

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL Agenda

For an Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held in the
Council Chambers, 36 Water Street, Whangarei,
on Wednesday, 17 September 2008 commencing at 1 pm

File 105.2

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NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chambers, Northland Regional Council, 36 Water Street, Whangarei, on Wednesday, 20 August 2008 commencing at 1 pm

File 105.2

PRESENT: Crs Mark Farnsworth, Ian Walker. John Bain, Craig Brown, Joe Carr, Lorraine Hill, Peter Jensen and Bill Rossiter.

In Attendance

Full Meeting

Chief Executive Officer
Finance and Corporate Services Manager
Council Secretary

Part Meeting

Projects and Information Manager
Consents Senior Programme Manager
Land and Rivers Senior Programme Manager
Manager Planning and Policy
Community Relations Manager
Senior Communications Officer

OBITUARY

Cr Rossiter gave a brief eulogy for Fred Ogle, tragically killed while cycling. Fred was an enthusiastic road safety campaigner and Northland is poorer for his demise.

OPENING PRAYER

The Council Secretary read the opening prayer.

APOLOGIES

No apologies – all in attendance at start of meeting. Crs Rossiter and Carr sought leave from 1.50 pm to attend Fred Ogle's funeral.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended, and a presentation made to the Chief Executive Officer on the birth of his son Finley Gregor Paterson on 25 July 2008.

ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS

Resolved: That the Council agrees to consider the following items of new business for the reasons shown:

OPEN MEETING

1. CEO'S REPORT - Additional to Item 4, page 23 – Transport Statistics

The Council agenda gave notice that the above information would be tabled at this meeting.

2. REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - Additional to Item 26, page 139 – Confirmation of Minutes of Regional Land Transport Committee Meeting to be held on 19 August 2008

The Council agenda gave notice that the Minutes would be tabled at this meeting.

3. PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO THE TAKING OF SCALLOPS IN KAIPARA HARBOUR

The reason for urgency is that the submissions must be received by the Ministry of Fisheries by Monday, 12 September 2008. A Council decision is required on this item and it cannot be deferred to the next Council meeting.

4. AFFORESTATION GRANT SCHEME

The Funding Agreement for the Afforestation Grants Scheme was not received until after the Agenda had been posted. The reason for urgency is that the application must be signed and forwarded to the other Regional Councils so that the project can be implemented as soon as possible and therefore cannot be deferred to the next Council meeting.

5. APPOINTMENT OF HEARINGS COMMITTEES

The reason for urgency is that hearings are scheduled for Friday, 22 August 2008 and that a change of Councillor representation is required.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The item is for Councillors' information only and no decision will be required.

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

7. NORTHLAND PORT CORPORATION (NZ) LIMITED CONSIDERATIONS

Additional to Item 30, page 150 - Northland Port Corporation (NZ) Limited

The Council agenda gave notice that the above information would be circulated and tabled at this meeting.

8. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

The Council is required to confirm recommended action arising from an item in the confidential section of the Audit and Finance Committee agenda of 30 July 2008.

Cr Rossiter : Cr Bain

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

File 100.1.2

The Chairman gave members the opportunity to declare an interest on any item of business on the agenda for the meeting.

Cr Bain indicated he had a conflict with Item 12 and signalled his intention to leave the room for the discussion of the item.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2008
File 105.2

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2008 be confirmed.

Cr Carr : Cr Rossiter

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2008
File 110.11

Resolved: That the minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting held on 30 July 2008 be received and the Committee's recommendations adopted.

Cr Jensen : Cr Rossiter

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
File 105.4

Report from Chairman Mark Farnsworth dated 5 August 2008.

Resolved: That the Chairman's report dated 5 August 2008 be received.

Cr Farnsworth : Cr Brown

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
File 105.3

Report from Chief Executive Officer Ken Paterson dated 8 August 2008.

Resolved: That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 8 August 2008 plus supplementary item 1 – Transport Statistics, be received.

Cr Walker : Cr Hill

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

5. NRC WEBSITE FEEDBACK – STORM EVENT**Files 240.1, 281.1****Report from Chief Executive Officer Ken Paterson dated 4 August 2008.**

Resolved: That the report be tabled for information and that congratulations be extended to all the staff involved.

Cr Brown : Cr Jensen

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are part of the Council's day to day operations and as such are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

6. LEASE TRANSACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS SEALED**Files: 215.79, 215.26.1, 215.131, 215.130.1, 215.92, 215.47****Report from Council Secretary Audrey Grieve dated 1 August 2008.**

Resolved: That the lease transactions and use of the Council seal outlined in the report from the Council Secretary dated 1 August 2008, be approved.

Cr Rossiter : Cr Jensen

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities contained in this report are in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy which was adopted in compliance with the decision making requirements of Sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

7. 2010 ELECTION DECISIONS**File 100.1****Report from Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 5 August 2008.**

- Resolved:**
1. That the Project and Information Manager's report dated 5 August 2008 on 2010 election decisions be received.
 2. (a) The Council resolved that the status quo is to remain and decided that the First Past the Post electoral system is to be used for the 2010 triennial elections (by 12 September 2008 or earlier); and
(b) Public notice be made of this decision including the right for the public to demand a poll on the electoral system (public notice required by 19 September 2008 or earlier).
 3. That the Project and Information Manager's report on the Council's options in respect to Maori constituencies be received. Council resolved that the status quo is to remain.

4. That in accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the next representation review be conducted before the 2013 election.

Cr Brown : Cr Walker

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The Council is required by Sections 27 and 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 to determine the electoral system to be used at the next local authority elections and the decision accordingly complies with the decision making powers contained in Section 76(5) of the Local Government Act 2002.

8. UPDATE ON NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY TRUST REVIEW

File 150.1

Report by Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 8 August 2008.

Resolved: That the report from Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 8 August 2008 be received.

Cr Walker : Cr Rossiter

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Trust Deed of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust and the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

9. OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RATE POLICY

File 160.15

Report from Local Government Project Manager Deborah Ryder and Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 8 August 2008.

- Resolved:**
1. That the report from Local Government Project Manager Deborah Ryder and Projects and Information Manager Linda Stanfield dated 8 August 2008 be received.
 2. That the policy for the "Other Recreational Facilities" Rate (as amended at this meeting), be adopted.
 3. That a sub-committee of Crs Hill, Bain, Carr and Rossiter be established to evaluate applications before making a recommendation to the Council to release funds from the Regional Recreational Facilities Rate.

Cr Jensen : Cr Walker

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The receiving of this report is provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such is in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the LGA 2002.

10. 2009 LTCCP – CONFIRMATION OF KEY DATES**File 100.5****Report from Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 8 August 2008.**

Resolved: That the report from the Projects and Information Manager dated 8 August 2008 be received.

Cr Carr : Cr Rossiter

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE 28 TO 30 JULY 2008 – OVERVIEW REPORT**File 161.12****Report from Chairman Mark C Farnsworth and Councillor John Bain dated 7 August 2008.**

Resolved: That the report by the Chair, Mark Farnsworth, and Councillor John Bain, dated 7 August 2008, on Local Government New Zealand's Annual Conference, be received.

Cr Bain : Cr Farnsworth

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the LGA 2002.

Conflict of Interest – Cr Bain withdrew from the Council chamber during discussion on the following item.

12. FUNDING OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN NORTHLAND**File 160.15****Report from Chairman Mark Farnsworth dated 11 August 2008.**

The Chairman tabled a discussion document prepared for Council by Surf Life Saving Northern Region.

Resolved: That the Chief Executive Officer develop a background paper on emergency services in Northland.

Cr Walker : Cr Rossiter

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**13. INVESTMENT SCHEDULE AND PERFORMANCE – FINANCIAL REPORT
31 JULY 2008**

File 350.4

Report from Financial Systems Administrator/Internal Auditor Kym Ace dated 11 August 2008.

Resolved: That the Investment Schedule and Performance Report to 31 July 2008 be received.

Cr Rossiter : Cr Bain

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2007/2008 Annual Plan, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

14. PAID ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

File 350.9

Report from Payments Officer Rachel Hills dated 8 August 2008.

Resolved: That the payments for July 2008, as detailed in the report from the Payments Officer, Rachel Hills dated 8 August 2008, be approved.

Cr Hill : Cr Walker

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Northland Community Plan 2006-2016, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002, and the requirements of the Public Bodies Contracts Act 1959.

15. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT NOTES FOR APPROVAL

File 340.4

Report from Accounts Receivables Officer Trish Wells dated 5 August 2008.

Resolved: That the issue of credit notes as detailed in the report from the Accounts Receivable Officer dated 5 August 2008 be ratified.

Cr Jensen : Cr Walker

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

16. LAND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT – REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**File 110.6****Report from Manager Planning and Policy Glenn Mortimer and Council Secretary Audrey Grieve dated 7 August 2008.**

Resolved: That the Council Chairman Cr Farnsworth and Chairman of the Regional Transport Committee Cr Bain, review existing external appointments to the Committee with express reference to the guidelines issued for this purpose by the Minister of Transport on 1 August 2008 and report back to the next Council meeting.

Cr Rossiter : Cr Bain

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report relate to new requirements in the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

17. PROPOSED WHANGAREI HARBOUR MARINE 1 (PROTECTION) MANAGEMENT AREAS CHANGES**File 990.3.31****Report from Maritime Senior Projects Manager Ian Niblock and Policy Specialist Ben Lee dated 8 August 2008.**

Resolved: That the amendment to the Home Point Marine 1 (Protection) Management Area as outlined in this item be added to draft Plan Change 6 (Miscellaneous) to the Regional Coastal Plan for Northland.

Cr Jensen : Cr Hill

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The decisions detailed in this report relate to a Regional Coastal Plan Change being progressed in accordance with the processes set out in the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991. Pursuant to section 76(5) of the Local Government Act 2002, the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991 take precedence.

18. PROPOSED NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD ON ECOLOGICAL FLOWS AND WATER LEVELS**File 990.5.6.3****Report from Policy Analyst Sophie Twedde dated 30 July 2008.**

Resolved: 1. That the report prepared by the Policy Analyst, Proposed National Environmental Standard on Ecological Flows and Water Levels, dated 30 July 2008 be received.

2. That in general, the Council supports the intent of the proposed NES, with the recommended key issues discussed in this report forming the basis of the NRC submission. The submission content is to be discussed with the appropriate Working Party (Water Quality) next week.

Cr Bain : Cr Brown

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are part of the Council's day to day operations and as such are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

19. AQUACULTURE LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS

File 990.3.35

Report from Policy Specialist Ben Lee dated 8 August 2008.

Resolved: That the report from the Policy Specialist dated 8 August 2008, Aquaculture Legislation Amendments, be received.

Cr Jensen : Cr Hill

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the LGA.

20. JOINT WORKING PARTY ON GMO RISK EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS - UPDATE

File 900.14.1

Report from Manager Planning and Policy Glenn Mortimer dated 5 August 2008.

- Resolved:**
1. That the update by the Manager Planning and Policy, dated 5 August 2008, on the actions of the Joint Working Party on GMO risk evaluation and management options, be received.
 2. That, consistent with its past resolutions, the Council reconsider its policy position on the outdoor use of GMOs through the pending Regional Policy Statement review process, specifically the potential use of controls under the Resource Management Act in addition to present controls under the Hazardous Substance and New Organisms Act.

Items 1 and 2 were unanimously supported by Councillors.

Cr Brown : Cr Jensen

Item 3 was moved:

3. That, as a precursor to the pending Regional Policy Statement review, the Council contribute \$10,000 funding toward the proposed community consultation programme over response options to the outdoor use of GMOs on the proviso that the benefits of the option of reliance on existing (or modified) HSNO/ERMA processes are fairly represented in any documentation produced for the process.

Upon a show of hands the motion on this item was LOST.**COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the LGA 2002.

21. CONSENTS DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS

File: 430.1

Report from Consents Senior Programme Manager David Roke dated 1 August 2008.

Resolved: That the information on resource consent decisions and applications in process be received.

Cr Hill : Cr Brown

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006/2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

22. APPOINTMENT OF HEARINGS COMMITTEES

File 110.8

Report from Consents Senior Programme Manager David Roke dated 6 August 2008.

- Resolved:**
1. That the Council decision of July 2007 to appoint Cr Farnsworth as Chair of a Joint Hearings Committee to hear and decide **Far North District Council Application CON20060110804 – Bay of Islands Community Wastewater Scheme – Expansion of Paihia WWTP** to receive and treat additional wastewater from Kerikeri, Waipapa, Waitangi, and Russell if necessary be rescinded; and
 2. That Mr Alan Bickers be appointed, as Chair of a Joint Hearings Committee (together with independent commissioners Mr Jim Peters and District Council appointee commissioner Mr Conway Stewart) to hear and decide **Far North District Council Application CON20060110804 – Bay of Islands Community Wastewater Scheme – Expansion of Paihia WWTP** to receive and treat additional wastewater from Kerikeri, Waipapa, Waitangi, and Russell if necessary.

