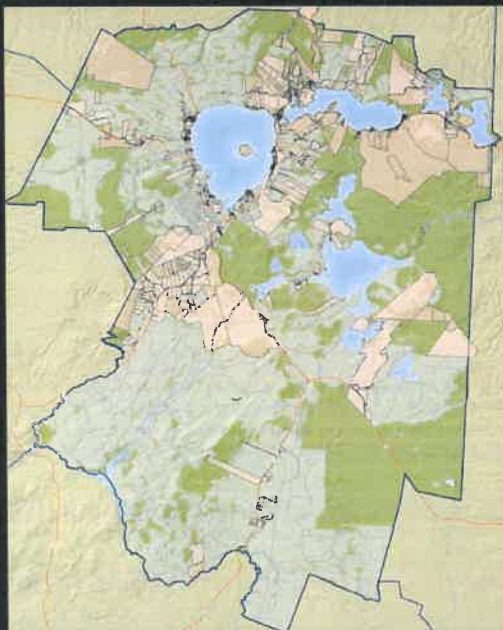


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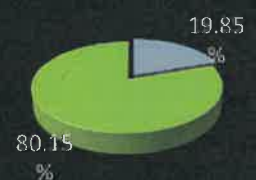


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Attachment 2 – The Local Government Amendment Act 2021**He Ara Hou: The Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori)
Amendment Act 2021****ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**
Te Kaitiaki o ngā roto o Rotorua**MAORI FREEHOLD
LAND IN OUR DISTRICT**

Māori freehold land makes
up 51,989 hectares of the
District's 261,900 total



Rotorua has 30,483
properties (Rating units)
Māori freehold land makes up
1652 of that total number of
rating units. 5.4% of the
district rating units are Māori
freehold land.

NON-RATEABLE LANDS

The following lands are non-rateable under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002:

- Māori Customary Land
- Urupa (Amended)
- Marae or meeting Place excluding commercial or residential activity (Amended)
- Māori reservation set aside for the common use and benefit of the people of NZ
- Māori land exempted from rates by an order-in-council
- Land that is subject to Ngā Whenua Rahui Kawenata (New)
- Unused rating unit of Maori freehold land (New)

NOTE: certain categories of non-rateable land may still attract targeted rates such as sewage disposal or refuse collection as per s.9 of the Act.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

Change	Before Amendment	After Amendment
Wholly unused land	Owners legally obliged to pay rates.	Historic rate arrears on Maori land identified as unused will automatically be removed and no further rates charged on wholly unused land blocks.
Arrears	Council could not write off rates considered to be unrecoverable.	Council can write off outstanding rates on any Māori freehold land considered unrecoverable, including debt inherited from deceased owners.
Individual homeowners	Low-income homeowners on a multi-home Māori land block could not access a rates rebate.	Upon request, Council can rate individual houses on Māori land as a separate rating unit. The individual homeowner is then responsible for rates on that rating unit and can access the Rates Rebate Scheme.
Development of Māori Freehold Land	There were inconsistent approaches across Local Authorities to remit or postpone rates on unused land.	Māori landowners can apply for a rates remission while their land is under development. If the application is successful it will provide some rates relief for Māori landowners while they bring their land into greater use.
Ngā Whenua Rāhui kawenata land	Local authorities could collect rates on land protected for conservation purposes under Ngā Whenua Rāhui.	All Ngā Whenua Rāhui land is non-rateable and rate arrears written off.
Multiple land blocks	Multiple land blocks from the same parent were rated individually.	Māori landowners can apply to have multiple landblocks from the same parent block treated as a single rating unit (this will reduce the number of uniform annual general charges applied).

Communications

Objectives: Communicate changes to landowners and ensure correct categorisation and therefore correct rating so landowners can gain any benefits

Approach:

TACTIC	TOOLS
Direct communication to known Māori Freehold land owners	Letters
Create source of information	Dedicated page on RLC website
Communicate across RLC channels	website, social media, weekly external e-panui, <i>Tatau Tatau</i> magazine
Use of Māori networks and channels and where appropriate, hui.	Te Tatau o Te Arawa, iwi protocol meetings, TALT, Māori Land Court, other Te Arawa entities
Re media: Target Māori and Māori-focussed media	Radio Te Arawa, Maori TV, new bilingual section in <i>Rotorua Weekender</i>
Use of reo Māori in our communications to relate to key audience and attract attention to the kaupapa.	Work with Te Amorangi team

Attachment 3 – Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk Consent Application

Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk Consent Application

**ROTORUA**
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Location of Boardwalk



Lake Ōkāreka Walkway

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This map shows the location of the Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk
relative to the surrounding area. The boardwalk is shown in blue.
The map is a photograph of the area, with the boardwalk
highlighted in blue. The map is oriented with North at the top.
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Background

The original boardwalk when installed went across dry farmland



Lake Okareka Boardwalk
Circa 2001

The Proposal

- To replace the existing boardwalk
- To widen the boardwalk from 1.4m to 2.2m
- To be aligned along the existing boardwalks placement but with a slight move at the outlet end
- To be raised by 150mm

Why the need for a resource consent?

