

**To: TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**  
**From: TE RANGAPU MANA WHENUA O TAURANGA MOANA (“RMW”)**  
**Date: THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2020**  
**Subject: TE RANGAPU MANA WHENUA REPORT**

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**Purpose:**

To provide direction and guidance on Council’s obligations to Maori in relation to growth of authentic partnerships with Tangata Whenua, strategic direction, emerging issues, effective engagement, awareness and understanding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That it be resolved***

**a. That the Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report be received.**

**1. Formal Committee**

- The RMW previously raised the topic of moving the TW/TCC standing committee to a committee of the whole in line with the other committees on the basis of:
  - It best reflects the treaty partnership.
  - It supports the success of other committees operating in this fashion.
  - It enables full participation increasing understanding and reducing repetition.

**b. That the Council receive a report setting out options for moving to a committee of the whole including pros and cons as well as membership models.**

**2. RMW Submissions to Annual Plan Outcomes**

- Councils deliberation took place in July and the RMW submissions were considered with guidance and support of the Takawaenga Maori Unit are keen to review the existing process around consultation with tangata whenua on resource consent applications given the current policy is out of date and does not represent best practice or the Regional Policy Statement direction.
- The Takawaenga Maori Unit supports the resourcing of a report on suitable naming and renaming opportunities across Tauranga Moana to reflect the history of Tauranga in a more balanced view. A RMW Sub-committee has been formed to work with Council to co-create a street naming work project that will enhance cultural heritage protection and recognition.
- The RMW are aware the Joint Action Group is currently reviewing the Papakainga toolkit and workshops and the outcomes will be presented to the RMW for comment and feedback. The idea of a Maori Housing Action Group could form part of those discussions and ideally be an integrated initiative possibly foreshadowed by Te Ara Rau Tangata initiatives.
- The western wastewater solution to service the new western growth areas is designed with storage to buffer high peak flows and maintain consistent flows to the Chapel and/or Te Maunga sewerage treatment plan. An overview of the Western Corridor Wastewater study will be presented to the TCC Wastewater Management Review Committee at some stage.
- The Takawaenga Maori Unit acknowledges and shares concerns that fast tracking and streamlining processes risks neglecting consultation and engagement obligations whereby

support with substantial dedication and resourcing for qualified tangata whenua advice to help mitigate the risks.

### **3. Draft Acquisition and Disposal Policy (RFR)**

- Following on from the hui between Te Rangapu and Councillors on 13 August, Council staff have been working on revisions to the Acquisition and Disposal Policy, which includes a Right of First Refusal (RFR) to reflect those discussions. A Sub-committee on behalf of the RMW agreed to progress the discussions.

### **4. Website Project**

- A Sub-committee has been formed to take care of this project to a standard that the site is ready to go live. The RMW are happy to endorse and announce that the community can now access the site. In terms of ongoing maintenance and hosting of the site there may be ongoing costs involved.

### **5. Caring for Community Project (C4C)**

- The discussion was held during a City Vision Workshop with David Cunliffe regards central governments post lockdown response to social/environmental needs of the tangata whenua community that a hui was held 24 September 2020. The RMW are keen to ensue partnerships to ensure that projects of significance are front and centre of our district initiatives.

### **6. Maori Ward**

- A Sub-committee has been formed to address certain ramifications that may undermine the process of mana whenua aspiration to establish a Maori Ward for the 2022 local elections.
- The Sub-committee have met with local Labour MP's to discuss the removal of the provisions in the LEA post-election.

### **7. Resignation of RMW member**

- It is with regret that Hayden Henry has resigned as a member of the Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee after 2 terms. He has been assessing his commitments in other areas therefore he is stepping down to give a new member the opportunity to participate in governance decision making, learn, engage and voice on behalf of the tangata whenua community.
- The RMW would like to endorse Nathan James as the new tangata whenua member to the Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee.

**Matire Duncan**

**Chairperson**

**Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana**