



Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/26182

7 September 2022

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford** on **Tuesday 13 September 2022 beginning at 3.30pm**.

At this stage the meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, however should it be required due to the Covid Protection Framework, the meeting may be moved to an alternative venue or held virtually.

Timetable for 13 September 2022 as follows:

2.30pm	Afternoon Tea for Councillors
2.45pm	Workshop for Councillors - Waste and Water Education Strategy update
3.00pm	Public Forum - Stratford Park – Project Update
3.30pm	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Yours faithfully

Sven Hanne
Chief Executive

2022 - Agenda - Ordinary - September - Open

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AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council



F19/13/05 – D22/33916

Date: Tuesday 13 September 2022 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

The meeting location may change, or will be held via Audio Visual Link, if required due to current Covid Protection Framework or Government Guidelines.

1. Welcome

1.1 Opening Karakia
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1.2 Health and Safety Message
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2. Apologies

3. Announcements

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

5. Attendance Schedule

Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 August 2022
D22/30023 Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.2 Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 23 August 2022
D22/32186 Page 14

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.3 Policy & Services Committee – 23 August 2022
D22/32840 (Open) D22/32305 (PE) Page 17

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 August 2022 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 August 2022 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

7. District Mayor's Report
D22/33902 Page 25

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT Council endorses the appointments of Mr Bruce Ellis, Mrs Helen Cloke and Mrs Deborah Clough as trustees of the Percy Thomson Trust for a three (3) year term expiring at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

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Moved/Seconded

8. Public Forum Response

Speaker: Philip Macey, Stratford Park Project Update
Response:

9. Questions

10. Closing Karakia
D21/40748 Page 33



TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/40748

Karakia

Kia uruuru mai
Ā hauora
Ā haukaha
Ā haumāia
Ki runga, Ki raro
Ki roto, Ki waho
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)
The reviving essence
The strengthening essence
The essence of courage
Above, Below
Within, Around
Let there be peace.



Our reference
F19/13/03-D22/17082

Health and Safety Message

In the event of an emergency, unless guided to an alternative route by staff, please exit through the main entrance. Once outside the building please move towards the War Memorial Centre congregating on the lawn area outside the front of the council building.

If there is an earthquake, please drop, cover and hold where possible. Remain indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit or remain where you are until further instruction is given.

Under the current Pandemic setting visitor access beyond the customer service centre is restricted. Mask wearing is mandatory in all public areas as well as any areas where social distancing cannot be consistently achieved, such as corridors, staff rooms and bathrooms.

We recommend mask wearing for the duration of meetings unless social distancing of a minimum of 1 metre can be consistently achieved.

5. Attendance schedule for 2022 Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

Date	08/02/22	08/03/22	12/04/22	10/05/22	14/06/22	28/06/22	12/07/22	09/08/22	23/08/22	13/09/22	4/10/22
Meeting	O	O	O	O	O	E	O	O	E	O	E
Neil Volzke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Grant Boyde	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Rick Coplestone	✓	AV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AV	✓		
Peter Dalziel	✓	AV	✓	AV	✓	AV	✓	✓	✓		
Jono Erwood	✓	AV	✓	✓	AV	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Amanda Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Alan Jamieson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Vaughan Jones	✓	AV	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓		
Min McKay	AV	AV	AV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
John Sandford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Gloria Webby	✓	AV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Key	
O	Ordinary Meeting
E	Extraordinary Meeting
EM	Emergency Meeting
✓	Attended
A	Apology/Leave of Absence
AB	Absent
S	Sick
(AV)	Meeting held, or attended by, by Audio Visual Link

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council



F19/13/05 – D22/30023

Date: Tuesday 9 August 2022 at 3.30 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson, Councillors G W Boyde, P S Dalziel, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, V R Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

Via audio visual link: Councillor R W Coplestone

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Mrs G Gibson, the Roading Assets Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Project Engineer/Manager – Mr S Taylor, the Parks and Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain and two members of the media (Stratford Press and Taranaki Daily News)

Via audio visual link: the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu,

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 6

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 7

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted he will be adding one further recommendation to call an additional extraordinary meeting.

4. Declarations of Members' Interest

The District Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

The declaration of members' interest was circulated for updating.

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance Schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

6. Confirmation of minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 12 July 2022
D22/24835 Page 9

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 July 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

SANDFORD/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/77

6.2 Audit and Risk Committee – 19 July 2022
D22/26022 Page 14

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 be received.

DALZIEL/JONES
Carried
CL/22/78

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 be adopted.

VOLZKE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/22/79

6.3 Policy & Services Committee – 26 July 2022
D22/28320 (PE) D22/28691 (Open) Page 23

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 be received.

BOYDE/JAMIESON
Carried
CL/22/80

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 be adopted.

ERWOOD/WEBBY
Carried
CL/22/81

7. District Mayor's Report

D22/29207 Page 35

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/82

2. THAT in accordance with Standing Order 8.3, an Extraordinary Meeting of Council be scheduled for Tuesday 4 October 2022.