Cr Bain : Cr Jensen

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006/2016 LTCCP, and in accordance with the Council's statutory delegations approved in July 2004. As such they are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM 5 – APPOINTMENT OF HEARINGS COMMITTEES

File: 110.8

Report from the Consents Senior Programme Manager David Roke dated 19 August 2008.

- Resolved:**
1. That the Council decision of May 2008 to appoint Cr Walker as Chair of a Joint Hearings Committee to hear and decide **Paihia Maritime Properties Limited – CON20080624501** – Replacement Resource Consents for the Existing Aquarium/Cafe Building Adjoining Marsden Road and Paihia Wharf; and the Council decision of July 2008 to appoint Cr Walker as member of a Joint Hearings Committee to hear and decide **D M Sutherland – CON20070805602** – New Jetty (02) and Upgrade Existing Ramp (01) at Edmonds Road, Kerikeri **be rescinded**; and
 2. That Cr Brown be appointed as Chair of the Hearings Committee to hear and decide **Paihia Maritime Properties Limited – CON20080624501** – Replacement Resource Consents for the Existing Aquarium/Cafe Building Adjoining Marsden Road and Paihia Wharf; and as a member of the Committee to hear and decide **D M Sutherland – CON20070805602** – New Jetty (02) and Upgrade Existing Ramp (01) at Edmonds Road, Kerikeri.

Cr Hill : Cr Farnsworth

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP, and in accordance with the Council's statutory delegations approved in July 2004. As such they are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

23. REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1 TO 31 JULY 2008

Files 400.2 and 505.2

Report from Monitoring Senior Programme Manager Riaan Elliot dated 6 August 2008.

- Resolved:** That the follow-up action taken by staff resulting from monitoring or environmental/maritime incidents during July 2008 be supported.

Cr Walker : Cr Jensen

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006/2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

24. FUNDING APPLICATIONS TO THE WHANGAREI HARBOUR HEALTH IMPROVEMENT FUND**File 5055****Report from Coastal Monitoring Programme Manager Bruce Howse dated 1 August 2008.**

Resolved: That the Whangarei Harbour Cultural Audit Report proposal by Hayden Solomon receives up to \$30,890 (GST Exclusive) funding from the Whangarei Harbour Health Improvement Fund.

Cr Brown : Cr Bain

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

25. LIFTING OF FORFEITURE ON WAIKARE OYSTER LEASE**File Number – 990.3.35, 445.1****Report from Coastal Monitoring Programme Manager Bruce Howse, Policy Specialist Ben Lee, and Ministry of Fisheries Aquaculture Manager Dan Lees dated 1 August 2008.**

Resolved: That Council support the lifting of Ministry of Fisheries forfeiture action on Lease 160 provided the new owners sign up to staged cleanup agreements.

Cr Jensen : Cr Hill

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the LGA 2002

26. REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**File 110.6**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on 19 August 2008 be received and the Committee's recommendations adopted.

Cr Bain : Cr Farnsworth

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

3. PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO THE TAKING OF SCALLOPS IN KAIPARA HARBOUR

File 188.7

Report from Chairman Mark Farnsworth dated 12 August 2008.

Resolved: That the Council supports the request by the Kaipara Harbour Fisheries Management Study Group, Environs Holdings Limited and Te Runanga O Ngāti Whātua to extend the temporary closure of scallops for a further year.

Cr Hill : Cr Jensen

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are part of the Council's day to day operations and as such are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

4. AFFORESTATION GRANT SCHEME

File 161.8

Report from Chairman Mark Farnsworth dated 15 August 2008.

Resolved: That the Northland Regional Council signs the non-binding Memorandum of Understanding in order to optimise access to funds for afforestation.

Cr Walker : Cr Jensen

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are part of the Council's day to day operations and as such are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

File 160.13 and 160.13.3

Report by Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 19 August 2008.

Tabled for Councillor Information.

COUNCILLOR REPORT

File 160.13

Cr John Bain reported to Councillors on his involvement with the Northland Sport Physical Activity Group and spoke highly of staff involvement. He tabled the Northland Sport and Physical Activity Strategy Implementation Plan 2008/2009 for Councillors' information.

BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**File 105.2**

Resolved: That pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting to consider:

1. Confirmation of the confidential section of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 July 2008.
2. Confirmation of the Confidential Section of the Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting of 30 July 2008.
3. Northland Port Corporation (NZ) Limited

The reason for excluding the public in relation to items 1 and 2 are as stated in the Minutes of those meetings and in relation to items 3, is that public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the Council to conduct, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities, pursuant to section 7(2)(h) of the said Act.

Cr Jensen : Cr Farnsworth

OPEN MEETING

Resolved: That the Council resumes in open meeting.

Cr Walker : Cr Jensen

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee
held in the Council Chambers, 36 Water Street, Whangarei,
on Wednesday, 27 August 2008 at 10.00am**

File 110.11

PRESENT:

Cr Jensen, Chairman
Cr J Bain
Cr Craig Brown
Cr B Rossiter
Cr Ian Walker
Cr M Farnsworth (ex-officio)

Also Present

Cr L Hill
Cr J Carr (arrived at 10.40am)

Enterprise Northland

Ms J Douglas
Mr A Britton
Ms I Durham

IN ATTENDANCE:

Full Meeting

Finance and Information Services Manager
Council Secretary
Strategic Projects and Information Manager
Administration Team Leader

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolved: That the Committee agrees to consider the following information relating to an existing item on the Agenda.

Additional to Item 7, Page 38 – Prospective Property Purchases

Further updated information supplied relating to the rental return on one of the properties under consideration and a GIS map illustrating location.

Cr Brown : Cr Bain

**1. MINUTES OF AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
30 JULY 2008**

File 100.1

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on 30 July 2008 be confirmed.

Cr Rossiter : Cr Bain

**2. DESTINATION NORTHLAND LIMITED – FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT
FOR 2007/2008**

File 160.11

Report from Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 14 August 2008.

Resolved: That the Destination Northland report for the fourth quarter of the 2007/2008 financial year, be received.

Cr Brown : Cr Walker

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The receiving of this report is provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such is in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the LGA 2002.

**3. ENTERPRISE NORTHLAND – FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR
2007/2008**

File 150.1

Report from Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 14 August 2008.

Resolved: That the Enterprise Northland fourth quarterly report for the 2007/2008 financial year be received.

Cr Farnsworth : Cr Brown

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The receiving of this report is provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such is in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the LGA 2002.

Further

Resolved: That the Council Chairman communicate with the Chairman of Enterprise Northland to ensure additional issues are included in the agenda for the meeting to be held on Wednesday 3 September 2008.

Cr Farnsworth : Cr Bain

Attendance Note: Cr Farnsworth left the meeting at 10.35am, along with the team from Enterprise Northland.

4. APPROVAL TO TRANSFER BUDGETED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON THE AWANUI RIVER MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE

File: 318.1

Report from Finance and Corporate Services Manager Lisa Aubrey dated 8 August 2008.

The Committee Recommends to Council

1. That the report on approval transfer budgeted capital expenditure on the Awanui River Management Scheme to operational expenditure by Finance and Corporate Services Manager, Lisa Aubrey dated 8 August 2008, be received.
2. That the Council approves the transfer of the 2008/09 budgeted Awanui Flood Management works, \$240,000 to operational expenditure.

Cr Walker : Cr Brown

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Resolved That pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, (LGOIMA) the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting to consider:

5. Minutes of Confidential Meeting held 30 July 2008
6. Review of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust
7. Prospective Property Purchases

The reason for excluding the public in relation to item 5 is as stated in the minutes of that meeting. The reason for excluding the public in relation to item 6 is to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions pursuant to section 7(2)(f)(i) of LGOIMA. The reason for excluding the public in relation to item 7 is to enable the Council to carry out commercial activities pursuant to section 7(2)(h) of LGOIMA.

Cr Brown : Cr Bain

OPEN MEETING

The meeting resumed in open meeting at 11.08am.

CONCLUSION

The meeting closed at 11.09am.

Chairman's Report

File 105.4

Report from Chairman, Mark Farnsworth, dated 28 August 2008.

MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED

During the month I have attended the following meetings/events/functions:

- Meetings attended with the Council's CEO, Ken Paterson:
 - WDC Councillors, Phil Halse and Shelley Deeming - proposed rail corridor Oakleigh/Marsden Point.
 - Whangarei District Council Mayor, Stan Semenov, and CEO, Mark Simpson, and prospective stadium tenderers.
 - Top Energy's CEO, Roger de Bray.
 - Far North District Council – farewell function to mark the resignation of CEO, Clive Manley.
 - Chris Mackenzie from Dr Cullen's Office – transportation issues.
 - Kaipara District Council – presentation on vehicles on beaches to Council meeting with Chris Jenkins, Northland Conservator.

- Meetings attended with the Council's Deputy Chair, Councillor Ian Walker:
 - Michael Barnett, CEO, Auckland Chamber of Commerce.
 - Alex Swney, CEO, Heart of Auckland.
 - Bill Guest, Operations Director, Farmers of New Zealand.

- Local Government New Zealand meetings:
 - Regional Affairs two day committee meeting – Wellington. A summary report has been circulated to Councillors.

- NorthTec:
 - Function to mark the announcement by the Prime Minister, Right Hon Helen Clark, about funding and future trades training in the North.
 - NorthTec representatives conducting a survey on the New Zealand Refinery Company.

- Northland Port Corporation meetings:
 - Council Working Party meeting.
 - Company Chair, Mike Daniel, and CEO, Jim Smillie.

- Local real estate agents Sunder Mahalingam and Barry Joblin - importing vehicles through Marsden Point.

- Auckland University Business School, Dr Manuka Henare, and Ms Vivienne Hunt, Business Manager, Auckland UniServices.

- Making Good Decisions Programme:
 - Working Party meeting - Alan Watson (independent hearings commissioner); Craig Mallett, Sarah Myhill and Mark Leggett (Ministry for the Environment); Professor Sue Geertshuis (Auckland University Continuing Education Department).
 - Advisory Board Meeting.

- Scout Association of New Zealand Northland Branch - Celebration of the Centenary of the Scout Movement in New Zealand 1907-2008.

- Naming Ceremony for Royal New Zealand Navy Inshore Patrol Vessel Taupo.
- CEO of the Animal Health Board.
- Annual meeting to discuss issues of mutual concern between the Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society, Kaipara District Council, Northern Conservancy of the Department of Conservation and Northland Regional Council.
- Lynette Stewart, Chair, Northland District Health Board – Northland Rescue Helicopter.
- MfE presentation on the proposed AMA plan change application.
- Pouto 2F Trust.
- Talk back radio interviews:
 - Dargaville's Big River FM.
 - Kaitaia's Rongo Bentson in conjunction with Councillor Ian Walker.
- Channel North:
 - Launch of Whangarei's TV station Channel North.
 - Interview for Channel North.

NETWORKING

- Meetings, as requested, with residents and ratepayers;
- District Council Mayors;
- Councillors;
- Media.

Recommendation

That the Chairman's report dated 28 August 2008 be received.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Chief Executive Officer's Report to Council

File 105.3

Report from Chief Executive Officer Ken Paterson dated 5 September 2008.

COUNCIL AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL PLAN 2008/09

The Annual Plan process is now complete with all submitters having been sent personalised responses to their submissions. The submission process has been reviewed and recommendations made as to how to improve for next year and to clarify the position for the receiving of late submissions.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All submissions from key stakeholders on the review of Enterprise Northland were received by the end of July and collated in early August. A working party was established to consider the submissions and form a final set of recommendations to be put to the September meeting of the Council.

Discussions continue with ONTRACK as to the shape of the final JV agreement to progress the designation of the Marsden Point Rail Link Corridor.

2009 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

Planning continues on the 2009 Long Term Council Community Plan. A second Activity Management Plan workshop was held with senior staff during the period.

STAFF MATTERS

Leaving

Daniel Gulliver, Consents Officer – Water and Wastes finished his employment with the Council on 1 August 2008. Daniel left to go to Australia.

Andrew Carvell, Wastewater Management Officer – Engineer finished his employment with the Council on 1 August 2008. Andrew left to take up a position with Duffill Watts.

Peter Joynt, Biosecurity Officer – Dargaville retired on 1 August 2008.

Stefan Seitzer, Land Management Programme Manager resigned during the month and finished his employment with the Council on 29 August 2008. Stefan left to take up consultancy work.

Appointments

Tess Dacre, Environmental Monitoring Officer – Farm Waste was appointed to the position of Monitoring Programme Manager – Water/Land/Air with effect from 4 August 2008.

Jocelyn Yeoman and Susan Halliwell were appointed on a part time, job share basis to the position of Communications Officer with effect from 11 August 2008.

Vacancies

Eight applications were received for the re-advertised positions of Resource Consents Officers – Coastal and Water and Waste. Interviews with short listed applicants were held on 28 August 2008. Offers of employment have been made.

The following positions were advertised internally during the month:

- Administration Programme Manager
- Environmental Reporting Co-ordinator
- Dargaville Area Officer

An interview for the position of Dargaville Area Officer was held and an offer of employment has been made. Expected start date is 15 September 2008.