Changing legislative environment

- National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020
- National Environmental Standards for Freshwater
- Rotorua District Plan – Lakes A Zone
- Tarawera River Catchment Plan

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Current condition of boardwalk

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Timeline

Oct 21 – Draft consent shared with stakeholders
Mid Dec 21 – Stakeholders feedback received
Feb 22 – Amended consent lodged
Apr 22 – Consent granted
Jun 22 – Contract prepared and awarded?
Jan 23 – Replacement of boardwalk started?
Apr 23 – New boardwalk open



Kaupapataka Agenda

PROTOCOL MEETING BETWEEN TŪHOURANGI AND ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL

*Huinga Tūhono kai waenga i a
Tūhourangi me te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua*

Date: Monday, 9 May 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 1

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson: Mayor Chadwick
RLC members: Cr Raukawa-Tait
Cr Maxwell

**Tūhourangi
Members** Kirikowhai Mikaere
Deliah Balle
Ngarepo Eparaima

TŪHOURANGI PROTOCOL

Type of Committee	Māori Protocol Committee
Tūhourangi Protocol	On 5 April 2005 the Rotorua District Council and Tūhourangi signed a protocol. The protocol seeks to form a basis of understanding on the principles and process of communication and collaboration for the benefit of the peoples of Tūhourangi and of the District of Rotorua in general.
Principles of the Protocol	• Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council acknowledge the autonomy of both organisations; their right to develop and promote strategies and policies that reflect the views of those they represent. Effective communications and the practise of meaningful consultation will ensure a growing commonality of purpose will occur between Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council. • The parties agree that it is in their joint interests, and that of those they represent, to work together to develop a shared view of the future of Lake Tarawera, its surroundings, and other areas of Tūhourangi interest. • With the intention of creating an atmosphere of “no surprises”, the signatories agree they will communicate openly and honestly to give effect to matters to the benefit of both parties in an atmosphere of mutual respect. • The parties to this protocol will determine their respective membership of a management committee to give effect to this protocol. • The signatories agree that principles of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga will underpin their relationship.
Reference	20-07-015
Membership	Tūhourangi Representatives: & Council representatives:
Meeting frequency	Bi-Annually
Application	• Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will seek opportunities to share perspectives and jointly develop process to further a consistent vision for Lake Tarawera, its surroundings and other areas of Tūhourangi interest. • Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will meet regularly to foster an early and informed understanding of issues and assist a co-ordinated strategic response. • Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will identify and regularly update appropriate channels of communications between hapu and Council. • Tūhourangi and Rotorua District Council will develop policy and make ongoing management decisions within their respective areas of responsibility with an understanding of this protocol vision, priorities and expectations of both organisations

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1 Opening karakia - Karakia whakapuaki

2 Apologies - Ngā whakapaaha

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting.

3 Confirmation of Minutes – Te whakaū i ngā meneti -

3.1 Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes (draft) 1 November 2021

20-07-015
RDC-1196493

Draft Minutes
Tūhourangi Protocol Committee Meeting
held Monday, 1 November 2021 at 1.00 pm
Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council

CHAIRPERSON:	Mayor Steve Chadwick
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ngarepo Eparaima, Kirikowhai Mikaere, Watu Mihinui, Cr Maxwell
MEMBERS PRESENT (AUDIO VISUAL):	Cr Raukawa-Tait
APOLOGIES:	Deliah Balle, Rangitihi Pene, Manutai Schuster
STAFF PRESENT	Geoff Williams, Gina Rangi, Aneta Morgan, Rob Pitkethley, Clark Pirika, Ben Manley, Robert Atkinson, Simon Alefosio-Tuck, Gomathi Konara

The meeting opened at 1.06 pm.
The Chair welcomed board members & staff.

1. KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Pirika opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Acknowledgements

1. Mr Pirika and Mayor Chadwick acknowledged the passing of Mr Wiremu Mikaere, father of Kirikowhai Mikaere.
2. Mayor Chadwick applauded the Te Hura I nga Pou Whenua a Tūhourangi (unveiling of Tūhourangi artworks) at Te Pūtake o Tawa on 30th October 2021.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA - APOLOGIES

Noted the apologies from Deliah Balle, Rangitihi Pene and Manutai Schuster.

3. TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI – CONFIRMATION OF MINTUES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Tūhourangi Protocol meeting held on 3 March 2021 be confirmed as true and accurate record.

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Moved : Ms Mikaere
Seconded : Ms Mihinui
CARRIED

4. NGĀ TAKE KUA PUEA AKE I NGĀ MENETI – ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Actions from Tūhourangi Meeting held 3 March 2021

The following items to be addressed within agenda:

- **Review and Update Protocol Agreement**

This item is included in the action plan under item 5.1.1.

- **Tarawera Sewage Scheme**

This item is included in the action plan under item 5.1.3.

- **Tarawera Landing café ownership**

This item is included in the action plan under item 5.1.6.

5. REPORTS – PŪRONGO

5.1. Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Proposed Action Plan 2021- 2023 RDC-1194747

Gina Rangi and Rob Pitkethley overviewed the “Tuhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Proposed Action Plan – 2021-2023” and spoke to a Power Point presentation attached as ‘Attachment 1’.

5.1.1 Review and update the Tūhourangi Protocol

- Tūhourangi have had an initial meeting with Gina Rangi to discuss this matter and also have had internal meetings with iwi in regards to having a relationship of reciprocity with the council.
- Tūhourangi is interested in working with council around how it can help with the rebranding of Rotorua.

5.1.2 Develop a shared view of the future of Lake Tarawera, its surroundings, and other areas of Tūhourangi interest

- Still to merge RLC Vision documents with Tūhourangi Tribal Authority (TTA) strategic documents to create draft for consideration.

5.1.3 Protect the mauri of Lake Tarawera

- Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) completed. Council approved wastewater reticulation of Tarawera community.

- Council has approved funding through Long Term Plan to commence work this year and currently RLC is identifying a preferred contractor to design and construct the system. It is expected that construction will begin 2022 and be completed 2024.
- Crown funding is currently at risk, as Minister of the Environment proposes shifting Tarawera funding to the Rotoiti/Rotoma scheme (RLC opposes this).
- Discussions are underway to solve this issue.

5.1.4 Lake Ōkāreka upgrades of visitor facilities at Boyes Beach and Acacia Road

Rob Pitkethley spoke to a presentation attached as "Attachment 1".

Slide no. 3 of the attachment 1 is a photo of end of Acacia road taken from the new jetty.

- Construction of Acacia Rd ramp and parking completed.
- Boyes Beach ablution block completed.
- Work with Tūhourangi on cultural foundation/stories to share needs to be further developed.
- Still have some conflicts between swimmers and boats. Council will discuss with Te Arawa Lakes Trust to request another structure and will come back to Tūhourangi for feedback if it is viable.

5.1.5 Waitōharuru (Tarawera Landing) upgrades and enhancements

Slide nos. 4 to 7 of the attachment 1.

- Toilet refurbishment completed in Dec 2020.
- Resource consent for lake structures/earthworks lodged on 27 August 2021 and some Requests for Information (RFIs) being progressed for end October.
- Design & Build Tender being prepared for release late October.
- Tūhourangi would like to remove jetty 1 and replace with another owned by iwi.
- Still need to progress Punaromia funding options with TTA.

5.1.6 Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options

- Council's Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee recommended initiation of land disposal & transfer process in February 2020.
- Land Status Report, assessment against land Disposal Policy and Site Plan surveying has been completed and Department of Conservation (DoC) has been notified.
- Mayor Chadwick and council staff met with DoC officers this morning (01.11.2021).
- DoC are assessing against Reserve Act requirements and are facing issues with regard to legislation around transferring reserves back to iwi.
- DoC is working on a similar matter in Turangi, where they want to transfer a camp ground back to iwi. They are trying to remove the vesting from DOC and transfer the vesting to iwi. This will not give the freehold title to iwi but will give the administration rights and the land will stay as a reserve.
- Council will work with DOC and comeback with options to Tūhourangi.

Action Point – TTA to express their requirements in writing to be submitted to the minister and attend a meeting with the minister along with the mayor and council staff.