3. THAT in accordance with Standing Order 8.3, an Extraordinary Meeting of Council be scheduled for Tuesday 23 August 2022 to approve the application for the Transport Choices Package.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/22/83

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- It was noted that the Forestry Training Course run by Ngāti Maru had been sponsored by council to around \$30,000 through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs funding initiative. There were eight students who graduated from the last course – all of whom had offers of employment. There were a further four who would be graduating with the next course round.
- He apologised for the typo in item 10, noting he had attended the funeral for Colin Jones.
- It was noted a resolution for an extraordinary meeting had been included to hold a meeting on Tuesday 4 October for the current council to formally receive and approve the minutes from meetings held in September.
- A request for an additional extraordinary meeting was made to allow council formally approve the funding application to the Transport Choices Packages. This would be held on Tuesday 23 August 2022 following the Policy and Services Committee. This was to ensure the application could be submitted before the closing date.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Chief Executive noted that mention of the Stratford District Mayor had been made by the Prime Minister in her address at the recent LGNZ Conference, she had noted he has been very good at promoting the MTFJ Project and he noted this was a direct credit for the District Mayor who had put himself in front of the project in the Stratford District.
- Councillor Sandford noted the Citizen Awards had been a fantastic night and that the District Mayor had done a fantastic job of interviewing the recipients. He acknowledged the attendance of elected members to the event and congratulated the staff who had been responsible for the evening.

8. Decision Report – Carry Forward Capital Projects from 2021/22 to 2022/23
D22/28515 Page 41

Recommendations

1. THAT the report and attached schedule be received.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
CL/22/84

2. THAT the schedule of uncompleted projects, budgeted for in 2021/22, and the amounts proposed, be approved for addition to the capital expenditure budget for 2022/23 in the reforecasted capital budget.

BOYDE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/22/85

Recommended Reason

To provide the platform for capital projects to be completed that were budgeted for in a previous financial year.

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following points:

- This report seeks approval from council to carry-forward the unspent capital works budget into the current financial year.
- It was noted 86% of the capital budget for the previous financial year had been spent, which was \$24.5 million and was the highest capital spend this council has seen. This was despite all the disruptions throughout the 2021/22 year such as Covid-19, resourcing and material shortages. There is just under \$3 million of capital budget to be carried over.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Deputy Mayor noted the Economic Development – Council Subdivision budget to be carried over. He noted he was struggling with the statement that there had not been a desire to discontinue from Elected Members as he felt it had not been discussed with them. He felt with the number of sections available and private developments occurring that council should not be continuing with this project. The Director – Corporate Services noted that the list of capital projects is presented to the Policy and Services Committee each month and includes the current status and comments. It has been noted in this report since January that the land acquisition is still under negotiation. This provided the committee the opportunity to discuss this project each month.
- Councillor Coplestone noted he agreed with the Deputy Mayor's comments and felt this subdivision was better to be left to private developers. He noted there are houses being built, houses waiting to be built and that the housing market was starting to slow down.
- The District Mayor noted that this was a Long Term Plan project that went out for public consultation and was agreed to by council, he felt by removing this project council would be doing so against what is in the Long Term Plan. The funding has been allocated for the purpose of land acquisition and the negotiation for this was ongoing. He did not feel there was a risk proceeding with the purchase of the land but could be with the development of sections if the market was not appropriate.
- Councillor Boyde congratulated staff on achieving 86% of capital budget spend, especially being the biggest capital works budget in council's history, this is an outstanding achievement. He supported carrying over the budgets but noted his concern with the current climate, legislative changes and workload for staff and questioned if all these projects could be achieved? The Chief Executive noted that all departments were currently under an unprecedented volume of work due to a number of reasons. Management were utilising a number of approaches and tools to address this as best they can. Staff are not undertaking work that is not crucial, the second trunk main is being largely managed by external consultants, and prioritisation is being done for projects particularly with funding deadlines.
- Councillor Dalziel noted his support to carry over the capital budget but felt a discussion would be required at a later stage to discuss the current market and climate before proceeding with a subdivision. He noted his concern there were a lot of small subdivisions occurring that were not enhancing Stratford and those that were not connecting to the waste water service.

- The District Mayor noted that the economic development budget was purely for land acquisition which would need to be approved by the Executive Committee or Council before being finalised. This would provide an opportunity to discontinue this project at that stage.
- Councillor Coplestone noted no change to the resolution but requested the Economic Development budget be recorded as for the purpose of land acquisition only.

9. **Decision Report – Better Off Funding Projects**

D22/27902 Page 51

Recommendations	
1. <u>THAT</u> the report be received.	VOLZKE/SANDFORD <u>Carried</u> <u>CL/22/86</u>
2. <u>THAT</u> the Council approve for submission to the Central Government Better Off Fund, an application for \$2.57M covering three projects including the <i>Brecon Road Extension; the Town Centre Development - Prospero Place and Broadway Beautification - Skate Park Redevelopment, the Victoria Park Drainage Project and Enabling Infrastructure – Wastewater Project</i>	ERWOOD/JONES <u>Carried</u> <u>CL/22/87</u>
Recommended Reason The opportunity to have projects externally funded will reduce the rating impact for ratepayers.	