Due to the unavailability of the interview panel, interviews are yet to be held for the position of Administration Programme Manager.

The decision has been made to advertise the position of Environmental Reporting Co-ordinator externally before making a decision.

Additionally the following positions were advertised internally and externally during the month:

- Accounts Officer
- Network Support Officer (Helpdesk Officer)
- Strategy and Planning Director
- Land/Rivers Senior Programme Manager
- Council Administration Senior Programme Manager
- Environmental Monitoring Officer – Farm Waste.

Due to the unavailability of the interview panel, interviews are yet to be held for the positions of Strategy and Planning Director, Land/Rivers Senior Programme Manager, Council Administration Senior Programme Manager and Environmental Monitoring Officer – Farm Waste.

Interviews with five short listed applicants for the position of Accounts Officer were held on 2 September 2008 and an offer of employment has been made.

Interviews with five short listed applicants for the position of Network Support Officer were held on 5 September 2008 and a decision is expected shortly.

A number of other positions were advertised during August and will close in September 2008:

- Resource Management Planning Senior Programme Manager
- Infrastructure and Transport Senior Projects Manager
- Growth Strategy Senior Project Manager
- Financial Accountant (Fixed Term)
- GIS Technician
- Biosecurity Officer
- Land Management Officer.

The positions of Rivers Programme Manager, Land Management Programme Manager, Commercial Programme Manager and Wastewater Management Officer – Engineer are on hold until other appointments are made. In the meantime temporary and/or consultant staff are being used as required.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

There have been no reports of any serious injuries or incidents this month.

Reports of DPI (discomfort, pain, injury) have now started to decline and proactive management of this issue has been implemented by way of video presentation, information on the Intranet and direct workplace assessments.

ADMINISTRATION

There was one complaint made against the Council/staff during the month of August and no complaints remain outstanding.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Northland's media was monitored for items of interest to the Council. Media releases were sent to appropriate media concerning the following:

- Anxious wait as boat battered in Far North surf
- Diesel recovery from stricken boat 'difficult'
- Diesel recovered from stranded Kumea II
- Aerial BOI poison drop approved
- Staged tidal power generation recommended
- Applications open for NRC recreation fund

Council's regular monthly column in the Northern Advocate's 'Rural Advocate' supplement looked at wet weather, flooding and the impacts these can have on the region's farmers and our environment.

The Chairman's monthly 'From Where I Sit' column looked at agriculture's role as a potential 'recession buster' and the implications this has for Northland and its environment.

The Chairman's monthly 'Northern Matters' column noted the passing of 100 years since the establishment of Dargaville's first Council and reflected on the changes to local government since.

EVENTS

NRC attended the Northland Home Show held at Kensington Stadium, Whangarei on 15-17 August. Numbers were up slightly on last year and over 7,000 people attended the event. NRC's display focussed on the new Citylink bus service and reducing our environmental impact - every day behaviour changes such as green cleaning, worm farming, composting, being energy efficient were encouraged. A 'live' worm farm was a great drawcard and the stand was well received by the public.

WEBSITE

Monthly usage:	August 2008	July 2008	June 2008	May 2008	April 2008
Visits ¹	34,221	41,725	30,784	31,743	24,217
Files downloaded ²	10,438	10,292	12,820	11,105	10,101

1. The **Visits** report reveals the total number of times that people have visited the website during the month.
2. The **Downloads** report shows the total number of files (e.g. pdf's) that were downloaded during the month.

Most popular pages (August 2008):

- Job vacancies
- Press release about Crest Energy consent hearing decision
- Whangarei Bus Service / CityLink Whangarei
- Regional Water and Soil Plan
- Agendas and minutes

EDUCATION

Northland Regional Council 2008 Environmental Curriculum Awards

Fifteen thousand dollars has been awarded to 16 Northland schools to support great Environmental Education projects. The Environmental Curriculum Awards are a highly successful way to bring projects to the attention of the rest of the school and validate work done by teachers and students involved. Award funds were posted to winning schools during August. A follow-up report is required from schools in November, including details of project progress and funds spending receipts.

Enviroschools

Two one-day Northland Enviroschools Hui were held during August, the first at Okaihau College the second at Kamo Intermediate, Whangarei. The Okaihau Hui was themed "Zero Waste", the Kamo Hui "Precious Energy and Eco Building". There were 40 participants at each event, comprising 10 attending schools each represented by a teacher and three students. The Hui programmes included workshops, keynote speakers and Environmental Education action projects. All schools had an opportunity to share their Environmental Education projects and to network. Initial Hui teacher feedback was positive. Comments indicated teachers had been offered a good range of ideas and support for teaching programmes and Environmental Education in schools.

Science Fairs

Northland Regional Council staff was among 30 judges at the Central Northland Science and Technology Fair, held in Whangarei during August. About 90 science fair projects were entered in the week-long event. Environmental Education staff attended a Central Northland science fair committee meeting, contributing to upgrading of the assessments used to judge all of the 90 science fair projects.

During August preparation continues for the Far North Science and Technology Fair, to be held during September in Kerikeri.

Northland Regional Council 2008 Youth Summit

Registrations for the NRC's annual Youth Summit began coming into Council during late August, following a schools' mailout promoting the event in the middle of the month. Preparation for the event has included ongoing school liaison and programme development.

NRC School Visits

There were two school visits during August, focussed on sustainable coastal management.

Training

Environmental Education staff attended an Education for Sustainability training workshop, held by the Ministry of Education's advisory arm - Team Solutions – in Whangarei. The workshop focussed on planning Environmental Education teaching units based on the new New Zealand curriculum and using specific teaching techniques to engage students.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The finance team have been fully engaged in preparing the 2007/2008 Annual Report and the first draft budget for the 2009/2009 Long Term Council Community Plan.

As a result of changes effective 1 July 2008 to the financial ledger to better enable costs to be accurately captured and reported, staff have been busy working on refining the reporting functionality. The year to date financial results to 31 August 2008 will be tabled as a supplementary item at the September Council meeting.

Audit New Zealand commenced the final Audit on 1st September 2008. Audit New Zealand will be meeting with myself and Cr Jensen on the 18th September to give audit clearance and to provide a debrief on the Audit. The Annual Report will be adopted at the Audit and Finance meeting on 22 October 2008.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Gen-i have been contracted from 11 February to provide the IS helpdesk service and the service is progressing well.

Calls open at month start	20
Total calls received at month end	107
Total calls closed at month end	111
Outstanding calls at month end	16
Calls open at month start	20

PLANNING AND POLICY

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Regional Coastal Plan Change 1 (Moorings and Marinas)

Council adopted this Plan Change at the July Council meeting. Council's seal has been affixed, and the Plan Change has been sent to the Minister of Conservation for final sign off. This will make Plan Change 1 fully operative.

Regional Coastal Plan Change 2 (Marine 1 Review - Whangarei Harbour)

Council adopted this Plan Change at the July Council meeting. Council's seal has been affixed, and the Plan Change has been sent to the Minister of Conservation for final sign off. This will make Plan Change 2 fully operative.

Regional Coastal Plan Change 3 (Mangrove Management)

DoC appealed some decisions of Council on Plan Change 3, requesting various amendments. Following successful negotiations, a consent memorandum was lodged with the Court for consideration in mid May. The Court has raised some questions with the consent documentation and directed a response by 29 August 2008. All the parties concurred with the answers to these questions and a reply was sent accordingly.

Regional Coastal Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture Management)

The Council decisions on Plan Change 4 were notified on 26 April. Twelve appeals were received. Approximately 23 parties have sought to attach to one or more of the appeals; however 13 of these are already appellants. The Court has ordered a report by early September. A meeting of all parties has been organised for 15 September. A mediator (Jan Crawford) has been commissioned to assist with the negotiations.

Draft Regional Coastal Plan Change 5 (Coastal Occupation Charges)

The discussion document circulated at the end of July has stimulated one response to date, namely a request from Te Uri o Hau subsidiary Environs Holdings Ltd for further discussion. A meeting between NRC staff and Environs Holdings is to be arranged. The closing date for comments is 1 September.

Draft Regional Coastal Plan Change 6 (Miscellaneous)

Several responses from interested parties have been received in relation to the discussion document circulated in July. The Whangarei District Council (WDC) and the Whangaroa Marina Trust have both sought meetings with NRC policy staff to discuss the potential Plan Changes. The WDC seeks clarification of the draft rule changes regarding clearance around stormwater outlets, while the Whangaroa Marina Trust has concerns in relation to the potential changes to rules relating to untreated sewage discharge from vessels. Meetings with both parties are scheduled over the next two weeks.

Mooring Management Plans

Bay of Islands

A draft Mooring Management Plan is being prepared for the Te Wahapu and Pomare Bay mooring areas on the basis of survey results and consultation with key stakeholders. The draft is to be finalised by mid-September. A public meeting is scheduled for 1 October at the Russell Community Hall to present the draft and seek feedback.

Matauhi Bay is next on the list, with a survey and information sheet mailed out to approximately 340 residents and mooring owners in late August. Responses are now coming in with surveys due by 30 September.

Mangawhai Harbour

A meeting with the Mangawhai Liaison Group is scheduled for 3 September. The purpose of this meeting will be to present issues and options in detail and potential draft management measures in order to gain feedback from these key stakeholders. Kaipara District Council (KDC) has yet to finalise the draft Reserves Management Plan for the Reserves on the harbour edge. Staff will continue to liaise with KDC to ensure mooring activity is taken into account in KDC Reserves planning.

Vehicles on Beaches

Steady progress has continued with different models being adopted for the Whangarei and Kaipara districts to provide an improved safety regime for vehicles on beaches. Staff representatives from NRC, KDC, WDC, DoC and the Police have held regular meetings to discuss the content of the proposed bylaws and coordinate the bylaw development process.

For the Whangarei district, the development of these bylaws is on track with speed restrictions scheduled to be in place before this summer and LGA bylaws enacted early in the New Year.

For the Kaipara district, it is anticipated that the implementation of speed restrictions by the Minister of Conservation will be trialled at Glinks Gully. While the trial speed restrictions will not be in place by this summer, DoC staff are working towards being in a position to undertake consultation with the community during the summer period.

Regional Water and Soil Plan Change 2 (Animal Effluent Discharges)

The period for receiving submissions has now ended. In total 15 submissions have been received. The majority support the proposed Plan Change, with suggested changes. A summary of submissions report is now being prepared for release on 6 September 2008. The period for further submissions will be from 8 September to 3 October 2008.

Regional Water and Soil Plan Change 3 (Discharges), Plan Change 4 (Disturbance of the Beds of Rivers and Lakes), Plan Change 5 (Land Disturbance) and Plan Change 6 (Coastal Margins)

This package of Plan Changes is in the final stages of preparation. In order to brief all Councils on the proposed changes, a workshop for Councillors from FNDC, KDC, WDC and NRC has been organised for 2 September 2008. It is intended that an agenda item then go to the October Council meeting for approval of the changes. If approved at the Council meeting all four Plan Changes will be publicly notified on 25 October 2008.

Regional Air Quality Plan Change 1 (Marsden Point)

A negotiation meeting was held with the appellant, the New Zealand Refining Company (NZRC), and draft wording subsequently prepared to resolve the appeal. This wording was approved by the NRC Air Quality Sub-committee and subsequently the NZRC and section 274 party, Mighty River Power.

As a result of this a memorandum of parties in support of the report and directions is currently being circulated for signing. It is anticipated that the consent order will be presented to the Court within the next three weeks.

Regional Air Quality Plan Change 2 (Backyard Burning)

The NRC Air Quality Sub-committee has approved the wording negotiated between the parties to resolve this appeal. A consent order has been prepared and circulated for signing. It is anticipated that the consent order will be presented to the Court within the next three weeks.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**Landuse and Subdivision Applications**

During August 2008, 34 resource consent applications were received from the Whangarei, Kaipara and Far North District Councils. There were 25 non-notified, and nine notified applications. NRC has so far provided comment on seven applications, and made two formal submissions.

A variety of comments were made regarding 'at risk' aquifers, wastewater management, stormwater management, coastal hazards, earthworks and the protection of a significant indigenous wetland as defined in the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland (RWSP).

The formal submissions made were as follows:

Arradyl Investments Limited, Whakapirau - A submission was made recommending that the applicant establish whether satisfactory wastewater management is feasible on each lot at subdivision stage. It was requested that a condition be placed on the consent advising that on-site wastewater systems need to be designed in accordance with the Australian/New Zealand Standard for "Onsite Domestic Wastewater Management" and that the requirements of the RWSP permitted activity rules must be met or a resource consent will be required from the NRC.

Apotu Road Trust, Maunu – A submission was made advising the applicant that the property proposed for development was located on an ‘at risk’ aquifer. Rule 21.1.2 of the RWSP regarding stormwater management was also advised. The protection of indigenous vegetation by way of formal conservation covenant was supported. It was requested that a condition be placed on the consent advising that on-site wastewater systems need to be designed in accordance with the Australian/New Zealand Standard for “Onsite Domestic Wastewater Management” and that the requirements of the RWSP permitted activity rules must be met or a resource consent will be required from the NRC.

Whangarei District Council Draft Bylaws

The WDC has notified the following draft bylaws: Wastewater Management, Solid Waste Management, Tradewaste and Stormwater Management.

The NRC has reviewed all four bylaws but made a submission on the Stormwater Management Bylaw only. The submission generally supports the Bylaw attempting to improve the quality of water within public stormwater systems. The submission provides some wording suggestions to maintain a consistent reference to ‘public’ stormwater systems. The submission also supports the section on maintenance requirements and responsibilities for private landowners and invites further discussion on a possible transfer of powers or appointment of NRC officers as enforcement officers under the Bylaw in regard to stormwater and flooding management in rural areas.

Far North District Council Open Space and Coastal Access Strategy

The FNDC is preparing an Open Space and Coastal Access Strategy to identify the types of open space and access the community wants to see in different areas of the Far North District. The purpose of the Strategy is to ensure there is adequate provision of access to the coast both in terms of quantity and quality of spaces.

NRC has made a submission on the Strategy in general support but requesting consideration of areas where it may not be appropriate to promote public access due to operational requirements and or risk to public health, safety and security.

Far North District Council Recreation Plans

The FNDC is updating its Recreation Plans for its three wards – Eastern, Western and Northern. These Plans seek to provide clear direction on the priorities for development of recreation and leisure services within each ward.

NRC has lodged a submission on these Plans generally supporting their intention and suggested actions. There are several areas of particular interest to the NRC, those being harbour and coastal recreation (boating and jet-ski activity) and Lake Omapere management.

The Recreation Plans make no reference to mooring management areas and the land based services associated with these areas. The Plans do however make several references to the apparent need for NRC to develop a jet ski policy for jet ski use on the foreshore. The submission reminds the FNDC of our Navigation and Safety Bylaw, the rules within the RCP and the fact that many northern beaches already have access lanes (ski lanes). NRC suggests a coordinated approach between the Councils if new access lanes are to be established and when NRC begins the development of Harbour Safety Management Plans.

The references to Lake Omapere within the Recreation Plans make no mention of the 'Restoration and Management Strategy for Lake Omapere' or the Lake Omapere Trustees. Recreational access and use of the lake is dealt with as an issue within the management strategy.

NES on Ecological Flows and Water Levels

The NRC submission for the NES on Ecological Flows and Water Levels has now been finalised and submitted to MfE. The submission report was drafted after extensive consultation between technical staff within the Council and presented at the August Council meeting. After discussion with the Water Quality Working Party, the submission was finalised and sent by the due date of 29 August.

NES on On-site Wastewater Systems

The proposed NES on On-site Wastewater Systems was discussed by the Water Quality Working Party. An agenda item will be presented to the September Environmental Management Committee outlining the proposed submission points. The deadline for submissions to be received is 26 September 2008.

TRANSPORT PLANNING

Regional Land Transport Strategy Review

Tenders closed for this review on 20 August with four tenders being received. A tender panel is to be convened to evaluate the applications received.

The previously appointed 'RLTS Review Auditor' is developing a checklist to ensure that the RTC follows the appropriate process throughout the review. As required by regulation the 'Tender Process' must also be subject to a separate audit to ensure that it was carried out appropriately and an auditor has been identified to fulfil this obligation.

Road Safety

An Expedited Tender Process was followed to identify and appoint a consultant to review the Regional Road Safety Plan 2004-2010. The Consultant appointed will attend the next Road Safety Technical Advisory Group planning meeting set down for 29 August. This group will now focus more closely on 'evidence based' Regional priorities - followed by developing activities and actions that will help target and achieve reductions and positive outcomes for the goals and objectives that will be sought.

Regional Development Funding Review Report

Government has provided \$30M for forestry roading works in Northland and Tairāwhiti over the next three years but there has been an assessed \$72M of work remaining. Consultants were employed by NRC on behalf of local authorities in both regions to determine priorities for spending. The review report from the consultants was received on 28 August with the finding that the cost of remaining work can be reduced to \$33M and included attached a proposed schedule of works.

A meeting will now be arranged with roading managers and forestry representative to gain their comment on the report. If agreement is gained, the report will become the work plan for the next three years. If there is not agreement reached then a joint meeting will be held to resolve the matter.

Stock Effluent Disposal Sites

The Regional Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Working Group, chaired by Mr Steve Westgate, held its second meeting on 22 August. The meeting was focused on developing terms of reference for the group, including goals to target over the next three years.

The WDC updated the group on the progress of the stock truck effluent disposal site planned for South End Avenue, at the southern entrance to Whangarei. Storm damage affecting budgets during the last two years had delayed the establishment of this site, but it is still hoped to have the site operational late this year or early next year at the latest.

The FNDC are investigating a possible new disposal site in their district as previous possibilities have failed to progress. NZTA have provided them with further information which will help them in their decision making.

The importance of making submissions to the LTCCP process was discussed in order to have necessary funding allocated within Council budgets for 'local share'. This is required to be in a position to take advantage of subsidies from NZ Transport Agency to progress the goal of establishing a Northland network of stock truck effluent disposal sites.

The Stock Effluent Disposal Working Group has agreed to meet monthly and review meeting dates when there is less need to meet so frequently once a network of sites is operational.

IWI LIAISON

A recommendation was made to Council to fund a Cultural Audit of the Whangarei Harbour after meeting with Kaitaia Roopu and Northport in July to discuss projects that have been successful in gaining funding via the Whangarei Harbour Health Improvement Fund and to look at the new funding year.

Only one request for funding was received this year. The Whangarei Harbour Cultural Audit by Haydn Solomon was successful in gaining funds for a comprehensive project which commenced in late August. This project is the first project in the seven years the fund has been available, that addresses the second component of Condition 11 fund requirement (conditions attached to the Northport consent of 2001), being 'the study and/or mitigation of the effects of the Port Development on wahi tapu, taonga and other features of special interest to tangata whenua.'

The NRC, ONTRACK and Beca Consulting continue to update and work with the owners of the Kopuawaiwaha Land Block, Toetoe and Patuharakeke to provide details on the proposed rail designation to Marsden Point.

During August the Iwi Liaison Officer attended the WDC Hearing of the Taiharuru Marae application. NRC had made a submission on the application relating to the wastewater system, stormwater and visual impact. The Hearing Commissioner's decision was to grant the consent application, however with a raft of conditions, including consent requirements of NRC.

OPERATIONS

CONSENTS

Consents in Process

During August 2008, a total of 127 Resource Consents were issued. These comprised:

6	Moorings
13	Coastal Permits
2	Air Discharge Permits
77	Discharge Permits
13	Land Use Consents
12	Water Permits
4	Bore Consents

133 Decisions were issued as detailed elsewhere in the Agenda.

39 Applications were received.

Of the 254 applications in progress at the end of August:

153	were received more than 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
30	were received between 6 and 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
71	less than 6 months.

MONITORING

HOTLINE – ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

The number of environmental incidents reported in August was higher than average with 92 incidents being reported compared with an average of 69 for the period since the Hotline began operating. The categories of incidents are outlined in the table below:

INCIDENTS	AUG	JULY	JUNE	MAY	APR	MAR	YEAR TO DATE	Annual Average 1993-2007
Air								
Burning & Smoke Nuisance	12	22	18	19	16	28	140	110
Other Air incidents	9	8	6	8	15	16	92	222
Land Use								
Earthworks & Vegetation Clearance	9	2	5	5	7	5	33	73
Other Land Use Incidents	8	3	3	5	7	4	28	33
Water Quality								
Sewage	7	8	10	7	4	2	47	65
Farm Dairy Effluent	4	1	1	1	1	0	7	25
Other Water Quality Pollution	18	8	7	9	11	9	76	121
Waste Management								
Hazardous Substances, spills and refuse	12	9	7	4	7	6	41	100
Coastal								
Structures in Waterbodies/CMA	2	2	48	0	1	2	58	16
Vehicles on Beaches	0	3	0	0	1	2	9	8
Other Coastal Activities	3	5	2	2	4	4	32	35
Water Quantity								
Water Abstractions	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	7
Other	9	5	2	1	4	5	25	79
TOTAL	93	76	110	61	78	83	590	886

AIR QUALITY

Incidents

Twenty-one air quality related environmental incidents were received during this reporting period. The recent wet weather significantly reduced the number of burning and smoke nuisance complaints. However, the number of agrichemical spraydrift complaints has increased in the last two weeks, as the window period for 24D Easter application finished on 31 August.

Industrial Issues

Compliance monitoring visits were made to ten industrial sites. The site visits confirmed that the inspected industries were complying with the conditions of their resource consents. The results of all site visits are recorded in tabulated monitoring records.

A recent upgrade to the system that is designed to dry wet fuel before feeding to the boiler at Croft Timber was found to be working well. Emission tests carried out after the installation of the new feeding system confirmed significant reduction of particulate emissions.

Airshed NES Compliance

Concentration of inhalable particulate matter in Whangarei City until the last week of August was within the national environmental standard. Similarly the results of sulphur dioxide concentration at the Taurikura Bay site were also well within the national environmental standard.

WATER QUALITY AND DISCHARGE MONITORING

Thirty-four compliance visits for consented discharges were made during August. A summary of discharge compliance monitoring is tabulated below.

Full Compliance	Minor Non-Compliance	Significant Non-Compliance	Total
26	5	3	34

Two of the three significant non-compliances were for WDC's failure to notify NRC of sewage overflows during rainfall events, as per the requirements in the relevant resource consents for the main wastewater treatment plant, and for the Okara pump station. Two meetings have now been held between NRC and WDC staff to ensure notification occurs as per the conditions of consent and the agreed protocol. As a result of the meetings, WDC and NRC will meet bi-monthly to discuss operational issues.

A meeting between NRC staff, Waikare oyster farmers and other relevant agencies was held during August, looking to facilitate reclassification of the waters to allow the oyster farmers to re-open.

NRC is working with Ngawha Geothermal Resource Company Ltd to establish bonds for bores utilised for the power station. This should be completed shortly.

FDE MONITORING

Monitoring of farm dairy effluent treatment and disposal systems for the 2008/09 season has commenced. Inspections have been carried out by QCONZ and NRC staff.

CONSENTED (MCO) FDE DISCHARGES

The results of FDE consents monitoring for the year to 31 August are tabulated below. The monitoring results are compared with those for the same period last year. As only a small number have been completed it is too early to draw any conclusions.

Full Compliance		Minor Non-Compliance		Significant Non-Compliance	
This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
2	6	1	1	1	0
50%	86%	25%	14%	25%	0%

Non Consented (MNC) FDE discharges

The results of non-consented farm dairy effluent inspections for the year to 31 August are tabulated below. The inspection results are compared with those for the same period last year. As only a small number have been completed it is too early to draw any conclusions.

Full Compliance		Minor Non-Compliance		Significant Non-Compliance	
This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
4	8	3	6	7	18
29%	25%	21%	19%	50%	56%

WATER RESOURCES

Water Take Compliance Monitoring

Water use records for the 2007/2008 year continue to be assessed for compliance. Three bore permits were processed and five new bore logs were linked to the bore log database. Twenty-eight site visits were undertaken to assess compliance with bore permit conditions, relating to bore head completion. Six of these bores had minor non-compliances and follow-up action will occur in the next month.

Hydrology, Telemetry and Maintenance

During August, three temporary telemetered water level stations were installed in the Kaeo River, at Waiare Road Bridge, the Kaeo Fire Station and in the Kaeo River outlet to the Whangaroa Harbour. Replacement equipment has since been installed at the Fire Station site and a new site established in the Whangaroa Harbour at the Big Game Fishing Club wharf. The installation of permanent water level equipment for the Waiare Road and the outlet stations is scheduled for September. Some time was spent providing the river modellers with water level, flow and survey information for the Awanui River catchment.

Apart from a few minor cellphone and radio communication problems, the telemetered network operated very efficiently during August with one moderate rainfall event monitored on 24 August. The telemetered rainfall station at Opouteke failed to respond to radio communications, and five days of water level data was lost at the Opouteke water level station as a result of a faulty datalogger. Problems persisted at the Raumanga Stream water level station. An old syphon system which controls the river water level to the recording well collapsed and required purging. The Raumanga and Waiarohia Stream stations both operate with this type of water level system and have done so for approximately 35 years. Both stations will be upgraded with a more efficient system next year. A large amount of water level, flow and rainfall data was processed during August. Missing record from the 68 automatic stations during August was only 0.24%.

Water Resources

August was another very wet month throughout Northland receiving 20 to 30 days of rain. Although the region had experienced many wet days, rainfall amounts were quite variable. Average to above average rainfall was recorded over most of Northland; however, east coast areas south of the Bay of Islands to Whangarei had only received 70% to 90% of the average August rainfall. West coast areas such as Tutamoe Range and the Waima Forest were very wet. Wekaweka in the Waimamaku River catchment recorded 417mm for the month, Tutamoe 360mm, Opouteke on the eastern side of the Tutamoe Range 308mm and North Hokianga 262mm.

On 24 August and as a result of a northerly front, 50mm to 75mm was recorded over the high altitude areas such as the Mangataniwha Forest, the headwaters of the Kaeo and Waipapa Rivers (Puketi Forest), east coast hills from Kerikeri to Whangarei and the headwaters of the Mangakahia and Kaihu Rivers. With already saturated ground conditions, rivers and streams were quick to respond. The water level on the Mangakahia River at Titoki peaked at 9.9 metres. A flood warning was issued to farmers in the Mangakahia River Valley and those on the lower river flats near Tangiteroria. The Awanui, Kaihu and Kaeo Rivers were closely monitored throughout the event.

During the past three months there have been 70 to 85 rain days recorded throughout the Northland region. Northland has received 20% more rainfall from the beginning of 2008 to the end of August compared to the long term mean rainfall, and 82% of the annual mean rainfall, with four months to go.

COASTAL MONITORING

One monitoring event was recorded for coastal monitoring activities during the reporting period. This was for the monitoring of the Whangarei Town Basin marina dredging, which was determined to be in compliance with consent.

The estuary monitoring programme of priority estuaries continued. Invertebrate identification was completed for Whangarei Harbour and Ruakaka River and analysis of the biological and environmental data has now begun. Estuary catchment assessments were also completed for the Whangarei Harbour, Kerikeri Inlet and Ruakaka Estuary, and these assessments which cover the physical characteristics of each estuary catchment and the inputs to these systems will be incorporated into the reporting on the outcomes from the monitoring of each estuary which is due later this year.

Beach profile monitoring was undertaken at Pouto, Mangawhai, Rangiputa, Tokerau, Taipa, Cable bay, Coopers Beach, Hihi, Taupo Bay, Tauranga bay and Te Ngaire Bay. Recent shoreline erosion was evident at a number of locations, particularly so at Rangiputa where up to 6 – 8 metres of shoreline erosion was measured in places.

CoastCare Activities

CoastCare visits and site inspections were carried out at Tapeka, Tauranga Bay, Te Ngaire Bay, Waipu Cove, Ruakaka, Ahipara, Waipapakauri, Matauri Bay, Taipa, Tokerau Beach, Omapere and Opononi. Taipa Area School students assisted with planting spinifex in an area of dune in front of the school at Taipa Beach, and wooden sand ladders are now being built to encourage people to use the designated accessways. Students at Waipu Primary School helped to plant spinifex in front of the Waipu Cove Surf Club. At Tapeka local residents helped to plant spinifex and build pedestrian accessways to the beach.

The revised Omapere-Opononi Dune Restoration Strategy was distributed to the Hokianga Harbour Foreshore Restoration Society and discussed at the Society meeting of 26 August in light of recent foreshore erosion. Society members also decided to hold a public meeting in October as an opportunity to consult with the local community on proposed foreshore restoration in the Opononi-Omapere area. The Society will also participate in the Department of Conservation's Conservation Management Strategy Workshop to be held in Omapere on 24 September.

A "Vehicles on Beaches" community education campaign will again be run over the coming summer period, with funding assistance from the New Zealand Transport Agency. The community education days will follow a similar model to those events from the previous two summers, but with more events proposed. The placement of signage at key beach access points, promoting safe vehicle use and minimising damage to the environment, is also proposed.

LAND USE MONITORING

There were 29 compliance visits for land use activities during August. A summary of discharge compliance monitoring is tabulated below.

Full Compliance	Minor Non-Compliance	Significant Non-Compliance	Total
19	9	1	29

Due to wet conditions, a number of large earthworks have stopped. A number of issues with disposal of earth spoil from WDC road maintenance operations have been identified. This will be taken up with WDC and their contractors.

WASTE MANAGEMENT/HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

DoL Hazardous Substances Contract

Inspections of workplaces storing and using hazardous substances continued. It is pleasing to note that a large percentage of sites that were previously non-compliant are now well on the way to becoming compliant. The majority of the sites visited have now engaged test certifiers and have become compliant or are working through some minor issues enabling them to become compliant.

Hazardous Substances Incidents

One hazardous substances incident was attended during the month. This incident involved the discharge of LPG from a faulty connection into the forecourt at the Caltex service station in Tarewa Road, Whangarei. A quick reaction from the forecourt attendant who turned off the power to the bulk LPG cylinder prevented a potentially dangerous incident.

Waste Hazardous Substances Collection

The collection, storage and transport of waste hazardous substances from throughout Northland continued without incident. August was reasonably quiet with just over 350 kilograms of hazardous substances repacked and stored prior to transport to Auckland for disposal.

Coolstores

Following the Icepak coolstore fire in Hamilton where a fireman was killed, the NRC as part of its HSNO contract with Department of Labour, put into place a survey of refrigeration and coolstore facilities to establish the level of risk of such an incident occurring in Northland.

The survey revealed that there are two main types of refrigerant that pose a significant risk, these being propane and ammonia. Propane (essentially the same as LPG) represents the largest danger in a fire situation, as it can cause very serious explosions. Ammonia is toxic and corrosive, but has a limited fire danger.

The survey did not detect any propane-type refrigeration plants in Northland, therefore an incident similar to the Hamilton event is unlikely. The full report will be available in September 2008.

ENFORCEMENT

Abatement/Infringement Notices

Eighteen abatement notices were served during August. These relate to the following activities:

- Unauthorised structures in the CMA.
- FDE discharges not in compliance with consent conditions or regional rules.
- Non-compliance with earthworks consent conditions.
- Earthworks not complying with regional rules (no sediment controls).
- An unauthorised structure that will divert flood waters resulting in adverse effects.
- Water bores not constructed in accordance with consent conditions.
- Coastal structures not maintained in accordance with consent conditions.

Twenty-three infringement notices were served during August. These relate to the following activities:

- Earthworks not complying with regional rules (no sediment controls).
- FDE discharges not in compliance with consent conditions or regional rules.
- Water bores not constructed in accordance with consent conditions.
- Non compliance with earthworks consent conditions.

Prosecutions

There are two cases in progress for alleged offences against the Resource Management Act:

- An individual has been charged in relation to damage to the foreshore and seabed associated with the clearance of mangroves at Hauparua Inlet, Bay of Islands in May 2007. A disputed facts case was held before the Environment Court on 16 June 2008 where the Court found in favour of NRC. The sentencing hearing set down for August was rescheduled to 7 October 2008 due to the inability of the defendant to attend the hearing.
- A farmer, his company and a contractor have been charged in relation to alleged unauthorised discharge of farm dairy effluent to a stream at Aranga in August 2007. At a hearing on 19 May 2008 the defendants entered guilty pleas to five charges. The sentencing hearing set down for August was rescheduled to 7 October 2008 as the Court wishes to hear both NRC cases on the same day to minimise travel time to Northland.

MARITIME

OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Marine Oil Spill Response

There were three reported marine oil spill incidents during August; two were minor. On 18 August the fishing vessel Kumea II ran aground on Ninety Mile Beach at Waipapakauri, spilling an unknown quantity of diesel oil in the process. The spilt oil was very quickly broken up in the rough seas being experienced at the time. Regional Council personnel were subsequently able to recover the balance of diesel, lubricating and hydraulic oil from the vessel prior to it being broken up and disposed of. The District Health Board gathered shellfish samples following concerns expressed by the local community that there may be residual hydrocarbon tainting. The results of the sampling are not yet available. The cost of responding to this incident will be recovered from the vessel owner.

Marine Oil Spill Preparedness

Two of the Council's Regional On-Scene Commanders attended the annual Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) regional council workshop in Wellington. The workshop provided a valuable platform for updates to information and oil spill response techniques and discussions regarding incidents, such as the Seawyf grounding, during the past 12 months.

NAVIGATION, SAFETY AND MARITIME OPERATIONS

Navigation Safety

The Hatea River Channel dredging project continued to progress well with recommendations for the appointment of a preferred contractor being made to WDC and NRC. Dredging is expected to commence in early October. A site visit to review the draft aid to navigation upgrade plan was completed with stakeholders and the draft plan revised as a result of their input.

Harbour safety meetings were held with both commercial operators and the SAR/coastguard/radio groups from the Bay of Islands. No major issues were raised and everyone acknowledged the improved communication and cooperation resulting from the ongoing safety meetings.

The Deputy Harbourmaster chaired an inter-regional moorings standards meeting of contractors, harbourmasters and equipment suppliers. The meeting followed a rash of mooring failures, in various North Island regions, and aimed to work towards establishing consistent minimum standards for both pile and swing moorings.

Maritime personnel met with local boat operators at Whatuwhiwhi to review a request for a leading light for the boat ramp adjacent to the Top Ten holiday park. A viable low-cost option was outlined and community support sought for funding the purchase of a single navigation light.

The Regional Harbourmaster provided advice regarding the training and licensing of harbour pilots and pilotage exempt masters at an MNZ national working group meeting in Wellington.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Construction of a new port hand beacon for installation on Shark Island in the Whangaroa Harbour progressed well during August.

The Hokianga Harbour Onoke buoy was retrieved and reinstated in its correct position after being reported adrift. The Kerikeri Inlet No. 13 starboard hand beacon required a battery replacement to remedy a reported light failure. The ski access lane buoys were upgraded Kowharewa Bay, Tutukaka Harbour, following one of the buoys breaking free.

Erosion of the foreshore at Taipa boat ramp necessitated the relocation of the large navigation sign to avoid it being damaged.

MARITIME INCIDENTS

There were 17 maritime incidents reported this month. Poor weather conditions continued to create navigation safety problems with several vessels dragging or breaking free from their moorings. Maritime staff have been dealing with these incidents in cooperation with the respective mooring owners and mooring contractors.

The Regional Harbourmaster required an escort tug to be employed as a precaution when a cement carrier reported a reduction in propulsive power for its arrival at Portland. Two vessel immobilisation requests were processed and one cargo ship was detained by MNZ for having an unserviceable emergency generator.

HOT WORK PERMITS

One Hot Work Permit was issued during August.

TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

Total Mobility

Financial information on expenditure for August 2008 was not available for inclusion in the Agenda.

For the month under review, a large number of the Total Mobility cards were due for renewal. A customer satisfaction survey, as required by the New Zealand Transport Agency, has been mailed out to 325 randomly selected clients.

Passenger Service Registration

During August 2008, there were no applications for Registration, no applications to Vary Services, and no notifications of Abandonment of Services. Fullers Bay of Islands has however withdrawn an earlier application for both a fare schedule and timetable amendment.

City Link Whangarei

Total passenger numbers and farebox revenue collected for the month under review was not available for inclusion in the Agenda. The transport and community relations sections are in the process of finalising promotional material to encourage increased use of the service, particularly during the peak periods. Feedback on the new service remains positive. There have however been some reports of poor behaviour on the buses by school children. This matter is being addressed.

The new schedule will remain unchanged until February 2009. This will allow for an eight month familiarisation period. Once completed, the trip loadings will be analysed and adjusted accordingly.

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During August the MetService issued several weather watches and thunderstorm notifications for the Northland region with none of the watches progressing to the warning stage.

The Lifelines Utility Group project manager Ms Lisa Roberts has developed a project brief to assist agencies better understand the infrastructure risks in the region, including the risks of failure in each of the utility sectors. This includes the potential causes of failure (hazards), likelihood of varying levels of failure of infrastructure services (probability of widespread versus localised failures), and the consequential impact of the failures – on other utilities and on the community. The project will also consider the region's ability to respond to these failures, including any critical resource constraints that may impede response and recovery (e.g. generators, contractors, helicopters). The Lifelines Group will commence work on this project in early September.

On 18 August a one-day welfare course was held, with representatives from a wide variety of agencies and organisations attending. This is the second welfare course for the year and the focus is on preparing staff and volunteers who may be deployed in welfare centres during any emergency.

On 19, 20 and 21 August the third Level 4 course for this year was held with 22 personnel from a wide variety of organisations attending. Two further courses are programmed for 2008 and nominations remain strong for these courses.

On 22 August the CDEM Senior Programme Manager attended the National Tsunami Working Party meeting in Wellington which considered the draft of the guidelines for consistent NZ tsunami evacuation mapping and related matters. The group has agreed a work programme for the coming year.

The development of a Rural Support Trust for the Northland region continued with the appointment of seven trustees and an initial meeting set down for early September to finalise the trust deed, to agree on a work programme and to establish a working structure for the trust. The initial focus will be on development of response and recovery plans for the rural sector.

LAND AND RIVERS MANAGEMENT

LAND MANAGEMENT

Land Management staff attended a national phosphate workshop run by AgResearch. Participants included personnel from regional councils, Crown Research Institute scientists, and university staff. The aim of the workshop was to determine the state of New Zealand soil phosphorus research and to formulate a strategy for future research. Data presented at the workshop reconfirmed that New Zealand rivers are phosphorus-limited and hence any addition of phosphorus into fresh water systems will promote algae and aquatic weed weed growth and associated problems.

The New Zealand Grasslands Association will hold its National Conference in Northland in November 2009. The Council has supported this organisation in the past and involvement from the start of planning for this event is important to ensure cost-effective use of staff time and Council resources.

A level of nitrate contamination is occurring around the market gardens at Maungakarama. Land Management staff will contact the Auckland Regional Council to discuss that Council's work with market gardeners around Pukekohe to overcome a similar problem.

BIODIVERSITY

Plant Conference

The Biodiversity Officer attended the New Zealand Plant Conservation Networks Biennial Conference in Wellington 8-10 August 2008. The national list of threatened plants has recently been revised with 893 species now considered to be threatened, that is, 38% of our seed plants and ferns. Unfortunately the number of acutely threatened plants has increased from 122 five years ago to 177. Southland leads with 67 threatened species, Canterbury 65, Northland has dropped to third place with 57, and Auckland has 48. In Northland the habitats where the most threatened plants occur are cliffs (many coastal), forests and wetlands. There was a call for all regions to be putting together their own regional threatened plants list. The NRC has been contributing to one for Northland and during this month a meeting was held with Whangarei District Council and the Department of Conservation to enable the District Council to include a draft list of regionally threatened plants in their State of the Environment Report.

Auckland Regional Council Botanist Bec Stanley presented a very interesting paper which was relevant to Northland. Half of the native plants which grow in Auckland are threatened and 35 have become extinct. In Auckland (similar to Northland) open sites and wetlands have been the most impacted whilst some coloniser plants are benefiting from "unconscious conservation" such as roadside trimming or other human disturbances.

Northland Biodiversity Database

An application for funding through the Terrestrial and Freshwater Biodiversity Information Systems (TFBIS) process was submitted by the Biodiversity Officer on behalf of the Council and Northland Biodiversity Enhancement Group (NBeg). The application is for \$75,000 to collate Northland biodiversity information in a GIS format onto a regional website which would be available to users such as territorial authorities, DOC, QEII, and NZ Landcare Trust. This would be a one-stop shop for planners, consents officers and land managers. Recognising that some site-based information is sensitive, the information could be made available to wider groups and the public at different levels. The website would be maintained by NRC and would require the employment of an information specialist to set it up. Systems for IT maintenance of the website and update of data by individual contributors would be provided for as part of the project. The Council was approached to apply for this funding as it is considered to be ready to take this step as the next stage of the "Whole of Northland Project". It was presented as a pilot project as an example for other councils and is related to the national land information project, "One Land". NBeg voted to support the project and Whangarei District Council and NZ Landcare Trust provided testimonials of support.

RIVER MANAGEMENT

Kaeo

The Kaeo River-Whangaroa Catchment Management Liaison Committee held its first meeting in Kaeo on 13 August 2008. All except three of the 14 members of the Committee were present, along with some local residents and Regional Council personnel. A report on the meeting is included in the agenda for the Environmental Management Committee meeting of 17 September 2008. The Liaison Committee meeting included a presentation by Council staff on the remedial works programme for the Kaeo River, development of a flood model, installation of water level recorders and a preliminary assessment of the effects of dredging the lower river channel.

Council River Management officers, accompanied by an area representative from the Liaison Committee, will be inspecting each of the smaller rivers and streams within the Whangaroa area over the next few weeks to prepare a proposed works programme for the coming works season. Revenue from a recently struck targeted rate will fund channel maintenance works on these rivers and streams. "Channel maintenance" in this context will include the removal of obstructions to the flow of water, and managing gravel and sediment deposits to control streambank erosion. This channel maintenance work is explained more fully in the "Interim Flood Management Plan for the Kaeo River and for Smaller Whangaroa Rivers and Streams from Taupo Bay to Te Ngaere", adopted by the Council on 25 June 2008.

In the meantime, Council staff are surveying river cross sections and gathering hydrological data to provide input into the flood model being developed by consultants.

Awanui River

The first meeting of the Awanui River Flood Management Plan Liaison Committee will be held in Kaitaia on 25 September 2008. Among the items on the agenda will be a discussion on the works programme for the coming season, and the flood model developed by consultants.

The Council has not yet received a final decision from the Environment Court in respect of the three references to the decision to grant a resource consent for the scheme.

Kaihu River

The Chairman of the Environmental Management Committee, Cr Brown, the Land/Rivers Senior Programme manager and the Dargaville Area Officer Manager attended a meeting in the Kaihu Valley called by the owners of Pouto Farms on 12 August 2008. Also at the meeting were members of the Kaihu River Management Liaison Committee Mr Unkovich and Cr McEwing, John Carter MP, Kaipara District Councillor Bill Guest, and members of the Woodcock family (Pouto Farms).

The Woodcock family called the meeting to explain their situation, having been required under a High Court mediated agreement to breach a stopbank at the upstream end of their property immediately prior to a recent flood. NRC, to avoid any risk of downstream properties being detrimentally affected by an uncontrolled breach of the banks at the lower end of Pouto Farms, had sought an Enforcement Order through the Environment Court, requiring the consent of the Council before such a breach was made. Pouto Farms is in the process of applying for resource consents for the installation of an outlet structure at the downstream end of their property and for realigning other stopbanks on their land.

A meeting of the Kaihu River Management Liaison Committee will be held in Dargaville at 10am on 9 September 2008.

Lake Owhareiti

Lake Owhareiti is a small lake immediately south of Pouerua, Pakaraka, formed as a result of volcanic activity at Pouerua blocking off a valley. Historically the lake was maintained within a relatively narrow range of levels by water seeping out through the lake bed. Only after extended periods of heavy rain did the lake overflow across a ridge to the north and into a tributary of the Waitangi River. In recent years the lake has remained at higher levels and is spilling more frequently over the overflow. This is thought to be due to the lake bed being sealed by fine sediments and decaying organic matter.

Water flowing out of the lake is eroding the hillside downstream of the overflow point and landowners around the lake have requested assistance from the Council. A geotechnical consultant has been commissioned to inspect and report on the safety of the overflow and to review a proposal to install an overflow pipe to control the lake level within a more manageable range.

BIOSECURITY

Community Pest Control Update

The Pataua North Community Pest Control project is underway following Council approval of the plan at the last Environment Management Committee meeting. Tenders were received from nine contractors and consideration of these has resulted in five companies being engaged to begin pest animal and weed work over 800 hectares of land north of the Pataua estuary. Possums, wild cats, rabbits, mustelids, and weeds including pampas grass will be targeted with the aim of protecting high value wetlands, forest and rare duneland plants. Materials and poisons have been ordered for the work which is expected to begin during September. Over 20 properties are covered by the plan and landowners have agreed to maintain low pest levels once the initial control has been undertaken.

Marine Pests

In a combined approach with MAFBNZ, Council Biosecurity staff assisted in the hull inspection of a foreign boat and barge at Port Whangarei during August which had travelled down from New Caledonia for repairs. The hull, props and lockers were targeted as places where invasive marine pests could stow away and samples of a wide variety of marine species including bivalves, barnacles and algae were sent for further taxonomic identification. Results are expected during September.

The review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy which is due to be released this year will highlight the risks marine pests pose to industry, aquaculture and coastal recreation. The document will seek the views of stakeholders on the role the Council should play in reducing the risk of marine pests establishing in the region.

Pest Plants

A small population of the highly poisonous Cape Tulip (*Homeria collina*) was removed from a coastal property near Matapouri. Belonging to the iris family the plant has the reputation of causing at least one death in man and several in cattle, sheep and horses. It used to be sold as an ornamental garden plant in New Zealand until it was banned from sale and distribution several years ago and occurrences of the plant are now rare. Seed of the plant is persistent in the soil and staff will continue to monitor the site until they are confident all seedlings have been removed.

Manchurian Wild Rice

A meeting was held in Dargaville with prospective contractors to discuss the upcoming Manchurian wild rice spray programme. Over 120 sites are expected to be under management by December this year and due for follow up spray treatment between February and April 2009. Spraying of outlying sites is expected to begin during October providing weather conditions permit and it is likely several weed control contractors and one helicopter firm will be employed to ensure all sites are targeted within the given timeframe.

Envirolink Research Grants Awarded

Northland Regional Council is one of nine councils who may apply for research grants and has a consistently high number approved. Since July this year four grant applications have been approved worth a total of \$30,000. Research into control methods for guava moth, an experimental design to stop hedgehogs being caught in traps set for stoats, and advice on the feasibility of detecting the presence of invasive pests by analysis of mammal scent molecules is currently underway.

Attendance at Community Group Events

Staff attended a "trapper training day" organised by the Landcare Trust, held at Aroha Island, Rangitane. Representatives from the pest control company "Connovation" attended and briefed staff on new possum and rat control baits and delivery systems.

Recommendation

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 5 September 2008 be received.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Lease Transactions and Documents Sealed

Files: 215.79, 990.3, 990.3.40, 9903.41

Report from Council Secretary Audrey Grieve dated 1 September 2008.

The following property transaction was processed and executed under seal of Council during the past month.

File 215.79 Sublease from McQuinn Enterprises Ltd to Donkers/Meyers,
148 Lower Dent Street, Whangarei.

Documents Sealed

The following documents were executed under seal of Council during the past month.

Files 990.3 &
990.3.40 Adoption of Plan Change 1 (Moorings and Marina Management)
to the Regional Coastal Plan.

Files 990.3 &
990.3.41 Adoption of Plan Change 2 (Marine 1 Review – Whangarei
Harbour) to the Regional Coastal Plan.

File 161.8 Funding Agreement for the Afforestation Grant Scheme.

Recommendation

That the lease transaction and use of the Council seal outlined in the report from the Council Secretary dated 1 September 2008, be approved.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The lease transaction contained within this report is in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy which was adopted in compliance with the decision making requirements of Sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the execution of the seal is part of the Council's day to day operations and as such is provided in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan and is in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Meetings Calendar for 2008-2009

File 105.2

Report from Council Secretary, Audrey Grieve dated 1 September 2008.

The attached programme of meetings and events for the residue of 2008 condenses the upcoming meetings and events already agreed to by Council. Councillors are asked to check that the relevant meetings are recorded in their diaries.

The proposed draft programme for meetings of the Council and its standing committees is submitted for Councillors' consideration.

The key Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) dates also recorded on both on both programmes were agreed to at the August 2008 Council meeting.

Recommendation

That the draft programme of meetings for 2009, as recommended, be adopted.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are part of the Council's day to day operations and as such are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2008/2009****COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES – UPDATED AUGUST 2008****2008**

Meeting	Day & Time	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Council	Third Wednesday at 1.00pm except Jan, Dec	17	15	19	10
Council LTCCP Workshops	Wednesdays (usually). After Council meetings		8 (10am)		10
Audit & Finance Cttee	Fourth Wednesday at 10.00am	24	22	26	
Environmental Management Cttee	Third Wednesday at 10.00am Bi-monthly	17		19	
Regional Transport Cttee	Third Tuesday at 10.00am Bi-monthly		21		16
CD Emergency Mgmt Group	First Tuesday at 10.00am Quarterly	2			2
Hearings Cttee	To be determined				
Local Govt NZ Conference					
Mayoral Forum	Second Monday every second month		13		8
Councillors Regional Tour		-	14-16		

MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2008/2009 – COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

2009

Meeting	Day & Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Council	Third Wednesday at 1.00pm except Jan, Dec	-	18	18 (Adopt draft LTCCP)	15	20	17	15	19	16	21	18	9
Special/Extraordinary Council	As called	-					24 Adopt LTCCP						
Council (LTCCP) Workshops	Wednesdays (usually). After Council meetings	28 (10am)											
Public Consultation (LTCCP)					8 April – 8 May								
Hearings & Deliberations (LTCCP)						21-25 Inclusive							
Audit & Finance Cttee	Fourth Wednesday at 10.00am	-	25	25	22	27	24	29	26	23	28	25	-
Environmental Management Cttee	Third Wednesday at 10.00am Bi-monthly	-		18		20		15		16		18	
Regional Transport Cttee	Third Tuesday at 10.00am Bi-monthly	-	17		21		16		18		20		15
CD Emergency Mgmt Group	First Tuesday at 10.00am Quarterly	-		3			2			1			1
Local Govt NZ Conference (Chch)	To be determined	-						26-29					
Mayoral Forum	Second Monday every second month	-	9		13		8		10		12		14

Review of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust

File 150.1

Report by Projects and Information Manager Linda Stansfield dated 4 September 2008.

In January 2008, consultancy firm Morrison Low and Associates Ltd were contracted to conduct a review of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust (NRCCT), which includes the operations of Enterprise Northland and Destination Northland Ltd. An overview of the required outcomes of the review are as follows:

- To define successful economic development for the Northland region.
- To recommend appropriate regional economic development objectives for the Northland Regional Council.
- To recommend an appropriate ownership and governance structure for the Trust.
- To recommend an appropriate organisational structure for the Trust to achieve its objectives.
- To make recommendations on the operational and financial sustainability measures for the resulting organisation.

Morrison Low provided an update on the review, including their findings and proposed recommendations, at the May meeting of the Council.

Consultation with the Board of the Trust and key stakeholders was undertaken at various stages of the review process. In addition, stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to comment on the proposed Morrison Low recommendations prior to any final decisions being made by the Council.