5.1.7 Tokorangi and Whakarewarewa Forest developments

Slide nos. 8 to 10 of the attachment 1.

- Te Pūtake o Tawa completed July 2020 and opened October 2020. Commercial activity increasing during 2021.
- RLC Economic Development funding for infrastructure obtained and building consent for public shelter lodged.
- Forest Loop opened October 2020 with alternate routes around several areas still being worked through. Full loop completed late October 21. Cultural interpretation signage and App being developed now for roll out from late 2021
- Tūhourangi have requested funding support to develop a Tūhourangi vision for the forest to help inform their decision-making.

Tikitapu – Rotokākahi Lookout Toilet

Slide nos. 11 & 12 of the attachment 1.

- Proposed for a new fully contained, environmental friendly toilet at Tikitapu – Rotokākahi Lookout.
- Have opposition from Rotokākahi Board of Control.
- Funding from TIF would be used and resource consent is needed for this facility.

Action Point – TTA to attend a meeting with the Board of Control along with the council staff.

5.1.8 Papakainga and other housing

Gina Rangi updated members as below:-

- Council has been approached for support by several land owner trusts.
- They have to discuss among themselves before proceeding.
- There are ongoing discussions with number of land owners regarding consents.

Noted from the updates on joint action plan document-

- There is currently a marae development proposal being circulated by the trustees of the land opposite the Buried Village. The marae complex includes papakāinga housing. TTA has no jurisdiction over that area but it is Tūhourangi whenua.

Action Point – TTA would like to work with council on scoping a plan up for housing needs for Tūhourangi whenua.

5.1.9 Tarawera Trail and pest control initiatives

- Trail development still with DOC
- Tarawera Landcare brought into a citywide collective of pest control groups. Currently ongoing along Spencer Rd.

5.1.10 Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements

- As set out in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Kawenata, the Puarenga Reference Group (PRG) will be established by CNI, TALT and RLC. RLC is providing the admin support and initial funding for the PRG.
- CNI have appointed Alamoti Te Pou, Selwyn Insley and Rangitihi Pene. TALT have appointed Nuki Nicholson plus one other tbc. RLC have appointed Stavros Michael and Deputy Mayor Dave Donaldson.
- The PRG has met and received initial reports on the health of the Puarenga.
- Council has also applied for external funding to support stream environmental work to begin.
- TTA would like to get some support from council to keep engaging with their people under TTA's Taiao plan.

Action Point – Gina Rangi to include “Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements” under the Tūhourangi Taiao Plan in the joint action plan.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS- NGĀ TAKE ATU ANŌ

6.1 Update on Three Waters Reform – Gina Rangi

- The government has made the three waters reform proposal mandatory and the legislation will be introduced before next election.
- Te Arawa Lakes trust has being engaging with the crown on behalf of Te Arawa.
- Rotorua Lakes Council's area will be included under “Entity B”.
- All of the iwi in the areas under “Entity B” are to be engaged collectively in forming a five member panel.
- Management of drinking water, storm water and waste water will be handled by this new entity.
- Council's view is that the council should still act as a facilitator to communicate with local communities.
- Mayor Chadwick has being working with other mayors in the region under a working party.
- Each council has been asked to answer a questionnaire and sent to ministry as data.
- The minister has acknowledged that there are issues to work through.

6.2 Update on Rotorua Museum / Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa – Clark Pirika

- A major piece of work other than the infrastructure works happening at the museum is planning for the exhibitions.
- There is a road map that is being followed in engaging with iwi and hapu and this work is also guided by a vision statement. The engagement is basically to provide awareness about the planning.
- The vision statement is “Whakapapa” – connecting with the past, “Whakamana” – empowering the present and “Whakaoho” – inspiring the future.
- The next phase is to go back to iwi and hapu and listen to the korero regarding taonga, which would then be displayed with the exhibits.

6.3 Rates at Hinemihi - Ben Manley

- Ben has met with Rangithi Pene (Trustee) and Rob Mumford (Council's Financial Services Manager) and discussed various outstanding issues and options on rates arrears on the land block where the Marae is situated.

6.4 Amendments to Rating Act - Ben Manley

Ben Manley spoke to a presentation titled "He Ara Hou: The Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021" attached as "Attachment 2"

6.5 Update on Landfill – Gina Rangi

- The landfill was created in 1970's and it was a hole in the ground where people put their rubbish.
- In 2017, the council decided to close the landfill.
- There were storm water settlement ponds and bunds built to stop water from flooding.
- In between the decision and implementation the landfill saturated overwhelming the system in place because of some extreme weather events.
- As a result regional council prosecuted against the council.
- There were six charges of which, Court decided that four charges didn't have a case to be answered.
- One charge was withdrawn by the regional council.
- Rotorua Lakes Council pleaded guilty for the remaining charge.
- Council is waiting for the Court's decision.
- Extensive monitoring on the landfill is happening from upstream and downstream.