The Director – Assets noted that this report sought council approval to submit the projects listed for the Better Off Fund application. This has been amended to include those projects requested by the Policy and Services Committee and also to include the Victoria Park Drainage project.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Erwood noted his support for the resolution. He was pleased to see the Victoria Park drainage included in the application as this park provided a location for several codes and therefore was well used.
- Councillor Jones noted he supported the resolution, however noted his initial resistance had been regarding the infrastructure project but felt it was now clear that the infrastructure built was council's. He noted he was still concerned that with no clear plans from the Stratford Park the infrastructure could be over engineered.
- Mrs Araba clarified that the application for enabling infrastructure – wastewater, should read \$150,000 in Appendix 2.

10. **Questions**

There were no questions.

11. **Closing Karakia**

D21/40748 Page 58

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.07pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 13th day of September 2022.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES

Extraordinary



F19/13/05 – D22/32186

Date: Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 4.27 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson, Councillors G W Boyde, R W Coplestone, P S Dalziel, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, V R Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Mrs G Gibson, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Projects Engineer/Manager – Mr S Taylor, two members of the public, and two members of the media (Stratford Press and Taranaki Daily News)

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 6

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 7

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland and , the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be noted.

ERWOOD/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/88

3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted that the Decision Report – Transport Choices Package Project incorrectly referred to the Policy and Services Committee. The second recommendation would be amended to read:

THAT Council ~~the committee~~ approves for submission to the Central Government Transport Choices Package an application for \$7.8M covering six projects.

4. Declarations of Members' Interest

The District Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance Schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

6. Decision Report – Transport Choices Package Projects

D22/29960

Page 7

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/22/89

2. THAT Council approves for submission to the Central Government Transport Choices Package an application for \$7.8M covering six projects.

3. THAT the application seeks a funding assistance rate of 80% from central government.

BOYDE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/22/90

Recommended Reason

The opportunity to have projects externally funded will reduce the rating impact for ratepayers.

The Director – Assets noted the following points:

- On 3 August 2022 an email was received by staff from Central Government advising that this fund was open for funding applications with a close date of 2 September. An extraordinary meeting was called to ensure the correct process was followed and Council had the opportunity to approve the application.
- Projects for this funding application were discussed with Council during a workshop as although council was aware of the projects they had not been discussed in this level of detail before. The projects were then refined down to six in total and revolve largely around safety improvements and projects within the walking and cycling strategy.
- Council will need to decide how much funding assistance we will be seeking from Central Government. Currently the FAR rate is 61% but officers felt that an 80% assistance rate was an appropriate rate.
- There are only two options –either approve the projects and application or not, due to time constraints.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor noted part of the criteria for this application a supporting statement from the Chief Executive that Council would be able to achieve these projects within the timeframes and building requirements in terms of resources. The Chief Executive clarified he would be comfortable making that statement, but acknowledged the notable strain that has been felt by staff over the past couple of years, however the team would not want to miss an opportunity that would be of benefit to our community.
- It was clarified that if Council approved the funding assistance of 80% that this result in a reasonably small impact on council finances and rates as any difference would be debt funded.
- The Deputy Mayor noted his support for the safety improvements and the potential for these to be 80% funded. However he questioned the design of the projects suggested, particularly the street design in front of St Joseph's Primary School as he felt narrowing the street, adding trees and removing parking needed some debate. The Roading Assets Manager clarified that this picture was an example and the designs were not set in stone. If funding was received then a discussion would need to be had regarding the engagement of traffic engineers and landscape architects and designs could be discussed with council at this time.
- Councillor Boyde noted that this funding stream was the emission reduction fund and therefore felt funding would be allocated to the larger urban areas. Mr Hanne noted that officers had asked if there

was a fair and reasonable chance that Council may be successful, he also advised to be aware that all projects may not be successful, but one or two may be selected.

- Mr Bowden noted that if the funding is successful then some of the projects would only require fine tuning before being implemented, such as fine tuning the design of a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing similar to the one recently built in Inglewood.
- Councillor Jones noted he had no problems with any of these projects but felt the funds from Central Government could go towards fixing the damage to the main highways and through the middle of town. The District Mayor noted the upcoming visit from the Associate Minister of Transport in a few weeks, he encouraged Councillor Jones to ask that question during this visit.
- It was clarified that the application will be made for the total costs of \$7.8 million.

7. Questions

There were no questions.

8. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 15

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.42pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 13th day of September 2022.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES

Policy and Services Committee



F19/03/05 – D22/32840

Date: Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 3PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors G W Boyde, R W Coplestone, P S Dalziel, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, V R Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the Communications Advisor – Mrs S Clarkson (*part meeting*), the Communications Manager – Mr C Julie (*part meeting*), the Community Development Officer – Mrs A Kingston (*part meeting*), the Community Development Officer – Mrs V Fischer (*part meeting*), the Parks and Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain (*part meeting*), the Asset Management Coordinator – Mrs L Campbell (*part meeting*), the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Property Officer – Mrs S Flight (*part meeting*), the Projects Engineer/Manager – Mr S Taylor, Mr K Wright, Mrs J Patterson and Mr L Millard (Venture Taranaki), two members of the public and one member of the media (Taranaki Daily News).

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media.

The Deputy Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

An apology was noted from the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland

Recommendation

THAT the apology be noted.

