



H Halkyard-Harawira all minutes & agenda <https://infocouncil.fndc.govt.nz/>

Tēna koutou, my role as Kaikaunihera Māori -is to:

- inform readers of Māori issues and possible solutions within the Council framework,
- be guided by He Whakaputanga , Te Tiriti o Waitangi , te taiao and kaupapa Māori ,
- to support initiatives that benefit the wellbeing of the whole Far North.

<p>2026 Ngā Whaingā</p>	<p>AIRPORT- Crown funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fencing , drainage , main runway & apron -chip & microsealed 	<p>✓</p>
<p>1</p> <p>KAITAIA AIRPORT - UPGRADE BY MAY 2026 Main runway & apron reseal fencing & drainage emergency fuel storage & resilience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade lighting, extend carpark Fuel storage, 	<p>In progress</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Lean Hardship Rates less than 2% rates increase each year , over 3 years</p>	<p>AIRPORT - FNDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terminal upgrade, renovation, extension or new build, Manager security house on site- rental accom 	<p>In planning</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Rural Road Safety Seek subsidies to seal roads for 8 Kohanga Reo , 38 Marae as important community centres</p>	<p>2) RATES increase 2-3% pa Rates set at 6.7% increase, staff to seek more reductions by June</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>4</p> <p>MOANA RESTORATION- SEWAGE DISPOSAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hapu - Community working groups Purchase land disposal site in Taipa Monthly public progress reports 16 wwtps 	<p>3) RURAL Road Sealing subsidies for 8 Kohanga Reo & 38 Marae</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Ngā Take Tiriti - equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mahi tahi with hapu , Iwi, Māori , community, organisations, staff Planned growth, more housing, whānau, No developments on wāhi tapu <p>Māori Ward Councillor - H Halkyard-Harawira</p>	<p>4) Moana Restoration Taipā Waste Water Treatment Plant - purchase extra land disposal site</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>Local Govt Reform 9th August</p> <p>1) Northland Regional Council, 3) Kaipara District Council &</p> <p>2) Far North District Council (& 3 community boards) 4) Whangārei District Council.</p> <p>Short timeframe, little engagement & consultation for the public , will we be better off? Hard enough servicing our own region of 78,000. But we are told - you plan it or we will do it for you. Lots of kōrero been happening with the 3 Mayors and 4 CEOs . It IS what IT IS</p>	<p>5) Ngā Take Tiriti - Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working partnerships with Iwi housing, health & social services providers Contracts to local contractors & businesses Assistance where needed 	<p>✓ ✓ ✓</p>
<p><i>In the background</i> ,the 4 Councils of Tai Tokerau have 3 months until 9 August 2026, to fuse new structures under Headstart - who will waltz with whom?</p>		



Tai Tokerau 2 Waters

Wai Māori me Wai Tūtae

A Joint Council Controlled Water entity which will service drinking water

- Te Oneroa a Tohe Board
- Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Komiti,
- Te Miromiro Committee for Assurance, Risk and Finance;
- Te Koukou Komiti for Roothing and Infrastructure,
- Te Kukupā Komiti for Strategy, Policy & Regulation
- Te Hiku Community Board
- Creative Communities Northland

Āku Komiti

Everybody Pays Rates

through rent, water fees, leases, user charges & customer purchases



Councils can achieve lower rates

Kia iti te pūtea -

- **Source extra funding** - through *external subsidies*, contributions and grants for project management & infrastructure
- **Use local roading contractors & suppliers** in the northern and southern areas to have better oversight of roading & to support the economy and businesses in our region. We're not paying accommodation for out of the area businesses.
- **housing partnerships** with agencies & Iwi to cater for huge growth in our area - ie social housing , papakainga, housing for kaumātua kuia, emergency housing, tiny homes, working whānau ownership and essential local infrastructure for shared community facilities. All of these partnerships create jobs and income wellbeing in the Far North. Kawakawa, Kaikohe, Waimā, Kerikeri, Kaitaia , Herekino , Te Kao, Te Hāpua.
- **Finishing capital projects in time** and within budget. Put late clauses in the contracts.
- **Deliberate savings** - Dropping some services , not filling staff vacancies,
- **rates remissions** given to our vulnerable & charities, community halls, sports clubs, kura, conservation lands, pensioner schemes & some uninhabitable or inaccessible Māori lands
- **Stopping illegal dumping** - people dropping off recycling materials & rubbish at the recycle / dump centres will save \$150k a year.
- **Engaging with hapū, Iwi, Māori, community groups** - will save \$\$\$\$ on legal challenges, court cases and time delays -for projects.