At the August meeting of the Council, a working party of Councillors was formed to formally consider the submissions arising from the consultation process and the proposed recommendations. The working party met on 27 August 2008. Furthermore, a meeting was held on 3 September with the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Trust to discuss the Working Party's proposed final recommendations prior to their formal adoption by the Council. In terms of Schedule 8 Clause 5(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, this meeting constitutes the required consultation prior to giving notice by Council resolution to the Board of the NRCCT to modify their Statement of Intent.

The proposed final recommendations for Council approval are as follows:

1. Governance

- 1.1 NRC to amend the Trust Deed to reflect the future needs of Northland as articulated in the Regional Growth Strategy.
- 1.2 NRC to exercise control over decision for the selection and appointment of Trustees.

- 1.3 NRC to require the Board of the NRCCT to modify the existing Statement of Intent (SOI), and ensure that all future SOIs contain outcomes and outputs for the Northland Regional Council Community Trust (NRCCT), Enterprise Northland (EN) and Destination Northland Ltd (DNL) that are reflective of the Regional Growth Strategy.
 - 1.4 NRC to ensure that all SOIs include performance targets and measures for NRCCT, EN and DNL that are directly controllable and measurable by NRCCT.
 - 1.5 NRC to actively liaise with EN to ensure EN, the district councils and the Regional Council all work together with external parties to ensure that all parties are jointly contributing to the success of the region.
 - 1.6 A Shareholder Representative Group (SRG) be established and regular meetings held with representatives from NRCCT.
 - 1.7 Trustees to be selected on the basis that the Trustees skill mix matches the requirement for the Trust to be governed efficiently and effectively.
 - 1.8 Number of Trustees be up to eight (preferably less). For the avoidance of doubt, the Council may give consideration to geographic representation, but does not intend to specifically seek Trustees to formally represent each district.
 - 1.9 Trustees to be remunerated in line with the market rate for their technical and board expertise.
 - 1.10 Trustees be required to liaise frequently and openly with NRC, district council, industry groups and community stakeholders.
- 2. Strategy and Long Term Direction**
- 2.1 NRC should be the driver of the long term direction and strategy for economic development through its Regional Growth Strategy.
 - 2.2 NRC to collaborate with NRCCT and EN on the formulation of the Regional Growth Strategy. A key benefit of this will be the strengthening of the relationship of the strategy with NRC's planning documents and policy statements.
 - 2.3 NRCCT, EN and DNL should be responsible for the identification of initiatives that they can facilitate, that support the Regional Growth Strategy, and for the implementation of those initiatives.
 - 2.4 NRC to provide leadership and generate ownership of the Regional Growth Strategy by district councils and other key stakeholders to ensure that they contribute towards the outcomes and are working together for the benefit of the Northland region.
- 3. Regional Economic Indicators**
- 3.1 That NRC provides the Regional Economic Indicator information as a shared service to all parties interested in the region.
 - 3.2 Reporting to be based on the measurement of the indicators of the key intervention goals.

3.3 Reporting to include analysis of the economic trends and drivers.

4. Funding Assistance

4.1 NRC assumes responsibility of the management of the capital investment fund and consolidates the fund with its other investments. NRC as the Shareholder assumes the risk of the performance of the fund and the funding requirements of the NRCCT in line with the agreed SOI and Annual Business Plan.

4.2 An agreed level of funding is provided by NRC to NRCCT via a formal three year contract for service aligned with the Regional Growth Strategy and NRC's Long Term Council Community Plans.

4.3 The contract will be determined in consultation with NRCCT and be on the basis of the outcomes and outputs to be reflected in the annual SOIs.

5. Functions of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust

5.1 NRCCT to be responsible for the development and successful implementation of an Annual Business Plan.

5.2 NRCCT to assess the project plan/business case for each initiative, activity and project to determine if it should be included in the Annual Business Plan, ensuring clear outcome and output measures including budgets and key performance indicators aligned to the Regional Growth Strategy. Projects that emerge during the year that are not included in the Business Plan will be considered by the SRG on a case by case basis using the same criteria.

5.3 NRCCT and the SRG to be responsible for reporting on the Annual SOI and Annual Business Plan to NRC.

5.4 In the long term, NRCCT should ensure the initiatives are handed over to industry, local authority and/or educational sectors for ongoing funding and management. Any ongoing Council funding should be included in NRC's LTCCP or Annual Plan as appropriate.

5.5 In liaison with NRC, NRCCT to publicly lead liaison with, and reporting to, local authorities, industry groups and other funders.

6. Functions of Enterprise Northland & Destination Northland Ltd

6.1 EN focus on the use of its own tools and capabilities, leverage of additional resources, mobilisation of external influences and generation of partnerships to deliver on the initiatives identified in the Annual Business Plan.

6.2 There should be defined areas of focus aligned with the Regional Growth Strategy.

6.3 DNL be focused on the promotion of Northland as a place to work, invest and visit rather than the currently narrower tourism focus.

7. Operational Form

7.1 Core staff to consist of CEO and Project management staff reflective of the new governance regime whose primary function is to drive economic

development through the implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy.

7.2 Deleted because this is seen as an operational decision.

7.3 Organisational structure is based on key focus areas, and DNL comes within one of the focus areas rather than a stand alone entity.

In addition to the proposed recommendations, the working party documented a number of expectations that it wishes to be taken into consideration in the implementation of the recommendations over time. These expectations include:

- That Trustees meet formally with NRC at least twice per year to outline progress made in the implementation of the Annual Business Plan.

Financial Sustainability

- A standard template is developed that is used to capture all revenue and costs and then feeds into the monthly management reports which also measure outputs and outcome KPI performance.
- Responsibility for financial management of projects to be assigned to Project Management staff.
- Funding contribution model from district councils to be reviewed.

Business Case and Project Management

- Efficiencies could be gained from the development of a standard business case template that could be modified as required to meet external funder requirements. All projects, activities and initiatives should be managed within a project management framework and a standard project management template and reporting framework developed.

Operational Efficiency

- Efficiencies could be gained from shared services with NRC.

Following adoption by the Council, a project plan will be developed to implement the recommendations.

Recommendation

1. That the report from the Projects and Information Manager dated 4 September 2008 be received.
2. That the final recommendations as regards the review of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust as detailed in this report are adopted by the Council.
3. That a Shareholder Representative Group be formed and that its inaugural membership consist of the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman and Deputy Chairman with secondments as necessary.

4. That in accordance with Schedule 8 Clause 5(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, the Northland Regional Council Community Trust be required to modify their Statement of Intent as necessary to reflect the recommendations of the review.
5. That in accordance with Clause 12 of the Trust Deed of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust, the Northland Regional Council resolves to amend the Trust Deed in all ways necessary to reflect the recommendations of the review.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities and recommendations detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, Schedule 8 Clause 5 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Trust Deed of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust. As such, the activities and recommendations detailed in this report are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Financial Report – 31 August 2008

File 350.4

Report from Finance and Corporate Services Manager Lisa Aubrey dated 5 September 2008.

The financial results for August were not available at the time of publishing this agenda and will be tabled at the Council meeting.

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Investment Schedule and Performance – Financial Report 31 August 2008

File 350.4

Report from Financial Systems Administrator/Internal Auditor Kym Ace dated 08 September 2008.

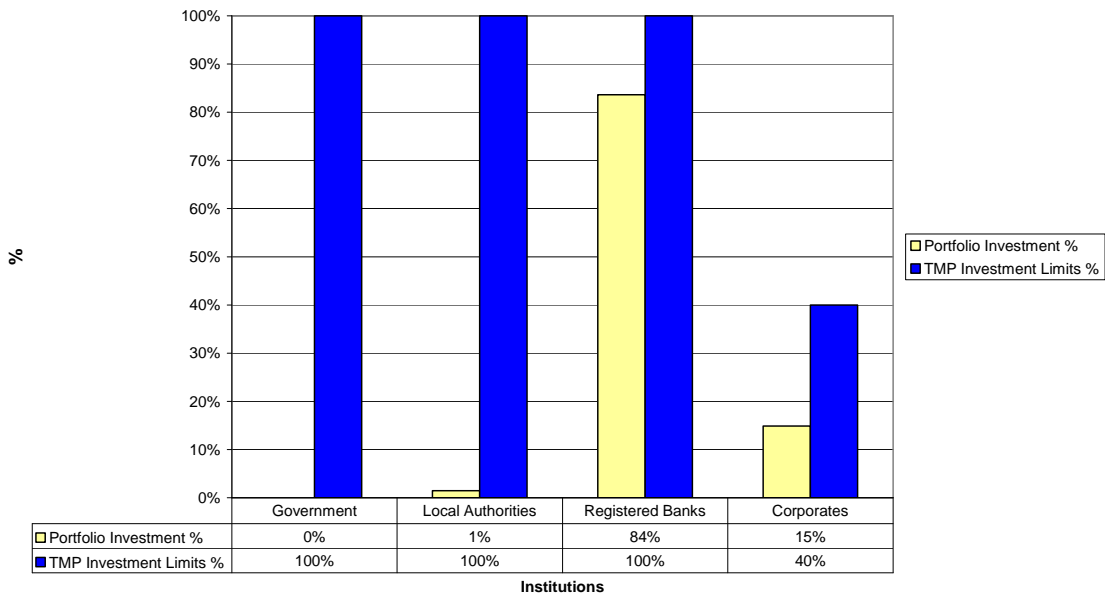
PURPOSE

This report provides a summary of investment performance for the one month period ending 31 August 2008 and to report compliance against the Investment Policy. The investment policy is a requirement of section 102(4)(a) of the Local Government Act. The investment policy was adopted as part of the 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan.

INVESTMENT OF CASH AND STOCK/BONDS

The graph below graphically illustrates Council's investment of cash and stock/bonds against the limits set out in the Investment Policy. Council's investment complies with the Investment Policy.

Treasury Management Policy - Portfolio Exposure to Institutions

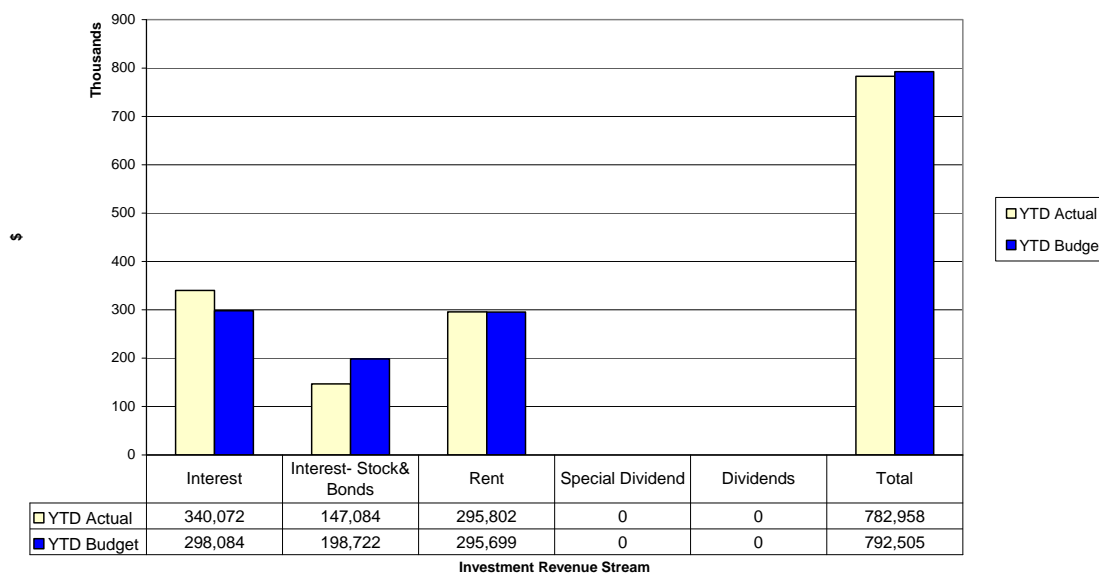


FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE PERFORMANCE

Year to date, the investment portfolio has made a return of \$782,958 against a budgeted return of \$792,505. On call funds are currently earning a return of 8.00% and short term deposits between 8.50 and 9.13%.