JONES/DALZIEL
Carried
P&S/22/118

3. Announcements

The District Mayor acknowledged the three Urban Councillors who had been re-elected unopposed being Councillor Sandford, Erwood and McKay. Ellen Hall and Mathew Watt had also been elected unopposed for the urban ward and were in attendance in the public gallery.

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged that the District Mayor had also been re-elected unopposed. He introduced Carissa Reynolds as the new HR & Governance Administrator.

4. Declarations of members interest

Elected members were asked to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings, including Hearings, was attached.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Policy & Services Committee – 26 July 2022
D22/28691 (Open) & D22/28320 (PE) Page 11

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting, including the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/22/119

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook to make the following amendments:

- Page 15 – Around to amount second bullet under questions.
- Page 19 - outlook to outlet – fifth bullet under Questions.

7. Matters Outstanding

D16/47 Page 23

Recommendation

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

ERWOOD/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/22/120

8. Information Report – Economic Development Quarterly Report – Quarter Four

D22/24141 Page 24

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
P&S/22/121

Kelvin Wright, Jennifer Patterson and Luke Millard of Venture Taranaki were in attendance to answer any questions arising from the quarterly report.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the bold numbers in the table on page 40 referred to the numbers accounted to Stratford. It was noted that the support engagements were undertaken face to face, by phone, email correspondence or virtual meetings.

- Councillor McKay questioned if there was any intention to break the referral and engagement targets within the Districts to provide accountabilities for each District? Mr Wright noted that Venture Taranaki was currently working with New Plymouth District Council on establishing a new daily measurement framework which will enable reporting directly for each District, particularly in respect to the funding allocated from council for services to be delivered by Venture Taranaki. There will be some demographics and geographic and equity analysis that will provide a good clear and concise view of where the funding is going.
- Mr Wright noted that while working with the shareholders there has been a recognition of the challenges for smaller councils in funding economic development and it has been requested that Venture Taranaki ensure Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council get more than their fair share of work undertaken for the funding they provide. It is expected that a workshop will be scheduled with council before March 2023 to present a proposal for where the best spend for council's money is in and around the district and ensure that this is within the next Venture Taranaki budget.
- It was clarified that the Regional Business Partners Funding always trends downwards towards the end of the financial year. This is a result of funding limitations and not a result of a downturn in requirements.
- Mr Wright noted that there was a strategy in place funded through Covid-19 Recovery for a tranche of affordable rentals. Quite a bit of funding could be allocated to Stratford due to affordability within the district. An application will be submitted in September to the Toi Foundation to support the running of the entity to get around 500 properties to operate. A second application will also go to the Toi Foundation to fund an independent planning team to look at where there isn't really residential land available where private work to create sections out of rural land could be achieved. Those subdivisions would be shared between the regional housing initiatives, Kāinga Ora and to the open market to subsidise the housing initiatives. There is not a lot of support from the government at the moment for the regional housing space and this model is really reliant on attracting private entities to build those houses and hold them as 'super landlords' rather than council having to be the developers. The Toi Foundation is really supportive of the model and wants to explore external housing developments. House builds around the region will be led by demand and will be a mix of high density, flats, two bedroom and three bedroom whānau homes. A feasibility study is being done in New Plymouth, South Taranaki and Stratford districts with the one being undertaken in Stratford being completed by Location Homes who have some sections and are currently doing some developments. Subject to the Toi Foundation funding it is hoped that the formal team will be established after Christmas.
- Mr Wright noted that he did not see much directional change being introduced at Venture Taranaki under his leadership, he acknowledged Venture Taranaki was respected nationally and with four new trustees on the board he noted they were currently going through the process of looking at opportunities to do things slightly differently, more fine tuning than change. The Section 17A review which was completed with the shareholders resulted in a set of recommendations so these were currently being put together. It was important to recognise changes in direction due to post covid talent shortages, immigration issues, productivity losses with increased absences and looking where staff could best look after that.
- It was clarified that the Regional Intelligence Survey was sent out to approximately 1,700 businesses across the region with a response rate of about 200. The report contained a brief breakdown of key findings from this survey but also included the link to the full report which had a strict breakdown of Taranaki wide industry sectors and a more in-depth question analysis. The next survey in December will provide comparative data which can be sliced by business type, size etc., and will allow viewers to see how things are changing. Of the 200 returned surveys about 8% were Stratford Businesses. There was a really good mix of respondents across rural farming businesses, professional services, retail and hospitality etc.

Mr Wright, Mrs Patterson and Mr Millard and the Community Development Officers left the meeting at 3.24pm.