- Ngā Wero - Challenges :

- Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran - fuel shortages , high tariffs & political uncertainty
- High cost of living - in an already struggling economy
- Cost savings today can create nightmares next year
- Transfer of Council / Community assets to Tai Tokerau 2 Waters- what does that mean? Cr Arohanui Allen suggested we lease lands to the CCO rather than give away whenua, dominion etc



Hybrid Hui attendance - many hui are online now- to save petrol & travel time.

<p>Mon 13Apr</p>	<p>9.30 Ngā Tai o Tokerau - Ngā take matua o te wiki mō ngā Kaikaunihera Māori . Ngā mihi nui ki a Marlema Baker (Dolly) e whakaohoho i a mātou e ai ki ngā hui o ia wiki.</p>
<p>14 Apr</p>	<p>10.30 Statement Of Intent Far North Holdings Ltd 1pm- Statement Of Intent-Northland INC</p>
<p>15 Apr</p>	<p>9.00 Extraordinary Hui - Te Kuaka Iwi & Hapu reps, attend Te Kuaka to find out what is the big fuss about Hapu, Iwi reps who make recommendations within Komiti to Council. Kaikōrero : Aperahama Edwards, MP Mariameno Kapa Kingi, Waihoroi Shortland & MP Huhana Lyndon. “Partnership in practice is good governance.” 11am Te Kukupā 4.30 LGNZ National- re fuel crisis</p> <div data-bbox="354 1213 630 1598"> <p>and our people</p> </div> <div data-bbox="638 1213 1398 1598"> </div>
<p>16-17 Apr</p>	<p>Tangi o Sharon Hawke - Orākei Marae</p>
<p>Mon 20Apr</p>	<p>10am - Te Kuaka Extraordinary MOU Management Plan re Moringaehē Reserve and Kaitiaki of Ngā Hapū o Ahiparapara signed</p> <div data-bbox="1130 1759 1503 1906"> </div>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Māori Freehold Land Rates, Te Reo & Tikanga Māori Report, • Matters of Importance to Māori, Te Pae o Uta Framework, • Climate Adaptation Report • Local Waters Done Well, • Local Government Reforms
21 Apr	10am - Te Koekoea Workshops - re Statements of Intent for Far North Holdings & Northland Inc
21 Apr	RFS 4297344 fallen tree from Quarry Rd Awanui - one "removed"
21 Apr	<p>Received minutes#65 of Taipā Waste Water Treatment Plant - part of DIA Better of Funding until 2027 - has milestones to reach for the yet to start 12 month trial of the electrocoagulation unit :</p> <p>i) desludging - operational approval given April</p> <p>2) purchase of site 20 - for treated water to be filtered in a wetland environment - both overdue & awaiting Council approval.</p>
22 Apr	<p>10.00 Te Koukou- Infrastructure Komiti -</p> <p>1700 LGNZ Informetrics- the price of fuel - the war in Iran.</p> <p>1900 Te Maruata- National Hui of Māori Councillors</p>
24 Apr	9.30 Kaimaumau coastal erosion & erosion -Awanui
25 Apr	<p>6am ANZAC Day - Waimanoni Marae</p> <p>9.30 M70s Nanakia Training camp Lake Manuwai</p>
28 Apr Tues	186th anniversary of Tiriti o Waitangi signing- Te Ahu Community Centre- Erenora
29 Apr	Taraire Hills - Water tanks & Waste water pipes through Mangakāhia Rd to farm Hui Kaunihera
1 May	<p>8.30 Bisset Rd Housing</p> <p>9.40 Mangakāhia Rd Housing</p> <p>10.00 Extraordinary Hui</p> <p>1.30 Local Govt Māori Elected Members meeting - Tai Tokerau Whāngarei DC, NRC, Kaipara & Far North DC</p>
2 May	10.00 Hui Wāhine with Mariameno Kapa Kingi- Kohewhata Marae
4 May	10.00 Karakia mō Henare King- Roma Marae, Ahipara





4 May 3pm  Kaitaia Airport Upgrade and Resilience Project – Partnership Team -

comprises of mana whenua owners Iwi Ngai Takoto and Ngāti Kahu hapū:- Ngai Tohianga, Te Pātu Marae and Patu Koraha , Far North Holdings Ltd, Far North District Council. FNHL Project Manager Andrew Bere-Adams gave an update of progress so far.



- **Runway upgrade:** Successfully completed with high-quality results (chip seal followed by microchip seal - flat surface, improved longevity). Finished with minimal delays and ahead of rising material costs, saving money. Strong cooperation from Air Barrier , Sky Aviation , Kaitaia Hospital Emergency Services and users during a 9-day closure. Lost one day to weather.
- **Infrastructure projects:** Progress underway on lighting, fencing, fuel tanks, and car park expansion, all closely coordinated to manage timelines and avoid rework. Rising material **costs** are a concern, prompting faster procurement.
- **Airport manager housing:** Decision being considered between renovation or new build (new build offers longer-term value but higher cost). A formal tender process is recommended, with local contractors involved. Rental arrangements will continue for occupants.
- **Terminal and facilities:** Design work underway with three options (renovation, extension, or new build). Stakeholder and cultural input will be included. Temporary facilities will be used during construction. Plans are also progressing for a shed and tractor unit.
- **Cost and funding management:** Focus on aligning projects with council funding deadlines and managing inflation pressures through early procurement and contract strategies.
- **Airport improvements:** Plans for entrance clean-up, fencing, drainage, and interim interior upgrades. Cultural enhancements (including carvings and naming) are being explored.
- **Next steps:** Ongoing coordination, stakeholder engagement, procurement decisions, and maintenance actions to keep projects on track.

Overall, the project is progressing well with strong coordination, cost awareness, and a focus on long-term infrastructure and community-aligned improvements.  Special thanks to Tania George, for notes Hillary Sumpter Head of Operations & Delivery, and former staff manager Ruben Garcia-

For Whaea Angel - followup -removal of trees cut down on the road way to airport . 

4 May

7pm - watched replay of Day 1 Waitangi Tribunal Mana Wahine - good feedback from Esme Shermin re change of attitude of Council & followup assistance by Cr Stratford & Mayor Moko and listening to the concerns of Waitangi people re coastal erosion .



<p>5 May</p>	<p>10am Northland Waters Workshop 1pm Long Term Plan Workshop 7pm watched a replay of Day 2 Waitangi Tribunal Mana Wahine - <i>impressive kōrero</i> by women who support without funding prisoners and whānau. The key message being Māori designed programmes run by Māori are more successful in reducing reoffending amongst Māori and are more supportive of healing whānau affected by abuse in State care.</p>
<p>6 May</p>	<p>10am- Mayor Moko Catch up with Councillors - what keeps you awake at night? 3pm - Te Hono GM</p>
<p>7 May</p>	<p>Thursday Admin Day Catch up on Day 2& 3 of Mana Wāhine Hui in Motatau</p> <div data-bbox="354 739 925 1192" data-label="Image"></div> <div data-bbox="993 751 1404 1081" data-label="Image"></div> <p>Huhana Lyndon, Denise Messiter Paula Ormsby, Matilda Kahotea, Ester Peters . These speakers were extraordinary</p> <div data-bbox="354 1291 1140 1675" data-label="Image"></div>
<p>8 May</p>	<p>Elected Member Reports due</p>



<p>Kia tūtuki commitments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirm subsidies to seal roads - 8 Kohanga Reo & 38 Marae ● Upgrade the Mangamuka Toilets for many travellers as per Mangamuka Community Akau Plan, endorsed by Hokianga -Kaikohe Community Board ● Achieve traffic calming in Okaihau, Allen Bell ● SH1 roundabouts in Kaikohe & Awanui - safety of high volume traffic ● Upgrade 2 bridges: Pukemiro in Okaihau & Allen Bell bridge. ● Complete decommissioning Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust/ Kauri Dam - final restoration by late Des Mahoney , trustees & Council Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a) consolidate 4-5 Māori land blocks as one rateable block ○ b) Māori Land Court formal return of lands to Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust ○ c) Plant trees for wetland ● Kaeo water supply- water tanks pea? ● Taipā resolve the illegal overflow drain discharging into Ikateretere River, ● Taipā bridge climate impacts to jetty severe land and road erosion ● Kaimaumau Rd, restore 1 private flood prone coastal road used by public and seal 1 paper road for public access ● Illegal dumping of rubbish manage comms education - lifestyle changes- 100k pa in Herekino alone ● Limit vape shops & alcohol outlets in Tai Tokerau ● Te Waipiro Bay- keep moored boats in one marina, beware overfishing ● Seal 2kms Rawhiti Road ● Central government funding for more housing, health, dental , mental health services & road sealing to Tai Tokerau
<p>Moana Restoration</p>	<p>The Far North aims to upgrade all 17 wastewater treatment plants, developing wetlands for sustainable sludge reuse and protection of wai .</p> <p>FNDC plans to seek infrastructure funding for improvements and new facilities, working alongside NRC, hapū/iwi, and community groups to co-design long-term solutions. Key goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ending sewage discharge into Tai Tokerau’s waterways, ● finding innovative sludge management methods, ● purchasing extra land disposal sites at Ōpononi and Taipā, ● stopping other towns from dumping sewage in Hokianga, and ● Ensure housing developments build their own treatment systems & paths. ● Speed limits to preserve kaimoana beds on twin coasts <p style="text-align: center;">Tai Tokerau 2 Waters</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Drinking & wastewaters only</p>



Other Significant Projects & Wish Lists	
<p>Return ring-fenced Māori lands under settlement claims and Māori reserves</p>	<p style="background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px;">Treaty settlement agreements respected in a coordinated and efficient way across Council planning & operations.</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;"><i>Return Treaty settlement land reserves in Council by 2027.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>FNDC could facilitate the return of</i> all Treaty settlement lands as directed by the Waitangi Tribunal 10+ years ago as Māori Land Court has a two year delay. ● Council to ring fence lands that are being claimed in the upcoming Ngāpuhi hapu and Ngāti Kahu settlements 1,110,000 acres were alienated in these two areas. This will also protect potential land buyers who may consider buying tagged lands. ● Some lands remain in Council reserves and are leased to community groups, when the Council could divest this role to Iwi / hapu owners.
<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Await PERMANENT CEASEFIRE in GAZA</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">RESOLUTION 2024/47 “That the Far North District Council:</p> <p>a) call for an immediate permanent humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza;</p> <p>b) call on the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to show their support and call for peace;</p> <p>c) call for immediate international aid to be allowed into Gaza;</p> <p>d) condemn all acts of violence and terror against civilians on both sides of the conflict; e) call for the immediate return of hostages. CARRIED 23 Mei, 2024 Extraordinary Hui-</p> <div style="float: right; text-align: center;"> </div>	
<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">2028 - 2030</p>	<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Me whiriwhiri He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti i te Ture Tuapapa o Aotearoa. Weave He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti into the Constitution of Aotearoa as per Matike Mai Report led by Moana Jackson, Makere Mutu and rangatahi.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div>
<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Non Council Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statue in recognition of Matiu Rata to be erected in Kaitaia, Waitangi - tbc ● Retention of Northtec tertiary courses in Northland ● Complete drainage at Tangonge Park Kaitaia. ● Support groups upgrading sporting facilities via other funding agencies ● Support improved health services in Tai Tokerau



**Just
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List 1 8 Kohanga Reo/ Marae Combination Roads in the Far North

1	Whangapē Kohanga Reo , Kotahitanga Marae	Herekino Rd, Whangapē
2	Pā Arapeta , Ngāti Manawa Marae, Panguru	340 West Coast Road
3	Whakamaharatanga Kohanga Reo, Whakamaharatanga Marae , Waimamaku	14 Waimamaku Beach Rd, Waiotemarama
4	Taurangi Kōhanga Reo, Waimate North	140 Whakataha Road
5	Maungataniwhā Kohanga Reo,Ngāpuhi Marae	9 Iwitaua Rd, Mangamuka
6	Motatau Kohanga Reo,	103 Henare Rd,Motatau
7	Matawaia Kohanga Reo, Matawaia Marae Kawakawa	Pokapu Rd, RD1, Kawakawa.
8	Wharepunga Kohanga Reo, Pukerata Marae ,	613 Wharepunga Rd, Otaua

**Confirm timeline to seal roads for 8
Kohanga Reo & 37 Marae in FNDC.**

List 2 MARAE LOCATED ON UNSEALED ROADS in FNDC area.

1	Haititaimarangai Marae –Karikari	176 Whatuwhiwhi Road,
2	Wainui Marae – Ahipara	17 Wainui Road , 0481
3	Rangikohu Marae – Herekino Kaitaia	7 Settlement Way, 0481
4	King Hori Marae Owhata	Owhata, Herekino
5	Morehu Marae – Pawarenga	10 –12 Te Riha Roadway0496
6	Waiparera Marae –Kohukohu	384 Rangi Point Road 0492
7	Motuti (Tamatea) Marae – Kohukohu	325 Motuti Rd RD2 0492
8	Matihetihe (Mitimiti) Marae –	3733 Hohaia Road Mitimiti.



