

**Name:** Davina Smolders  
**Ward:** Bay of Islands - Whangaroa  
**Date:** 28 February 2026

### **Meetings Attended**

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
5 Feb	Parliamentarians Powhiri at Treaty Grounds	All day at Treaty Grounds
6 Feb	5am Dawn Service at Treaty House in Waitangi	Treaty Grounds, Waitangi
10 Feb	Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting	In Chambers
11 Feb	CEO and CFO FNHL	Kerikeri
17 Feb	Assurance, Risk & Finance Mtg	In Chambers
18 Feb	Strategy, Policy & Regulation Mtg	In Chambers
19 Feb	Road Maintenance Contracts	In Chambers
	Te Puawaitangi Workshop	In Chambers
20 Feb	Shane Jones	In Chambers
24 Feb	Council Controlled Org Mtg	In Chambers
All of FEB	Individual and Group Ratepayer Mtgs	Opua, Russell, Kaeo, Waipapa, Kerikeri, Waimate North, Kaikohe, Ngawha.

### **Community Matters**

*This section should be completed for matters arising within the community, which Council need to be aware of. It could be related to ongoing projects, requests, feedback etc.*

Topic	Comment
Bi-Lingual Kerikeri	Community asking if the Significance and Engagement Policy was followed
11 Matthews Ave	Community asking if the Significance and Engagement Policy was followed of the Old Kaitaia warehouse at 11 Matthews Ave
Ngapuhi MWaR Agreement	Community asking if the Significance and Engagement Policy was followed
State of the Far North Address	Community asking how much it cost – given 200 people attended, much of which were staff and contractors – was it worth the cost?
Three new roles in the Mayor's Office	Community asking was the correct process followed and how much does this cost?

100 Day Plan	Community asking why they don't get a copy of it. Transparency.
116 EM Priorities	Community asking why they don't get a copy of it. Transparency.
Community & Engagement Staffing Budget	Community asking if we are looking at a \$1m blowout, what are we doing to avoid this? How is FNDC not addressing it?
Strategic Relationship Staffing Budget	Community asking if we are looking at a budget blowout, what are we doing to avoid this? How is FNDC not addressing it?

Privacy Breach	Community asking how did the FNDC allow Cr Smolders personal details become public?
Code of Conduct	Community asking why is Cr Smolders not allowed to discuss, but the Mayor can make a statement to a journalist and claim she is pursuant to disciplinary action – when no process had occurred.
Open Letter to the Mayor	Community are concerned about LGOIMA's not being answered.
Six monthly staff satisfaction survey	Community are asking why the 6 monthly staff satisfaction survey was only completed once in 2024 (June)? Chief of staff stated in Risk Committee.
\$50,000 Te Rarawa Aspirations Funds	Community asking why this came from an operational budget? Was it approved through Council Chambers?
Ombudsman	Community asking why my LGOIMA declines are not yet submitted to the Ombudsman, and how lenient do I need to be?
Rating Differentials	Community asking how commercial activity on residential or rural land is identified and reviewed
Proposed District Plan	Community asking if we can pause until the RMA reforms have been implemented – to save costs.

Roadside Mowing	Community have noticed frequency has dropped over the last few years – in various locations: Redcliffs, Waipapa, Rawene, Paihia.
Submissions on the Planning Bill & Natural Environment Bill	Community concerned that we are not supporting.
Kaeo Water	Community asking for long term solution – involving 13 houses/business.
Elderly Housing	Community unsure of rent raises and future security
Kerikeri Waipapa Spatial Plan	Community concerned it was predetermined as it matched a 2023 KO report.
Freedom Camping Zones	Community concerned with issues over Waitangi week – with freedom campers and no dump station etc.
Rangitane Wharf	Community concerned with outcome - can we use the funding for elsewhere?
Remuneration Authority	Community concerned with Deputy Mayor have a disproportionate salary compared to other DM's in New Zealand

**Portfolio Update: (Name of Portfolio)**

- N/A

**Matters for Discussion**

*This section should be completed for matters which the elected member wishes to raise with wider Council, Community Boards and/or in relation to delivery.*

- **All of the matters contained in “Community Matters”**

**Training / Conference Attendance**

- Nil

*This section is to be completed when an elected member has attended a professional development opportunity or a conference on behalf of Council. It should outline the learnings from attending the event and value to the organisation.*

**Name of Event:**

**Date of Event:**

**Learnings:**

**Value for the organisation:**