9. Monthly Reports

9.1 Assets Report D22/28774 Page 52

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/WEBBY
Carried
P&S/22/122

The Director – Assets noted that the tables throughout the report incorrectly stated 2021/22 in the table headings for year to date results. This would be fixed before the next monthly report.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Roading Asset Manager clarified that the Speed Management Plan to be submitted to the Regional Transport Committee was a result of the national Setting the Speed Limit Rule. He noted New Plymouth, South Taranaki and Stratford would individually complete the speed management plan and then take this to the Regional Transport Committee to ratify the regional speed management plan and ensure there are consistencies across the regional boundaries, he noted the example of Opunake Road that Stratford had recently reduced the speed for to 80km but has remained at 100km in South Taranaki. This had been included in the monthly report to signal that this is the next step following the speed reviews around schools. Roads have been assessed on the geometry of the road, width, existing speed profile and collective and personal risks. These risk scores have been factored into the megamaps tool. He confirmed that this would be brought to council for further discussion and then to be endorsed before being submitted to the Regional Transport Committee.
- The District Mayor questioned the credibility of the process as he noted the three plans would be submitted to the Regional Transport Committee who will make another decision on consistencies and speeds within the plan and then forward to Waka Kotahi who will have the final decision and could force further changes on the districts.
- It was noted that the risk scores for roads also took into account the formal function of the roads, traffic volumes, and crash data. Councillor Boyde noted the risk score for state highways at the moment would be through the roof.
- Councillor Jones acknowledged the pricing supplied for spraying of Yellow Bristle Grass and as this would require a change in level of service he requested it be discussed for the next Long Term Plan review due to the amount of work rural ratepayers get compared to what they see being done in town.
- Councillor Jones questioned whether council stockpiled metal for roading in the eastern hill country. Mr Bowden clarified that how the contractors operate in terms of efficiencies was their decision, council pays for supply, transportation and compacting.
- Councillor Coplestone noted the level of Dockstar quoted by the contractor in the monthly report would be 10 litres to the hectare which would be illegal under the Hazardous Substances Act. He noted Glyphosate could not be compared to Dockstar as they were for completely different outcomes, Round-up (glyphosate) would be useless in getting rid of bristle grass. Dockstar is a selective herbicide that takes out dock and bristlegrass without touching anything else. He noted he had estimated round-up would cost \$80 per hectare and dockstar at \$78 per hectare at the correct dosage rates. He acknowledged that both sprays would have to be applied at different times of the year.
- It was clarified that the additional staff noted to be employed for Electronic Water Metering was to fill an existing vacancy and was not as a result of the electronic water meters project.
- It was clarified that the KPIs under wastewater were the standard ones set by the Department of Internal Affairs. The District Mayor noted his concern that system adequacy – dry weather sewerage overflows was not providing relevant data and that a wet weather sewerage overflow would be more appropriate especially given the past week of wet weather and sewerage overflows. The Chief Executive noted that from an engineering perspective dry weather overflows highlight deficiencies in the system, where a wet weather overflow is a result of an overwhelmed system. The KPIs could be updated to include a wet weather sewerage overflow target during the Annual Plan process if that was the desire of elected members.

9.2 Community Services Report
D22/29253 Page 90

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
P&S/22/123

The Director – Community Services noted the following points:

- Stratford District Council’s Customer Service ranked ninth out of 80 organisations in the recent mystery shopping undertaken by ALGIM.
- The team is working on completing the plans and strategies.
- Operationalising of the new pool is underway.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the outstanding achievement by the Customer Service team, especially during a difficult time.
- The Community Development Manager noted they were working alongside the Wheelhouse in helping to put a package together to help the Taranaki Pioneer Village build capability and capacity, looking at how Covid-19 has impacted the village, helping them build a strategy and encouraging some new faces on the committee to bring new ideas and help overcome challenges. It was confirmed the Taranaki Pioneer Village is a member of the Stratford Business Association.
- It was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding was expected to be approved by the Stratford Business Association at their meeting on 12 September, this would then be brought back to council for approval.

Council Organisations and Council Representatives on Other Organisations

- Councillor Sandford noted that the Taranaki Synthetic Turf Trust had been involved with the developments at the New Plymouth Racecourse and are being used as a vehicle for further synthetic surfaces at that facility. He noted he had stood down from this trust.

The Community Development Manager left the meeting at 3.48pm.

9.3 Environmental Services Report
D22/21737 Page 99

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

COPLESTONE/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/22/124

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- Building consents are coming down and subdivision consents are going up – but both changes are not by significant numbers.
- There has been a downturn in building activity but this is occurring nationally and it is expected that this will plateau soon.

9.4 Corporate Services Report
D22/30849 Page106

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/WEBBY
Carried
P&S/22/125

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following points:

