

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT

between

The Rotohokahoka D North 4D Trust (Ngati Waoku)

and

The Rotorua District Council (RDC)

1. VISION

Ko te kakahiwhakairoiro o Ngati Whakaue – to be the source of radiating circles of leadership of Ngati Whakaue.

2. CONTEXT

Pitopito korero o Rotohokahoka

- 2.1 Ngati Waoku is a major hapu of Te Ure o Uenuku Kopako, better known today as Ngati Whakaue.
- 2.2 The name Waoku means “Deep Forest” and was given to our famous ancestress who was equally descended from Uenukukopako (Ngati Whakaue) and Raukawa (Ngati Maihi and Ngati Wehiwehi). Her chiefly influence stretched from Kawaha point (her principal pa on the shores of Lake Rotorua) over Mount Ngongotaha and into the Mamaku up to Te Hautaiki boundary on the Putaruru side of the plateau.
- 2.3 The high point of Waoku’s Mamaku domain is our revered spring-fed, deep water lagoon named Rotohokahoka. The original Rotohokahoka block, petitioned out in 1884 takes its name from this lagoon. It is the headwaters for the Waihou River, which exits into the Firth of Thames. Rotohokahoka is not only deep, but very narrow, stretching through dense Mamaku bush for over 500 meters. It was prized by our Ngati Waoku elders for its tuna (eels), which we used to seasonally harvest and supply to Ngati Whakaue (there are no tuna in Lake Rotorua). Rotohokahoka lagoon can be still be accessed via the Mokaihaha Reserve at its South Road entrance.
- 2.4 Rotohokahoka lagoon is actually situated in the original block partition named Rotohokahoka A, which runs over and down the Mamaku, butting onto Rotohokahoka D near Paradise springs. Rotohokahoka D (North and South blocks) continued side by side, over the summit of Ngongotaha and down to State Highway 5, including

cultivations like Te Punaatuhoe, Te Punaakorako & Taikeatangatakore. From there the land became known as the Kawaha Block and it continued to the shores of Lake Rotorua taking in Ngati Waoku's principal pa, Kawaha and wider gardens like Whatatiripataihi.

- 2.5 When the original Rotohokahoka A & D and Kawaha blocks were partitioned in 1884 Ngati Waoku was identified as the rightful trustees. As these blocks became divided into even smaller sections our elders provided the Court with appropriate ownership lists, taking care to be both inclusive as well as group whanau according to whakapapa. Thus on 17 October 1911 Rotohokahoka D North 4 was partitioned out of Rotohokahoka D North and 23 Waoku descendants were awarded 55 shares (representing 50 acres/20 ha) as per above recommendation by our elders, reflecting our direct relationship to the land of our famous ancestress.
- 2.6 The marae associated with Ngati Waoku are Te Papa-i-Ouru (Ohinemutu), Te Koutu, Parawai and Te Awawherowhero (Waiteti).
- 2.7 See www.rotohokahoka.maori.nz for up to date information on Rotohokahoka D Nth 4D trust and its Ngati Waoku beneficial owners.

3. AGREEMENT

- 3.1 This is an agreement between the Rotohokahoka D North 4D Trust ("Trust"), represented by its Trustees and the Rotorua District Council ("RDC"), represented by its elected Councillors.
- 3.2 It establishes a governance-to-governance relationship in alignment with the Treaty of Waitangi ("Te Tiriti") that fosters mutual understanding, shared responsibilities and a commitment by both parties to work together to ensure the protection and sustainable development (kaitiakitanga) of Ngati Waoku's (rangatiratanga) ancestral land known as Rotohokahoka D North 4D (mana o te whenua).
- 3.3 The beneficiaries of this agreement are:
 - a) The owners (Ngati Waoku – Rotohokahoka D North 4D Trust)
 - b) The descendants communities of the 6 hapu of the Mamaku WAI 316 Claim, namely Ngati Waoku, Ngati Rautao, Ngati Pukaki, Ngati Te Hika, Ngati Te Ririu & Ngati Karenga.
 - c) The descendant tribes of Te Arawa, namely Te Ure o Uenukukopako/Ngati Whakaue, Ngati Pikiao, Tuhourangi, Ngati Rangitihi, Ngati Rangiwehewehi, Ngati Rangiteaorere, Ngati Tapuika, Waitaha-a-Hei, Ngati Makino, Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu

d) The people of the Rotorua District

3.4 This agreement formalizes a direct and exclusive relationship between the Trust and RDC by which both parties agree to work together transparently and collaboratively.

2.5 Both parties will meet at least twice a year, while maintaining a direct line of communication to resolve any issues that might arise in between and meet if required.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The parties acknowledge:

4.1 Each other's autonomy (rangatiratanga) and their rights (mana) to develop, promote and implement plans, policies, goals and objectives that reflect the views of those that they represent.

4.2 They will act in good faith toward each other in an inclusive and timely manner

4.3 The customary and historical relationships of Ngati Waoku owners with Rotohokahoka D North 4D and the wider Mamaku as identified in the mana o te whenua map attached as Appendix 1.

4.4 All articles and associated principles of Te Tiriti.

4.5 This agreement will be reviewed from time to time and if or when required will be amended by mutual consent.

5. APPLICATION

5.1 The parties will share data and information held by each other to assist with planning and development and to contribute towards their respective vision and long-term aspirations.

5.2 RDC will work with the Trust to assist in its understanding of RDC, BOP Regional Council and central government legislation, policies, plans and rules, and develop an understanding of Ngati Waoku's vision of the future in maintaining their identity on their Rotohokahoka ancestral lands.

5.3 From time to time the parties will meet to consider matters of specific interest including, but not limited to:

a) Zone changes in the proposed District Plan

- b) Planning and infrastructure issues, including but not limited to sewage, drains, water, roading, easements, public works, and utilities.
- c) Rating systems.
- d) Sustainable development of ancestral lands of Ngati Waoku, including but not limited to education, housing, commerce, agriculture, energy, water, springs, recreation, forestry, conservation, reserves.
- e) RDC will invite the Trust to provide input into the preparation of the Draft Annual Plan and Draft Ten Year Plan.

Signed, this 28th day of March, 2014 by:

FOR THE ROTOHOKAHOKA D NORTH 4D TRUST:



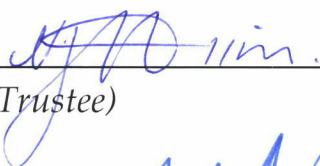
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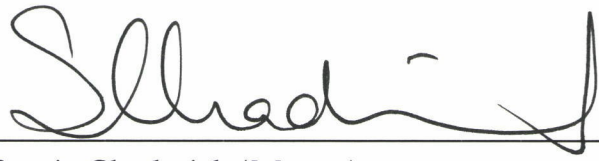


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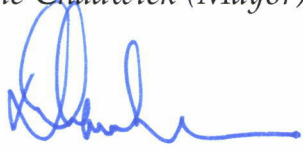


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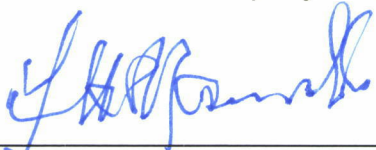
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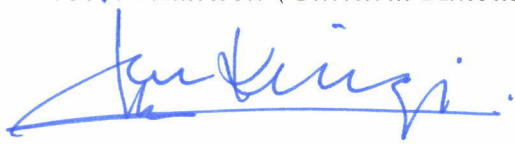
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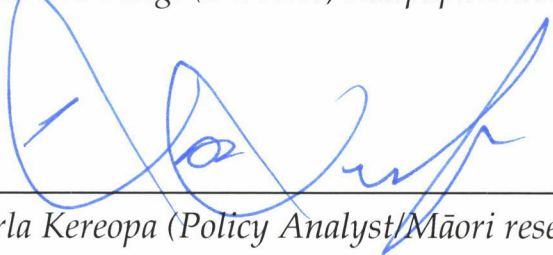
Dave Donaldson (Deputy Mayor)



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Mauriora Kingi (Director, Kaupapa Maori)



Karla Kereopa (Policy Analyst/Māori research officer, Kaupapa Maori)

Appendix I: Mana o te whenua map of Ngati Waoku.