



# **MINUTES**

**Matapihi Southern Pipeline Advisory  
Group meeting**

**Monday, 13 March 2023**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
MATAPIHI SOUTHERN PIPELINE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE HUNGAHUNGATOROA MARAE, 24 HUNGAHUNGATOROA ROAD, MATAPIHI,  
TAURANGA  
ON MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2023 AT 2PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Anthony Fisher, Mr Joshua Gear, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Ms Keren Paekau, Mr Wally Potts.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Tuana Kuka (Kaiarahi Māori), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

## **1 OPENING KARAKIA**

Mr Anthony Fisher opened the meeting with a mihi/whakataua and a karakia.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

### **APOLOGY**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSP1/23/1**

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the apologies for absence received from Mrs Ngareta Timutimu and Mr Nic Johansson be accepted.

That the apology for Mr Puhirake Ihaka leaving at 4:00pm be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

## **4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN**

Nil

## **6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Nil

## **7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 8 BUSINESS

### 8.1 Matapihi Wastewater System Report March 2023

#### Key points

- Report taken as read.
- Was asked for a quick update on maintenance to the Southern Pipeline. Staff had replaced faulty valves along the system. Replaced valve across from Te Kura o Matapihi. A more robust valve design was installed.
- Two properties added to the wastewater network in Matapihi.
- New builds applied for connection. No provision in plan for the house to be connected so was likely to be declined.
- Staff had implemented a preventative maintenance plan with monthly visual inspection of air valves on sections of the Southern Pipeline, monthly strip and clean of critical air valves and annual strip and clean of other air valves.
- Growth to three different directions of Tauranga at once (Tauranga East, West and South) was tough on long term planning and development as needed to invest in big infrastructure as well as infill in three major corridors of Tauranga. In terms of Matapihi, there were no plans for further wastewater networks or growth of the current Southern Pipeline. Potential for more infill but no plans in place.

#### In response to questions

- New dwellings within marae zones needed to make application to connect through Council. Staff recommended submitting an application as early as possible.
- Charge for installation/connection to Southern Pipeline for new or existing dwellings unknown. Costs could include installation, development contributions and annual fee.
- Report contents currently mainly focussed on Matapihi section of the Southern Pipeline. Members discussed the importance of the upkeep, maintenance and future of wastewater of the Pipeline. Noted the importance of understanding the long term schedule of works, if any, to prevent any outage as previously experienced.

#### Discussion points raised

- Papa Kainga had development contributions grant for the citywide portion to assist with wastewater connection.
- Discussed the process in place for when building consent had been applied for in TCC, and information provided to the applicant.
- Two successful applicants in Matapihi for development contributions grants which reduced their costs significantly.
- Te Kura o Matapihi had no complaints of smell after valve replacement but made comments on maintenance around vent.
- Discussion on whether information from the Wastewater Management Review Committee would be of use if provided to the Matapihi Southern Pipeline Advisory Group.
- Discussion on the review of the Matapihi Land Use Plan.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSP1/23/2

Moved: Mr Joshua Gear

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the Matapihi Southern Pipeline Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Matapihi Wastewater System Report March 2023".

**CARRIED**

**Staff Action**

- Mr Wally Potts to report on installation costs for dwelling (new and existing) to connect to the Southern Pipeline.

**9 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Mr Fisher noted the meeting operating rhythm. Meetings would alternate between Council and Matapihi marae with co-chairs to suit meeting venue e.g Hungahungatoroa Marae, Mr Fisher would chair; Tauranga City Council meeting room, Commissioner Rolleston would chair the meeting.

**10 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Mr Puhirake Ihaka closed the meeting with a karakia after the workshop.

**The meeting closed at 3:18pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Matapihi Southern Pipeline Advisory Group meeting held on 12 June 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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