- This report includes the interim draft results as at the end of 30 June 2022 and a summary of where council is looking. During the interim audit the auditors do not look at the financial statements but look at processes and internal controls. The final audit will be undertaken in October with an expected final audit report in December. These interim draft financial statements are still pending audit finalisation.
- With regards to the end of year financials:
 - Revenue is close to budget
 - Total expenditure is close to budget
 - The Rates Revenue is over budget and is a result of estimating when setting the annual plan and subsequent subdivision applications and the number of targeted rates being set at a higher level.
 - The final reserve balances will be brought to council in a report towards the end of the calendar year for council to consider what these reserves could be used for in terms of new projects within the next Annual Plan.
 - Last month council approved carrying forward \$3.9 million of capital expenditure into this financial year. An update will be provided each month with the full capital programme.
- Mrs Radich noted that the Information Management Assistant who had been employed through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme for a fixed term of three months had been a success. Due to a number of other projects requiring to be undertaken in the Information Management space, the assistant had been employed by council for a further fixed term of 12 months.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Mrs Radich noted that there had been no changes in the demand from changing auditors as they are asking similar questions with the exception of a few extra questions that are needed at the start of being council's auditors.
- It was noted that the outstanding debtors was high at the moment due to the beginning of the financial year which brings all the previously unpaid rates into the overdue section. Overall the debtors is low and can be often impacted by roading expenditure and collecting the Waka Kotahi subsidy.
- Councillor Boyde reiterated how outstanding the achievement of staff had been to be able to complete 86% of capital expenditure which was the biggest capital expenditure ever spent by Stratford District Council.
- The District Mayor noted the increase with the revaluation of assets with the resulting depreciation increasing by \$521,000. Mrs Radich noted the asset revaluation had been factored into this years Annual Plan, auditors have requested another asset revaluation be completed for next years Annual Plan but was unable to comment on how this could affect rates at this point. For clarification it was noted that a 1% rates increase is about \$130,000. The District Mayor commented how this single adjustment to the accounts, which is done externally, could result in a 4% rates increase just to accommodate depreciation and noted how the community struggles with this, he appreciated that this was the process and standard accounting practices but noted the implications this can have on residents. Mrs Radich noted that depreciation funding was intergenerational to ensure there are sufficient funds to replace assets for the future generations in the community.
- It was clarified that only the 3 Waters Assets depreciation was only funded by 90% during the last Annual Plan.

The Communications Advisor left the meeting at 4.04pm.

- Councillor Jones questioned what terms the A&P Association loan was on and if they were expected to repay in full when it renews in 2025. It was clarified that the requirements were currently quarterly interest payments which have been met. The expiry date is December 2025 and council could ask for repayments at this time, there had been no expectations for repayments at this stage unless council was required to change its debt rating to fund projects. The District Mayor noted there had never been any implications that the association will be gifted the funds, purely that no principle repayments were required at this point. It was noted that there would be a presentation on the Stratford Park Project at the public forum on Tuesday 13 September 2022.
- It was clarified that the debt statement showing a difference of \$20,000 was due to the requirement to borrow rounded up.

10. Questions

- Councillor Boyde noted that the Citizens Advice Bureau had closed as the building was not fit for purpose. He asked all councillors to let them know if they knew of any building that was available as they offer a very valuable service.
- Councillor Boyde noted that from next Monday there will be 217 secondary school students participating in a hockey tournament at the Stratford Turf. These students and their support staff will be staying the full week.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p>THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:</p> <p>Agenda Item No: 12</p> <p>The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:</p>		
<p>General subject of each matter to be considered</p> <p>Purchase of property</p>	<p>Reason for passing this resolution to each matter</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary for commercial sensitivity</p>	<p>Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">BOYDE/DALZIEL Carried <u>P&S/22/126</u></p>		

The HR & Governance Administrator, members of the public and media left the meeting at 4.11pm

12. Public Excluded Item

Recommendation

THAT the open meeting resume.

ERWOOD/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/22/129

13. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 142

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.26pm.

A L Jamieson
Chairman

Confirmed this 27th day of September 2022.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MONTHLY REPORT

District Mayor



F19/13/04 – D22/33902

To: Council
From: District Mayor
Date: 13 September 2022
Subject: District Mayor Monthly Report – August 2022

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT Council endorses the appointments of Mr Bruce Ellis, Mrs Helen Cloke and Mrs Deborah Clough as trustees of the Percy Thomson Trust for a three (3) year term expiring at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

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 Moved/Seconded

1. Percy Thomson Trust – Trustee Appointments

The Percy Thomson Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 20 October 2022. There are three trustees whose terms are expiring at the 2022 AGM, they are Mr Bruce Ellis, Mrs Deborah Clough and Mrs Helen Cloke. All three have confirmed their interest in being reappointed for a further term (3 years).

The Trust has recommended the reappointment of the existing trustees; therefore, it is my recommendation that Council endorses the reappointment of Mr Bruce Ellis, Mrs Deborah Clough and Mrs Helen Cloke for a three (3) year term which will expire at the 2025 AGM. The Trust Deed requires Council's endorsement of all trustee appointments.

2. Meeting with Minister Kieran McNulty

Kieran McNulty is the Associate Minister of Local Government, the Associate Minister of Transport, Minister of Racing and the Minister of Emergency Management. Kieran visited the region last week and met with elected members from each of the councils. This was part of his familiarisation, national tour where he will meet with every council and discuss issues of interest to local communities. I commend him on this huge undertaking. Stratford's discussion, not surprisingly, focussed on roads and the future of local government. The Minister did offer some support on addressing the road issues and confirmed there will be a significant increase in maintenance work over the next two years. He also was optimistic the Future of Local Government Review will produce some bold ideas that will shape the role councils play in the years ahead. The specific issue of funding of councils is a vital part of the review and let's hope that when the report is published, we see some substantial movement and innovation towards a sustainable, equitable funding mechanism.

