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**Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa**

**Date: 30 April 2026**

**Meetings Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
01/04	Council Meeting	
02/04	Te Kūkupa Committee	Agenda preview
08/04	EM briefing	
09/04	Spatial Plan pop up	Popped in briefly to the spatial plan stand at Bay of Islands Farmers Market on the Paihia Village Green
9/04	Keteriki	Proposed realignment of Kawakawa – Opuā trail
10/04	Spatial Plan pop up	Spent a few hours at Te Hononga ātea listening and answering questions about the Kawakawa Housing Development and concerns raised in the podcast this week, and advocating for people to engage in the spatial plan conversation.
10/04	Keteriki	Proposed realignment of Kawakawa – Opuā trail
14/04	Statement of Intent Far North Holdings	
	Statement of Intent for Northland Inc	
15/04	Extraordinary Council hui	
	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	
	Workshop - Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	
16/04	Group Monthly Operational Briefing	First of the operational briefing of most of councils business units

21/04	Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations	
22/04	Te Pūawaitanga board interviews	
23/04	QV Valuations workshop	
	Local Government Reform	Elected member steering group of councils across the North.
28/04	Kawakawa Tennis Courts	Not a council asset, met regarding some of their potential plans and to provide some support
	Monitoring & Compliance	Hui led by GM on a policy and bylaw query
29/04	Council Meeting	
30/04	Combined Community Board workshop	Very positive workshop, I note huge decrease in frustration levels, and look forward to the next one.

### **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
Kawakawa Housing Development	A proposed housing development to be located on Old Whangae Rd, Kawakawa – consent application on hold. Community raising concerns about flooding, vulnerability of tenants and lack of information or consultation.
Ness Road	Bamboo has finally been cut down, but still sitting in the drains which will be washed into the culverts causing flood risk
Hihitahi Rise	Awaiting report to council
Ohaeawai stormwater	Has this been scoped for the next LTP – roading swales need to have somewhere for the water to flow away to
Unmaintained roads	Toots Drive, Lily Pond Lane, Powells Road have council infrastructure located on and need to be maintained.

### **Te Kukupa Kōmiti: (Strategy, Policy and Regulatory Committee)**

- Work programme continuing to develop as bylaws, policies and regulatory matters come forward
- Continued emphasis on ensuring elected members receive sufficient information and time for significant decision-making processes

### **Te Huia: (Chief Executive Performance)**

- Continued discussions regarding leadership priorities and organisational accountability

**Portfolio Update: (Community Trust, Participation and Engagement)**

- Continued using social media and community engagement to improve public understanding of council processes and decisions
- Advocated for respectful and balanced public discourse during contentious issues
- Encouraging more transparent engagement practices and clearer communication pathways

**Portfolio Update: (Creative Communities Funding Assessment Committee)**

- Review ongoing and sharing the funding when available

**Portfolio Update: (Housing Delivery & Partnerships)**

- Significant community interest and discussion regarding proposed Kawakawa housing developments
- Advocated for robust process, community input and careful consideration of infrastructure impacts

**Council Appointment: (Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee)**

- Continued follow-up work relating to lessons identified from recent significant weather events across Te Tai Tokerau
- Ongoing emphasis on business continuity planning, fuel resilience and community preparedness
- Continued advocacy for locally led emergency response capability, strong community relationships and improved resilience planning
- Discussions around continuous improvement of emergency management coordination, communications and reporting processes

**Council Appointment: (Pou Herenga Tai - Twin Coast Cycle Trail)**

- Meetings and discussions held regarding route alignment options and future opportunities
- Continued focus on balancing safety, user experience, landowner relationships and project affordability

**Council Appointment: (Joint Climate Change Adaptation)**

- Discussions around flood risk, retreat, resilience and infrastructure vulnerability across Te Tai Tokerau

**Council Appointment: (Turner Centre)**

- Need this asset to be listed as a strategic asset in our Significance & Engagement Policy.

**Council Appointment: (Kaeo-Whangaroa River Liaison Working Group)**

- No update

**Council Appointment: (Taumarere River Working Group)**

- Hui will be in May

**Council Appointment: (Local Government Reform, Elected Member Working Group)**

- Attended regional elected member hui in Whangārei regarding local government reform and potential future structural changes
- Discussions in the lead up to this, included the balance between efficiency and maintaining strong local representation, along with the importance of ensuring communities like the Far North continue to have their voices heard in any future reform process