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Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
04.08	Extraordinary Council Meeting	
05.08	Workshop Transportation Asset Management Plan (AMP) Progress Update and Feedback	
	Hui	Alcohol licensing and proximity
06.08	Hui	Discussion on Housing Strategy
6 - 7 Aug	LGNZ Rural & Provincial Hui	Tiakiwai Conference Centre, Wellington
11.08	Pou Herenga Tai Cycle Trail	Executive committee hui
12.08	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	
	Workshop - Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	
	FNHL briefing	
13.08	Monthly Governance and Operational Briefing	
13.08	Portfolio Meeting: Community Trust, Participation and Engagement	
18.08	Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations	
	Northland Waters Workshop	Loan Guarantees Workshop
	Northland Waters Workshop	Statement of Expectations for SOI workshop
	LGNZ hui	Advocacy Priorities briefing
18/08	Pou Herenga Tai Cycle Trail Trust	Monthly board meeting

19.08	Te Koekoeā Workshop	FNHL director recruitment process
	Te Puāwaitanga Hui	Monthly board hui
20.08	Governance Assurance and Public Confidence	Workshop
20.08	Housing for the Elderly and Long-Term Plan	Workshop
21.08	Te Kuaka Committee	Workshop
25.08	LTP Finance	Workshop
	Te Koekoeā	FNHL Director recruitment process
26.08	Statement of Expectations	Discussion with Northland Waters EMRG and alternates around the Statement of Expectations
27.08	Council Meeting	
28.08	Agenda Preview	Te Kūkupa Committee

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.

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Taumatamakuku–Kawakawa Speed Limit	strong community support for reinstating the 80km/h speed limit through the three-bridges section of SH1. Kawakawa Fire Brigade, Kawakawa Police Advisory Group and Kawakawa Business & Community Association raised safety concerns including flooding, fog, sunstrike and the history of serious/fatal crashes.
Rural Road Maintenance RFS	feedback from rural residents about deteriorating roads and difficulty getting maintenance issues resolved. Concerns raised about RFS requests being lost or not actioned and residents having to repeatedly follow up.
Illegal Dumping & Rubbish Bins	concerns about dumped rubbish and delays in getting it removed. Feedback also received that removal/non-replacement of some public rubbish bins may be contributing to dumping and litter issues.
Rates & Value for Money	Feedback from ratepayers about affordability of rates and perceived value for money, particularly from rural residents who provide some of their own services and maintain access themselves. Strong expectation that core infrastructure and basic services such as roads and waste are prioritised.
Waitangi Erosion	Residents continue to be frustrated at the council lack of action on the erosion of the bank and have raised numerous RFS and em tickets re the risk to the Pohutukawa tree and our footpath.

Paihia CBD Footpath	Another serious fall by a business owner, even my mokopuna was caught by one of the deep gaps in the concrete. The comms protocol is not working, as I have been getting no response from staff on this.
Ness Road	Still awaiting vegetation spraying, improved sightlines and confirmation the correct culvert has been cleared.
Hihitahi Rise	Resilience and road safety work remains outstanding. Funding needs to be identified to progress this work.
Ōhaeawai Stormwater	Residents continue to experience significant flooding. Need to ensure a managed stormwater solution is considered through the LTP.
Rangiputa Slip	Awaiting staff update on land discussions and options for a permanent solution.
Unmaintained Roads	Toots Drive, Lily Pond Lane and Powells Road have Council infrastructure located on them. Maintenance remains an issue.
Dog Control / Animal Management	Concerns raised following a dog attack on stock incident and loss of a calf. Follow-up sought on investigation, infringements and classification.
	Concerns regarding a roaming dog killing kiwi followed up on.
	Regularly tagged in social media posts for advice around dog control act by owners and people affected.

Portfolio Update: Housing

- Continued work supporting development of the Far North Housing Strategy, including housing need, barriers to delivery and Council's role in enabling housing.

Portfolio Update: Community Trust, Participation and Engagement

- Supporting the Significance and Engagement Policy review
- Continued work on local government reform, advocating for local voice, community participation and strong place-based relationships.

Northland CDEM Joint Committee

- Legislative changes to the emergency management system were passed. Shared this information with my colleagues and for our comms to work with NRC on a release

Pou Herenga Tai – Twin Coast Cycle Trail Trust

- NZ Cycle Trail continues strong national advocacy and promotion of the Great Rides, including significant activity in the Australian market. Pou Herenga Tai Trail Manager Tracy Dalton has also connected with Tohu Whenua Northland as part of a new national collaboration linking Great Rides with significant heritage sites.
- Work is also underway on the NZCT 2026–34 Strategic Plan and a national app-based system to strengthen trail health and safety, maintenance and audit requirements.
- Supported working group and progress of realignment of cycle trail proposal

Te Tai Tokerau Joint Climate Change Adaptation

- Continued governance oversight of Council's climate adaptation programme, including progress, resourcing, risks and alignment with the wider regional adaptation work.

Turner Centre

- The Centre has a reo rua name, **Toiwaka Turner Centre**. Which officially goes live 1st Jan 2027. The name has evolved from workshops with the community and has been taken from the centre's vision - "Te Ranga Toi Waka". The Turner whānau were also a part of the process. It is a great name to capture the Kaupapa.
- Latest update shows strong community use and impact, with 2,840 people through the Centre in July, including 1,317 rangatahi, across 21 events. Continued progress on asset maintenance, health and safety improvements and external funding opportunities, including funding sought for the Centre's revitalisation.

Te Puāwaitanga Sports Hub

- AED provided by St John and installed on the hub
- Drinking water, speed outside the hub and the unsealed carpark presenting as health and safety issues. Concerns expressed from the board members around public liability.

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.

- Most under community matters

Training / Conference Attendance

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: LGNZ Rural & Provincial Hui

Date of Event: 6th – 7th August 2026

Learnings: The experiences of councils navigating Headstart and previous amalgamations highlighted that structural change does not automatically result in lower rates or improved services. Kiwibank Chief Economist Jarrod Kerr also provided valuable context on the economic outlook, including softer demand, employment pressures, interest rates, tourism and exports, and the particular economic challenges facing Northland.

Value for the organisation: The hui provided useful intelligence for FNDC as we navigate local government reform and make decisions in a difficult economic environment. Hearing directly from other councils and economic experts provided practical lessons around structural change, infrastructure investment, regional delivery and the importance of enabling economic growth, while protecting local voice and community connection.