3. Meeting with Members of Parliament

In August local Member of Parliament Barbara Kuriger arranged and hosted a visit to Taranaki by fellow National MP's Simeon Brown (Nationals spokesperson for Transport), Matt Doocey and Scott Simpson. The regions three Mayors met with them and the discussion focussed on the region's roads, in particular SH 3, SH 3A, SH 45 and SH 43. There was broad consensus on the issues we are currently facing as a result of prolonged under investment in the assets and what is needed to correct these issues looking forward. The Mayoral Forum is continuing the push for better service and outcomes from Waka Kotahi and it is important that all political parties hear our concerns. Management of road assets is a long-term game that spans well beyond the years of the election cycle, in fact, the constant change of focus by respective governments is seen as a significant contributor to the short comings in Waka Kotahi's performance.

4. Ostler's Garden Trust

Recently I attended the Ostler Garden Trust Annual General Meeting. In accordance with the wishes of the late Maureen Ostler, the District Mayor or nominee is a trustee of the Trust. The Trust manages a significant endowment investment fund donated to the community of the Stratford District. The Trust will be continuing to promote Maureen's interest in gardening and horticulture by awarding scholarships, providing training and education opportunities for young people and with planting projects within the Stratford District.

5. Citizens Awards Presented

The 2022 Citizens Awards were presented in August. Youth Citizens Award recipients were: Keisya Gunawan and Abbey Sextus; adult recipients were Bruce Cleland, Patsy Comerford and Tony Gordon (jointly), Walter Pease and Colin Jones (posthumously); and an Outstanding Citizen Ward was presented to Ian Benefield.

The presentation evening was very well attended and the supportive guests added to the positivity as each recipient's video profile was played to the audience. Collectively making the recipients feel proud and special, is a nice way to acknowledge the outstanding contribution each of them has made to the well-being of this District.

6. Chunuk Bair Commemoration

On August 8th, in custom with our local tradition, we commemorated Chunuk Bair Day with a short wreath laying ceremony held at the Malone Gates. A small crowd attended the ceremony held to remember fallen soldiers and in particular Lieutenant Colonel William Malone who led the battalion from the Wellington West Coast regiment into the 1915 battle. During the peak of battle, Malone was killed by a misdirected artillery shell, fired from either ANZAC artillery or a British ship.

7. Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Committee

The current committee held its last quarterly meeting in August. Minutes will be available on the Taranaki Regional Council website.

8. Taranaki Regional Land Transport Committee

The current committee held its last quarterly meeting in August. Minutes will be available on the Taranaki Regional Council website.

9. Mayoral Cook-Off King of the Mountain Title

The annual event was held for the second occasion at New Plymouths East End reserve. Hosted and promoted by the great team from Smokin Comrades along with More FM, it was a fun day competing for the "hotly" contested title and trophy. Producing a reverse seared, succulent, flavour filled, medium rare steak over hot charcoals is a quite a challenge. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to repeat last years success and finished runner-up to Mayor Phil Nixon who was outstanding on the day. Congratulations to Phil.

10. Correspondence

- Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs – August 2022
- Taranaki Mayoral Forum – Minister Wood – Atrocious State of Taranaki Highways
- Taranaki Mayoral Forum – Letter of Support Fire and Emergency New Zealand
- Taranaki Mayoral Forum – Letter of Support – Rāhui along Taranaki Coast

11. Some Events Attended

- Attended – Stratford District Youth Council meeting
- Hosted Citizens Awards presentations
- Met with NPDC Alcohol Licensing Management
- Attended – Aquatic Centre Visit
- Met - with Waka Kotahi Regional Director of Relationships Linda Stewart
- Attended - LGNZ Webinar for Mayors – Reforms Update (x2)
- Attended - LGNZ Webinar for Mayors – Unpacking the RMA Reforms
- Attended – Chunuk Bear Commemorations
- Attended – SCSS Committee Meeting
- Attended – Public meeting with neighbours/residents and the Stratford Park Steering Group
- Attended – Positive Aging Committee meeting and AGM
- Attended – Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Committee Meeting
- Met- with Members of Parliament Scott Simpson, Matt Dooce, Simeon Brown and Barbara Kuriger
- Attended – King of the Mountain Mayoral Cook-Off
- Attended – Egmont Car Club Street Sprint Event
- Attended – Ostler's Garden Trust Annual General Meeting
- Attended – TOI Foundation Annual General Meeting
- Met- with Avon Medical representatives
- Met- with Police Relieving Area Commander Phil Gil banks
- Attended – Taranaki Regional Land Transport Committee Meeting
- Met - with Minister Kieran McAnulty
- Newspaper - Stratford Press Interviews and Articles (multiple)
- Newspaper - Daily News - Interviews (multiple)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs weekly meeting (x4)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs meeting with Emergency Services (x1)
- Attended Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x3)
- Attended Council Workshops (x2)
- Attended Council Meetings (x3)



N C Volzke JP
District Mayor

Date: 7 September 2022

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs August 2022

The Stratford Fire Brigade responded to 9 calls in August 2022

- 01-08-22 House Fire Fairfield Road Hawera assist Hawera and several other brigades at a third alarm
- 05-08-22 Alarm activation Stratford High School Swansea Road caused by nearby rubbish fire
- 05-08-22 Rubbish fire causing a nuisance Regan Street
- 16-08-16 Motor vehicle accident Car vs. Car Regan Street outside Stratford Primary School assisted by the Toko fire brigade
- 16-08-22 Assist ambulance medical call Stanley Road
- 17-08-22 Alarm activation Z Stratford Broadway
- 21-08-22 Alarm activation Stratford Cafe and Bakery Broadway
- 22-08-22 Motor vehicle accident trucks trailer rolled SH3 near Hills Road
- 22-08-22 Assist ambulance medical call Avon Street



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26 August 2022

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Dear Minister Wood,

Atrocious State of Taranaki Highways

We have communicated in the past about the appalling state of our SH3, SH3A and SH45 through Taranaki.