9	Te Arohanui Marae – Mangataipa	203 Mangataipa Road, Mangamuka Bridge 0476
10	Ngāi Tupoto Marae – Motukaraka	201 Motukaraka Point, 0491
11	Pateoro (Te Karae) Marae – Kohukohu	414 Kohukohu Road ,0491
12	Pikipāria Marae – Kohukohu	53 Smith Deviation Road,0491
13	Piki Te Aroha Marae – Rāhiri	46 Harris Road Rāhiri 0475
14	Motukiore Marae – Hōreke	651 Motukiore Road, 0475
15	Puketawa Marae – Utakura	1400 Hōreke Road , 0475
16	Rangatahi Marae – Hōreke	1560 Hōreke Road Maraeroa , 0475
17	Otātara Marae – Waimā	36 Otātara Marae Rd, 0473
18	Moehau – Waimā	2 Mission Oak Road 0473
19	Mahuri Marae – Taheke, Kaikohe	154 Ramsay Road,
20	Kaingahoa (Mataraua) Marae – Kaikohe	945 Mataraua Road 0474
21	Ngai Tawake Marae – Mataraua	1235 Mataraua Road, 0474
22	Te Huehue Marae – Ōtaua	31 Stewart Road,
23	Mokonuiārangi Marae – Maraeroa	1627 Hōreke Road , 0475
24	Ōkorihi Marae –Te Iringa	34 Te Iringa West Road, 0473
25	Te Patunga Marae – Kāeo	585c Pupuke Mangapa Road 0479
26	Tahaawai Marae –Pupuke	231 Weber Road Pupuke 0479
27	Pupuke (Te Huia) Marae – Otangaroa	11 Te Huia Marae Road, Pupuke ,0479
28	Waimahana Marae –	Waimahana Bay- Ngāti Kahu
29	Akerama Marae – Towai	19 Haile Rd,Hukerenui,0182
30	Mohinui Marae – Kawakawa 0281	234 Waiomio Road , 0281
31	Kaikou Marae – Matawaia	3923 Pipiwai Road 0281




32	Kaimaumau Marae , Waiharara	Kaimaumau, 0627
33	Taemaro,	HIHI, 0295
34	Matai Aronui, Whirinaki	Wikaira Rd, Whirinaki 0473
35	Te Piiti Marae, Omanaia	28 Omanaia Road, 0473
36	Tākou Marae	Tākou, 0295
37	Wainui Marae, Whangaroa	66 Wainui Valley Road, Kaeo 0478
38	And any other marae omitted on this list	



WHAKANUIA 2026

- **Shirley Hakaraia, NZEI** Special Negotiator for pay equity for Kura Reo Māori staff
- **Te Warihi Hetaraka** NZ Order of Merit for services to art and Māori
- **Waihoroi Paraone Hoterene**, NZ Order of Merit for Māori language education.
- **Hori Te Moanaroa Parata**, NZ Order of Merit for conservation and Māori.
- **Rāhera Shortland**, National Iwi Chairs Te Whare Pukenga Award for Te Reo ;
- **Kevin Prime**, National Iwi Chairs Te Whare Pukenga Award for environmental & health services.

Kaupapa Hāpori	Nā koutou i tangi, nā tātou i tangi
<p>Kua wheturangitia</p>  <p><i>Arohanui ki a rātou i mahue mai i tēnei pānui</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sharon Hawke , he tuahine o Te Pakanga mō Takaparawhau nō Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei. Te māma o TūTe Kiha me te mokopuna. Waiho mō ngā Māmā a Penehira rāua ko Lose e tiaki i ngā uri. ● JJ Murray , aka Stan Murray , he ringa raupā, nō ngā kāwai o Ngāti Hine me Ngāti Hāua ki Te Rarawa. Rawe a ia ki te tautoko mārika i te hanga ngā whare me ngā rori o ngā marae me ngā take hāpori. ● Dr Henare King , he kaiako , he tamaiti a Sabu rāua ko Faith King , nō ngā hapū o Ahiparapara me te whānau Tārarā o Milich. ● Ella Mathews, he kaitito waiata , he kuia nō Ngāti Hāua ki Te Rarawa, i heke ma i i ngā rāangi Mare.