



ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City
Council Committee meeting**

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Mihimihi/Pepeha:

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karanga maha, tēna kōutōu.

E ngā Mema o te Kaunihera o Tauranga,

Ko tēnei te mihi nui ki a koutou kua huihui mai nei ki roto i te poho o
Tamateapōkaiwhenua.

Nau mai haere mai ki tō tātou marae o Huria, ki te hapū o Ngāi
Tamarāwaho, te iwi o Ngāti Ranginui, o Takitimu waka. Tēna tātou katoa.

Ko Hemoata Willison tōku ingoa, ko au te Tiamana o te marae o Huria, me
te Kaiwhakahaere Matua o Huria Trust.

Welcome to Huria Marae. Let me start by saying ...Huria Marae is our
universe, it embodies all that we know about ourselves, who we descend
from, who we connect by way of other tribes, our history. It's told in the
kowhaiwhai, tukutuku and carvings on these walls – this is our library of
facts) It is our tūrangawāeae, a place where we can stand, a place of safety
where we can continue to be ourselves and live by the customs & traditions
handed down from our tupuna - ancestors.

This tupuna we are meeting in, today is the second Tamatea Pokaiwhenua.

The original Tamatea Pokaiwhenua was opened by Māori King Koroki in
1956, however due to exterior decay forced the tribe to dismantle the
original Tamatea Pokaiwhenua This occurred in 2022. This tupuna was
built and opened in May 2004 by Māori Queen Te Atairangikaahu (the
daughter of Māori King Koroki), our doors have remained opened to
hundreds and thousands of people over the years.

Today, I stand before you not just as a representative of Ngāi
Tamarawaho, but as a voice for generations who have carried the
weight of sacrifice, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the
wellbeing and growth of Tauranga.

Our relationship with Tauranga City Council spans many decades —
a history marked by deep generosity from our kaumātua and kuia,
who gave much so that city development could proceed. Their legacy
is etched into the very foundations of this city (thru lands given for

schools, churches, hospitals and council spaces & places, parks & reserves and so on).

Yet, it is also shadowed by mamae — the pain of Raupatu, of land taken, and of our people who, in protest, occupied the old town hall in 1987 and were arrested for trespass, another protest incident followed involving three of our tribal members which landed them in a prison. All these acts of courage and conviction lead to the signing of the Ngāti Ranginui Deed of Settlement in 2012.

But what has truly changed since then? We see our name used — a symbolic gesture — but where is the genuine reciprocity?

We permitted the narrowing of our sacred waterways (Waikareao/Kopurererua). We allowed the construction of Takitimu Drive, once Route P, through our ancestral lands in Te Kopurererua Valley. And still, the road pressed on, cutting through Puketoromiro — the site of Piripi's Pā, a place of immense historical and cultural significance. These are not just scars on the land; they are wounds to our identity.

Despite this, for over 35 years, Ngāi Tamarawaho has continued to uplift the spirit of this city. We have pōhiri (welcomed) thousands of tamariki from schools across the Otumoetai Peninsula, Cameron Road, through to Pyes Pā. They come to Huria Marae seeking cultural knowledge, connection, and experience — and we welcome them with open arms.

We've hosted community groups, businesses, and tertiary institutions from across Tauranga and beyond. Just yesterday, we welcomed BOP Financial Mentors and Craig Investments — manuhiri from all over Aotearoa — who came to learn our stories and understand the true history of Tauranga. Their gratitude speaks volumes about the value we bring.

Ngāi Tamarawaho is not just a stakeholder. We are a cornerstone of Tauranga's cultural, educational, and historical landscape. Our contributions are ongoing, tangible, and deeply rooted in aroha (love) for this city.

So, I ask you, Mayor Mahae and Councillors: how will you honour this relationship moving forward? How will you show true reciprocity — not just in words, but in action.

Ngāi Tamarawaho Report to Tauranga City Council

Request for Review, Support, and Action

Ngāi Tamarawaho presents the following matters for your immediate attention and support. These issues are not new — they have lingered for years — and now require urgent resolution to uphold the wellbeing of our hapū and the integrity of our relationship with Tauranga City Council.

1. Huria Marae Sewerage – Wharekai

Currently, only part of Huria Marae is connected to the city's sewerage reticulation system. The Wharekai, which has served our community since the 1970s, now faces serious infrastructural malfunction — including inoperable toilets. **We seek clarity:** is this the responsibility of Council or the hapū to assess and resolve this? We request Council's support in designing a sustainable wastewater solution that meets the needs of our Marae and manuhiri.