We have been given a lot of excuses why these roads are in such poor condition, however the fact remains that there has been a total lack of investment in the network over a considerable number of years.

Due to the very poor condition of our roads, we have very recently experienced unprecedented amounts of potholes especially on SH3 due in part to the recent rain events. We have had reports (and seen photographs) of multiple cars stopped on the roadsides in a number of places either changing tyres or awaiting salvage vehicles to remove vehicles with multi wheel and suspension damage. In many cases resulting in thousands of dollars in repair costs to motorists which has become a hot topic with the local media. We understand that nationally Waka Kotahi is sweating its assets and that from 2015 to 2020 average seal age across the country from 6.86 to 7.96 years and average remaining seal life dropped from 2.18 to 1.23 years. We would like Waka Kotahi to advise

the Taranaki statistics for seal age and seal life over the past decade and the approach to addressing these issues in the short, medium and long term.

The vehicle damage has not only been experienced by the public but also emergency services. One police car lost two wheels and had a further flat tyre in just one incident. There was also tyre damage to an ambulance which resulted in the vehicle hitting debris and tearing off a bumper.

It has been reported in the media that one person suffered a fractured vertebrae, broken ribs and now has a large metal plate in his neck after he hit a 400mm-by-400mm pothole while riding his motorcycle. Another person in the group that he was travelling in ended up in hospital after hitting a pothole earlier that same day. It is very likely that more serious injuries could occur given the unsafe avoidance measures people are having to take whilst driving on the State Highways.

The condition of our highways is totally unacceptable and is affecting our Taranaki transport network in many ways. Our local roads in the main are maintained to a far higher level than the state highways and they are built on the same "volcanic soils", out of the same materials and maintained through the same "COVID 19 pandemic" as our state highways. To suggest that COVID-19 is to blame for some of the problems is inaccurate.

We acknowledge that we had some of our highways upgraded last summer but the amount of work undertaken has fallen far short of what is needed. We are told there are further upgrades this coming summer but unless these are very extensive we will still be experiencing sub-standard and dangerous roads next winter.

We look forward to a positive response and a commitment that will see major upgrades to our highway network in the coming summer. These upgrades will cause disruption but the net result should be positive.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor Phil Nixon
South Taranaki District Council



Mayor Neil Volzke
Stratford District Council



Mayor Neil Holdom
New Plymouth District Council



David MacLeod
Taranaki Regional Council Chair



2 September 2022

Honourable Jan Tinetti
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Dear Jan,

Letter of Support- Fire and Emergency New Zealand

The Taranaki Mayoral Forum is in support of the Taranaki Firefighters who are demanding better conditions from Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ).

These men and women are on call 24/7 to support and protect our communities, often taking great personal risks to do so. It is very sad to see it has had to come to industrial action to properly have their concerns heard.

This industrial action that FENZ staff have had to take greatly affects our communities as we then have to have our volunteers providing backup, which then affects workplaces and businesses that generously allow their staff time off to attend fire calls.

We understand that FENZ revenue is one of the key constraints in addressing the remuneration issues and that as Minister you have the ability to address this with adjustments to the Fire Service Levy and corresponding government contribution to funding FENZ.

We would urge you to urgently review both the levy and government contribution to allow FENZ to adequately fund both its employees and modern equipment ensuring they are able to effectively focus on the critical role they play in supporting our community.

These staff certainly deserve better to continue the great work they do in our communities. We hope that government will support FENZ staff as they are essential for the safety of our communities.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Phil Nixon
South Taranaki District Council

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2 September 2022

Honourable Ministers David Parker and Damien O'Connor
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Dear Ministers,

Letter of Support- Rahui along Taranaki Coast

We are writing to express our support of the request from hapū and kaitiaki of Ngāruahine and Taranaki Iwi to implement a two-year rahui (legal ban) on the collection of all seaweed, anemones and shellfish including the sought-after kaimoana such as paua, crayfish and kina in order to allow the species time to regenerate along the Taranaki Coast.

Kaimoana is a much-loved delicacy to our communities and visitors to our region, but without some form of management in place to restrict harvesters from collecting along the coast the seabed will continue to be stripped bare.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Phil Nixon
South Taranaki District Council

Mayor Neil Volzke
Stratford District Council

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New Plymouth District Council

David MacLeod
Taranaki Regional Council Chair



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Karakia

Kia uruuru mai
Ā hauora
Ā haukaha
Ā haumāia
Ki runga, Ki raro
Ki roto, Ki waho
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)
The reviving essence
The strengthening essence
The essence of courage
Above, Below
Within, Around
Let there be peace.