6.6 Draft Consent Application - Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk – Robbie Atkinson

Robbie Atkinson, Asset Advisor, Rotorua Lakes Council spoke to a presentation titled "Lake Ōkāreka Boardwalk Consent Application" attached as "Attachment 3".

7. Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing Karakia

Mr Ngarepo Eparaima closed the meeting with a Karakia.

Meeting Closed at 3.30pm

Note: Attachments to these minutes are available with the full set of minutes already posted.

4 Actions arising from previous minutes - Ngā take kua puea ake i ngā meneti

4.1 Actions from Tūhourangi Meeting held 1 November 2021

The following items to be addressed within agenda:

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

Item No in this agenda	Subject	For action by	updates
5.1.6	Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options	TTA	TTA to express their requirements in writing to be submitted to the minister and attend a meeting with the minister along with the mayor and council staff.
5.1.8	Papakainga and other housing	TTA & Gina Rangi	TTA would like to work with council on scoping a plan up for housing needs for Tūhourangi whenua.
5.1.10	Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements	Gina Rangi	Gina Rangi to include "Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements" under the Tūhourangi Taiao Plan in the joint action plan.
6.2	Tikitapu – Rotokākahi Lookout Toilet	Rob Pitkethley & TTA	TTA to attend a meeting with the Board of Control along with the council staff.

5 Reports – Pūrongo

5.1 Tūhourangi & Rotorua Lakes Council Proposed Action Plan 2021- 2023

Attachment 1 - RDC-1194747

RDC-1194747

**Tūhourangi and Rotorua Lakes Council
Action Plan –2021-2023**

Tūhourangi and the Rotorua Lakes Council entered into a Protocol Agreement in 2012 underpinned by the principles of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga. The Protocol records the commitment to work together to develop a shared view and vision of the future of Lake Tarawera and its surroundings, and other areas of Tūhourangi interest.

For Tūhourangi, re-establishing their Mana Whenua and return of the land will reconnect their people to their special places and provide the base for rebuilding the economic, cultural and environmental foundations for their people through the exercise of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga.

For the Rotorua Lakes Council, its focus is on advancing those things that make Rotorua special – the district's active environment, the strong Te Arawa culture and manaakitanga, the fantastic lifestyle we enjoy and the diverse economic opportunities that exist here.

This Action Plan is designed to take meaningful steps to advancing shared aspirations of Tūhourangi and the Rotorua Lakes Council, as well as to support other aspirations of Tūhourangi where possible. It is designed to ensure that priority projects and objectives are identified together and progress against them monitored on a regular basis.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.1 Review and update the Tūhourangi Protocol	To build on and strengthen the existing Protocol.	March 2022	Initial meetings held
5.1.2 Develop a shared view of the future of Lake Tarawera, its surroundings, and other areas of Tūhourangi interest	To have a collaborative and consistent approach to planning and operational activities to improve the resident and visitor experience.	TBC with Tūhourangi	Still to merge RLC Vision documents with TTA strategic documents to create draft for consideration.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.3 Protect the mauri of Lake Tarawera	To improve the water quality and mauri of the waters of Lake Tarawera, allow for Tūhourangi to return home and recognise their cultural history.	June 2024	<i>CIA completed. Council approved wastewater reticulation of Tarawera community.</i> <i>Currently RLC is identifying a preferred contractor to design and construct the system. It is expected that construction will begin 2022 and be completed 2024.</i> <i>Crown funding is currently at risk, as Minister of the Environment proposes shifting Tarawera funding to the Rotoiti/Rotoma scheme (RLC opposes this).</i>
5.1.4 Lake Okareka upgrades of visitor facilities at Boyes Beach and Acacia Road	To provide quality public facilities that reflect the high natural value of the area and recognise the cultural importance of the area to Tuhourangi	Ōkareka Boat Ramp and Boyes Beach construction work completed. Cultural overlay needed for both sites. Consent requirement and some funding in 21-24 LTP. Need to complete by mid-2022. Loop Rd Land changes proposed	Construction of Acacia Rd ramp and parking complete. Boyes Beach ablution block complete. Work with Tuhourangi on cultural foundation/stories to share needs to be further developed.
5.1.5 Waitōharuru (Tarawera Landing) upgrades and enhancements	To recognise the cultural importance of the area to Tūhourangi and their manaakitanga with NZ tourism. To provide quality public facilities that reflect the high natural value of the area and an important access point to the lake.	Lake Structures & Car park/ pedestrian area April 2022. Lake edge board walk work and structures being built April-May 2022.	Toilet refurbishment completed Dec 2020. Resource consent for lake structures/earthworks lodged 27 August 2021 and some RFI's being progressed for end October. Construction underway with some delays due to Covid. Still need to progress Punaromia funding options with TTA

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.6 Tarawera Landing café ownership and management options	To return the control of the Tarawera Café to Tūhourangi.	Current lease expires 31/12/2023 Council have approved transfer. Process for subdivision and Reserve Act requirements initiated Aug 2020. DOC discussions on best options for transfer by end May 2022.	SP&F Committee approved initiation of land disposal & transfer process Feb 2020. Land Status Report, assessment against land Disposal Policy and Site Plan surveying has been completed. Options paper completed for discussion with DoC and TTA
5.1.7 Tokorangi and Whakarewarewa Forest developments	To create public infrastructure that supports recreational access and associated commercial opportunities, manakitanga and kaitiakitanga for landowners. Ensure that Tūhourangi cultural identity and values are expressed throughout the tourism and recreation experience Ensure that development in the Forest aligns with long term aspirations of CNI, Tūhourangi and Ngāti Whakaue	Forest Loop Cycle Trail by December 2019. Te Pūtaka o Tawa Car park opened by February 2020 Concessions awarded at Te Pūtaka o Tawa by end of 2020 Cultural foundation (including branding, signage, art works and way-finding) established at Te Pūtaka o Tawa by end of 2021	Te Pūtaka o Tawa completed July 2020 and opened October 2020. Commercial activity increasing during 2021. RLC Economic Development funding for infrastructure obtained and building consent for public shelter lodged. Forest Loop opened October 2020 and full loop completed February 2022. Cultural interpretation signage and App being developed now for roll out from early 2022. Great Ride status announced 6 May 2022 Te Hura I nga Pou Whenua a Tūhourangi completed 30 October 2021. Tūhourangi have requested funding support to develop a Tūhourangi vision for the Forest to help inform their decision-making

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.8 Papakainga and other housing	To allow Tūhourangi to develop Papakainga housing opportunities on their lands within their rohe (To be developed)	To be developed	<i>There is currently a marae development proposal being circulated by the trustees of the land opposite the Buried Village. The marae complex includes papakāinga housing. TTA has no jurisdiction over that area but it is Tūhourangi whenua.</i>
5.1.9 Tarawera Trail and pest control initiatives	<i>Tarawera Trail (To be developed)</i> To support a community led pest control programme for the Tarawera catchment that reduces animal pest impacts on native flora and fauna.	<i>To be developed</i> Tarawera Landcare for Spencer Rd completed November 20 and work is ongoing.	<i>Trail development still with DOC</i> Tarawera Landcare brought into a citywide collective of pest control groups. Currently ongoing along Spencer Rd.

Project	Objectives	Timeframes	Progress
5.1.10 Puarenga Stream Environmental Improvements	To ensure that RLC designs a wastewater discharge method that does not harm the Puarenga For RLC, CNI, TALT, Whakaue and Tūhourangi to work with BOPRC and key catchment stakeholders to: • Identify the current health status of the Puarenga. • Understand the key drivers of pollution in the Puarenga. • To develop a strategy to improve the health of the Puarenga • To seek funding for projects that the PRG consider will support the health of the Puarenga.		<i>As set out in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Kawenata, the Puarenga Reference Group (PRG) will be established by CNI, TALT and RLC. RLC is providing the admin support and initial funding for the PRG.</i> <i>CNI have appointed Alamoti Te Pou, Selwyn Insley and Rangitihi Pene. TALT have appointed Nuki Nicholson plus one other tbc. RLC have appointed Stavros Michael and Deputy Mayor Dave Donaldson.</i> <i>The PRG has met and received initial reports on the health of the Puarenga.</i> <i>Council has also applied for external funding to support stream environmental work to begin</i>

6 General business – Ngā take atu anō

6.1 Update on Three Waters Reform – Gina Rangi

6.2 Update on Tikitapu / Rotokākahi toilet – Rob Pitkethley