2. Huria Marae Emergency Planning

Huria Marae plays a vital role in Civil Defence Emergency Management (EM) for our city. We host thousands of tamariki, community groups, and visitors annually. However, unresolved wastewater issues — particularly in the Wharekai — prevent us from fully resuming our EM responsibilities. The Wharenui is connected to city reticulation, but the Wharekai setup remains unclear and problematic. We cannot continue to serve as an EM hub until these matters are addressed. **We ask Council to partner with us in resolving this, recognising the Marae's critical role in community resilience.**

3. Redevelopment of 4 Te Kaponga Street

We have engaged with Council regarding the redevelopment of this site and seek continued guidance and tangible support. Ngāi Tamarawaho has given generously to enable city development — yet we ask, where is the reciprocity? Our Marae is a cultural anchor, a place of learning, hosting, and healing. It is our tūrangawaewae. **We call on Council to honour our contributions and assist us in restoring and revitalising this space for the benefit of all.**

4. Tamarawaho Crescent

The maintenance contract appears to have fallen away, for a time. This is Council's responsibility; can this be re-visited by way of a contract to the Hapū nursery development TMaN (Te Mahi a Nuku)?

5. Mobil Station – CBD Presence

Historically, Ngāi Tamarawaho sought a presence on the harbourside. A handshake agreement was made with Council that the Mobil Station land — required for bridge completion — would be returned to the hapū to honour that need. My father (Morehu Ngatoko) was central to those discussions. However, since his passing in 2018, the hapū has not been kept informed of the commercial arrangements or status of this agreement.

We seek the following answers and reaffirm our desire to establish a meaningful presence in the CBD as mana whenua.

- Where is the documentation of this deal?
- What is the current status?
- Why were hapū excluded from commercial discussions?

6. Protocol Document

A formal Protocol Document is essential to maintain open, respectful, and consistent communication between Ngāi Tamarawaho and Tauranga City Council. In 2004 our leaders such as Morehu Ngatoko and Kihi Ngatai valued this relationship deeply and signed the original Iwi and Hapū Protocol Agreements.

We understand that there is no signed protocol in place for Ngāi Tamarawaho and Tauranga City Council at the moment. We ask that the protocol be prioritised and co-developed to reflect the current structures of the tribe built on mutual respect and shared responsibility.

Final Statement

Over the years, Ngāi Tamarawaho has actively engaged with Council staff to advance several important matters. While some progress has been made, many of these issues remain unresolved and have not received the attention they warrant.

We now formally request a comprehensive review of all items outlined — guided by a commitment to genuine dialogue, transparency, and decisive action.

These are not mere administrative concerns. They reflect our enduring contribution to the city of Tauranga and our rightful expectation of a partnership grounded in mutual respect and shared responsibility.

We call on your leadership to help move these kaupapa forward, and we look forward to working together in a spirit of collaboration and integrity.

Ngā mihi maioha



Ko wai mātou

Ko Mauao ko Pūwhenua ngā maunga

Ko te Kōpūrererua te awa

Ko te Waikareao te waitai

Ko Takitimu te waka

Ko Ngāti Ranginui te iwi

Ko Ngāi Tamarāwaho te hapū

Ko Huria te marae

Te Kaupapa

Our Vision

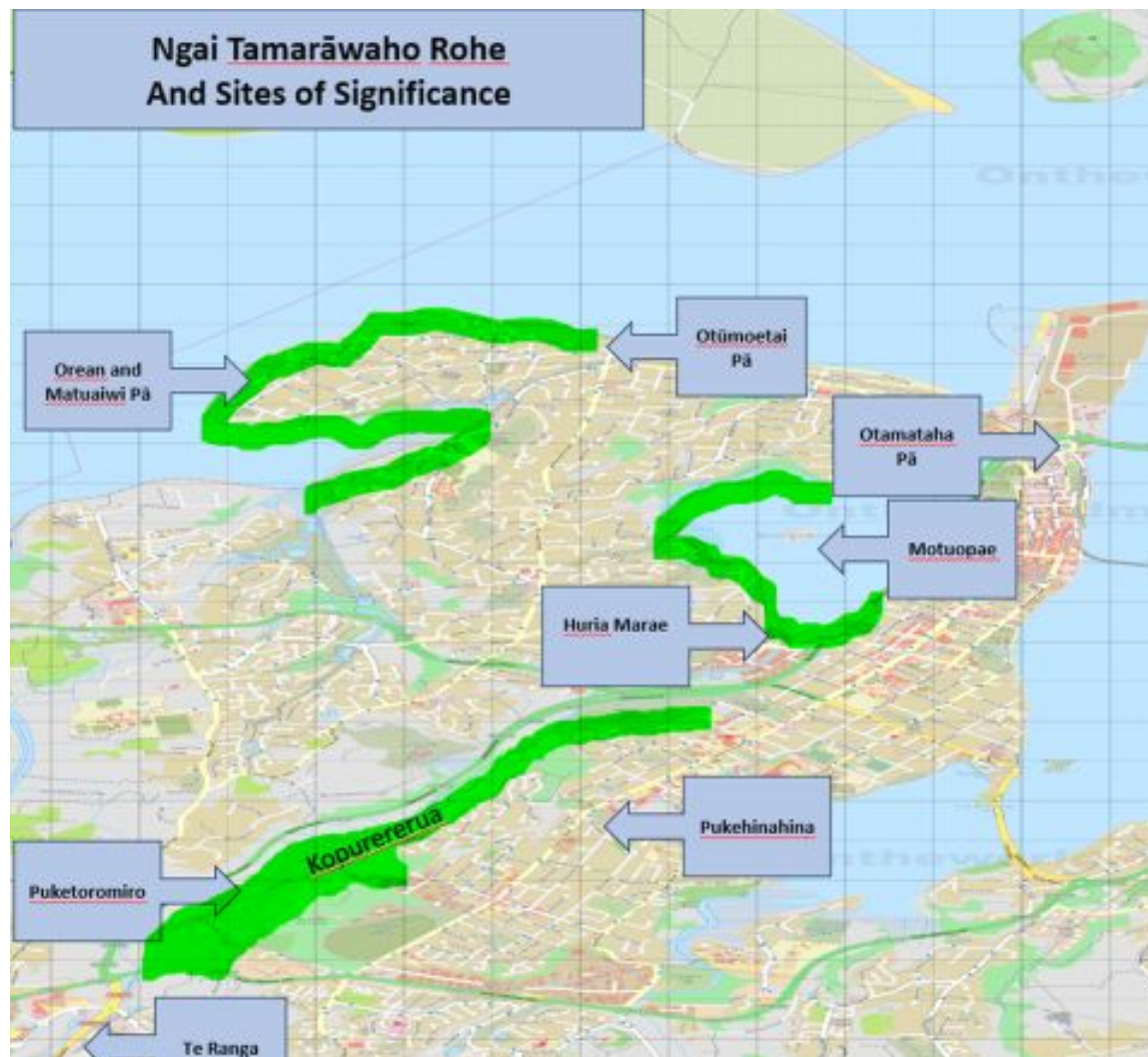
To ensure the prosperity of our people and land

Our Mission

To leave the Taiao in a better state for future generations

Established in 2022, Te Mahi ā Nuku's mission is simple, to ensure the Taiao thrives for future generations to come.

We operate with a deep commitment to Kaitiakitanga, Mana motuhake, and Tino rangatiratanga - working for the prosperity of our people and land.



Ngai Tamarāwaho Proposal

To Undertake the Maintenance and planting within our rohe and sites of significance especially Kopururerua and Waikareao (Daisy Hardwick)

Over time to extend this to areas to include our Historic sites at Otumoetai and Matua.







Ko ngā Pou – Objectives

Assert our Mana Motuhake & Rangatiratanga

- Secure plant and maintenance contracts for key sites across our rohe

Empowering Kaitiaki whenua

- Equip our whānau with mātauranga, pukenga to embody Kaitiakitanga
- Partner with Huria Trust & other education providers to build a skilled workforce and encourage higher qualifications

Protection & Grow our Taiao for Future generations

- Key stakeholder partnerships
- TMaN expertise: Monitoring, Regulation, R&D

Forge strategic relationship to advance our Kaupapa

- Seeking our collaborative relationships beneficial to our kaupapa
- Desired leadership conversations



Ko ngā wero – Challenges



- Determining how we utilise our whenua within the confines of a DP
- Building Consent process/costs



Projects – Rangiuru Business Park



Cultivating Relationships

- Maintaining connections with people involved in Taiao mahi to support me in developing projects- BCA, Hapu
- Overlapping project liaising
- Building connections with Kaitiaki from other hapu, individuals and organisations with similar mindsets and ambitions



Project – Takitimu North Link 150,000/3 years



Kōpururerua Species Re-Homing – stream realignment

Cultural Monitoring

Total count of live fish, long & short fin tuna, fresh-water crayfish: **2,045**

Total count of kākahi (fresh-water mussels): **3,807**

We want to do more of this mahi alongside the Councils, incorporate more mātauranga ā-hapū



Project – TCC Maintenance contracts

Current

- Matahoroa, Puketoromiro Pā, Kōpūrererua Awa, Pukeiti

Future - the contracts we really want to manage in our own backyard

- Kōpūrererua Valley, Ngāi Tamarāwaho crescent, Otumoetai Pā, Pukehinahina, Te Ranga



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