The breakdown of the year to date return by investment revenue stream is as follows:

Fund Performance against Budget



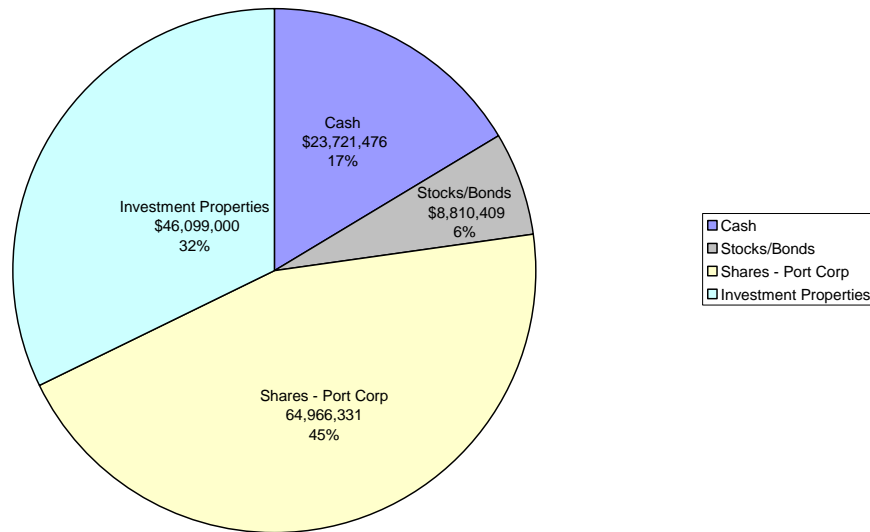
PORTFOLIO OF TOTAL FUNDS

The total value of the investment portfolio as at 31 August is \$143,597,216 and is comprised of:

- Cash \$ 3,721,476
- Stocks/bonds \$ 8,810,409
- Shares – Port Corp* \$ 64,966,331
- Investment Properties \$ 46,099,000

* Northland Regional Council holds 22,795,201 shares in Northland Port Corporation (NZ) Limited. The cost value of these shares is \$8,058,150. As at 30 June 2008, the market price of these shares was \$2.75. As at 31 August 2008, the market price is \$2.85.

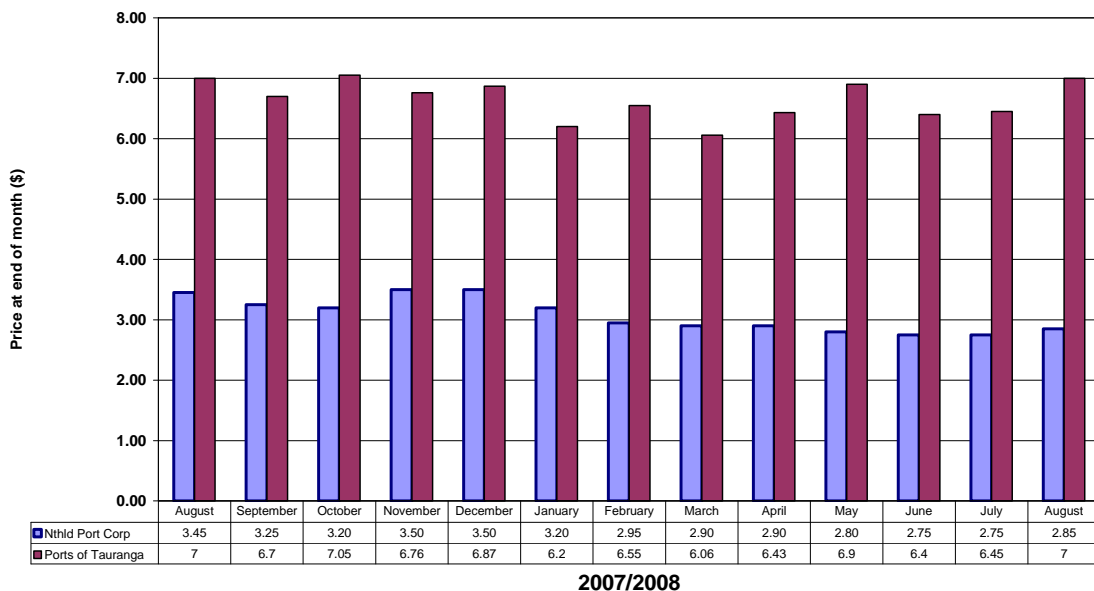
Portfolio of Total Funds



NORTHLAND PORT CORPORATION SHARE PRICE MOVEMENT

The graph below graphically illustrates the movement in the Northland Port Corporation’s share price in the current financial year. Share price data for the Ports of Tauranga has been provided for comparative or benchmarking purposes.

Northland Port Corporation Share Price Movement compared to Ports of Tauranga



Recommendation

That the Investment Schedule and Performance Report to 31 August 2008 be received.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy which was adopted in compliance with the decision-making requirements of sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Paid Accounts for Approval

File 350.9

Report from Payments Officer Rachel Hills dated 31 August 2008

Set out below is the summary of expenditure that was approved and paid during August 2008

Northland Regional Council General Account

Direct Debits	vouchers 100934 - 100949	\$3,549,523.80
Computer Cheques	vouchers 19631 - 19667	\$50,025.91
Direct Credits	vouchers 1019636 - 1019941	\$1,176,626.91
Payroll Transactions		\$666,899.63
Total		\$5,443,076.25

Analyses of Expenditure Classes

Labour costs	\$666,899.63
Operating costs	\$1,424,577.49
Capital Expenditure	\$81,599.13
Call/Term deposits/Investments	\$3,270,000.00
Total	\$5,443,076.25

The vouchers are available for inspection if required.

This report is tabled in terms of the Council's delegation policy made pursuant to the Public Bodies Contracts Act 1959.

Recommendation

That the payments for August 2008, as detailed in the report from the Payments Officer, Rachel Hills dated 31 August 2008, be approved.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002, and the requirements of the Public Bodies Contracts Act 1959.

Schedule of Credit Notes for Approval

File 340.4

Report from Trish Wells Accounts Receivable Officer dated 3 September 2008.

All credit notes have been authorised by the appropriate managers or officers and reviewed by the Finance and Information Services Manager who has been delegated power to write off rates, penalties and sundry debtors to a limit of \$600 for any one account (Council resolution 20 November 2002). The following credit amounts are higher than that delegation and are therefore listed for the Council's ratification:

August 2008			
Credit Note No.	Credit Amount inc. GST	Original Amount inc. GST	Customer/Reason
7401246	1,901.39	15,911.70	WDC Property & Support Division Invoice 630509 for the WDC share of the June Total Mobility claim was incorrectly calculated. Claim to be reduced by \$1,901.39.
7401250	7,202.34	36,011.70	New Zealand Trade & Enterprises NRC claims funding on behalf on Enterprise Northland and remits this accordingly. Invoice 629184 was issued on the advice of Enterprise Northland, ENT invoice 1485. NZ Trade and Enterprises only paid 80% of the claim, the credit note was raised and the corresponding payment made to Enterprise Northland was reduced accordingly. The reduction was authorised by the Finance and IT Manager.

Recommendation

That the issue of credit notes as detailed in the report from the Accounts Receivable Officer dated 3 September 2008 be ratified.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Land Transport Management Amendment Act - Regional Transport Committee Review

File 110.6

Report from Regional Transport Committee Chairman John Bain dated 3 September 2008.

PURPOSE

To recommend changes to the Regional Transport Committee representation following the Land Transport Management Act 2008 coming into force on 1 August 2008.

INTRODUCTION

As reported at the last Council meeting, the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 contains new requirements concerning the membership of Regional Transport Committees and the establishment of these Committees. The Amendment Act requires that for all regional councils other than the Auckland Regional Council and unitary authorities, Regional Transport Committee membership numbers be now restricted to:

- two persons to represent the Regional Council;
- one person from each territorial authority in the region to represent that territorial authority;
- one person to represent the New Zealand Transport Agency;
- one person each to represent the five NZ Transport Strategy objectives (ie five in total);
- one person to represent cultural interests.

The new legislation places significant focus on the role of Regional Transport Committees to setting regional funding priorities through both the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Land Transport Programme. For this reason, it is more critical that the external appointees have the requisite knowledge and skills for the work of the Committee. The Minister of Transport has issued guidelines concerning Government expectations of external appointees.

Having considered the matter, the Council resolved last month:

That the Council Chairman, Cr Farnsworth, and Chairman of the Regional Transport Committee, Cr Bain, review existing external appointments to the Committee with express reference to the guidelines issued for this purpose by the Minister of Transport on 1 August 2008 and report back to the next Council meeting.

CURRENT EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Current external representatives, appointed by Council resolution in February 2008, are:

NZTS Objectives

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| • Ensuring environmental sustainability | Steve Westgate (Environmental Consultant) |
| • Assisting economic development | Jo Douglas (Enterprise Northland) |
| • Improving access and mobility | Gavin Roberts (Bus and Coach Association) |
| • Assisting safety and security | Inspector Clifford Paxton (NZ Police) |
| • Protecting and promoting public health | Lynette Stewart (Northland DHB) |

Cultural Interests

Mike Kake

In addition, the Council resolved to invite the Automobile Association to nominate a member to sit on the Committee. John Williamson was subsequently appointed to represent the Association. The Amendment Act now precludes such appointments.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTERNAL APPOINTEES

While the Ministerial guidelines mention a number of desirable attributes for external appointees, the essential requirements are as follows:

1. Not a member or employee of the regional council or any territorial authority in the region; or an employee of the New Zealand Transport Agency;
2. Resident of the region;
3. Able to attend meetings of the Regional Transport Committee for the balance of the local government triennium;
4. Familiar with committees and committee procedures;
5. Good oral communication skills;
6. An ability to represent their particular objective knowledgeably in discussions and can work collaboratively to secure agreed committee outcomes.

In the context of the current review, all members are considered to be able to meet the first five criteria and accordingly the sixth criteria is the critical determining element.

ASSESSMENT

After considering each in turn, the current individuals or organisations representing the five NZTS objectives are considered appropriate for the work of the Regional Transport Committee with one exception – access and mobility. This is not a reflection on the incumbent representative but rather the wide scope of activities that now come under the umbrella of “access and mobility”, only one of which is passenger transport provision.

In the recently released NZ Transport Strategy 2008 it is stated that within the objective of improving access and mobility, the Government is seeking:

... reliable access to the facilities and activities that enable all New Zealanders to participate fully in society and the economy. People need to be able to travel with ease and confidence ... and by a form of transport that is appropriate to their needs.

Modes of transport that provide mobility for people include private motor vehicles, road, rail and ferry passenger services, walking, and cycling. The particular needs of people with disabilities are also a consideration in regard to access and mobility.

In light of this wide scope, it is recommended that in order to ensure that the objective is appropriately represented on the Committee, nominations be publicly called for. Nominees or nominating organisations would be required to demonstrate their ability to represent the objective knowledgeably in Committee discussions and can work collaboratively to secure agreed committee outcomes.

COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

Notwithstanding the above membership issue, the Land Transport Management Act requires each council (or unitary authority) to “establish” a “regional transport committee” as essentially a new body by 1 October 2008. The current terms of reference, amended to reflect the new membership requirements, are therefore attached for formal adoption. Note this includes, consistent with the Act, the reduction of representation of both the previous Land Transport NZ and Transit NZ representatives from two to one following the amalgamation of those organisations to form the NZ Transport Agency.

Recommendation

1. That the external appointees on the current Regional Land Transport Committee representing cultural interests and New Zealand Transport Strategy objectives, with the exception of improving access and mobility, be reaffirmed for the new Regional Transport Committee required under the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008.
2. That nominations be publicly called for a suitable person to represent the New Zealand Transport Strategy objective of improving access and mobility, with a requirement that any nominees demonstrate their ability to represent the objective knowledgeably in Committee discussions and can work collaboratively to secure agreed committee outcomes.
3. That the NRC Chairman and the Chairman of the Regional Transport Committee select an appropriate representative from nominations received.
4. That the proposed terms of reference for the new Regional Transport Committee, as attached to this item, be formally adopted.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report relate to new requirements in the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008, and as such are in accordance with the Council’s decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference

Membership

The Committee comprises two (2) Councillors:

Cr J Bain (Chairman)

Cr I R Carr (Deputy Chairman)

plus ten (10) appointed members representing the following interests:

Far North District Council	Cr Tom Baker
Whangarei District Council	Cr Phil Halse
Kaipara District Council	Cr Richard Alspach
New Zealand Transport Agency	to be advised
Cultural Interests	Mike Kake
Environmental Sustainability	Steve Westgate
Economic Development	Jo Douglas – Enterprise Northland
Access and Mobility	to be advised
Safety and Security	Inspector Clifford Paxton - NZ Police
Public Health	Lynette Stewart - Northland DHB

Terms of Membership

Should any member appointed to represent an outside organisation or group be absent without prior leave from two consecutive meetings of the Committee, that person's appointment is automatically terminated.

Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Committee, the Secretary shall report this to the next meeting of the Council for determination as to whether or not the nominating organisation or group is to be invited to nominate a replacement.

Members of the Committee representing outside organisations or groups, are expected to regularly report back to their nominating organisation on matters discussed at Committee meetings.

Voting Rights

Members of the Committee who do not represent an approved organisation as defined under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, may not vote on the preparation or approval of the regional land transport programme.

Functions

- 1) To prepare for approval by the Regional Council:
 - a) a regional land transport strategy for the Northland region, or any variations to the strategy or any reports on the strategy prepared under the Act; and
 - b) a regional land transport programme for the Northland region, or any variations to the programme prepared under the Act; and
 - c) a regional fuel tax scheme for the Northland region if the regional land transport committee decides to recommend a scheme.
- 2) To regularly monitor and review progress towards the adoption and implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 3) To regularly monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Programme.
- 4) To monitor and review any regional fuel tax scheme approved for the region.
- 5) To approve procedures and requirements for implementing the Council's public passenger transport service registration functions under the Transport Services Licensing Act.
- 6) To oversee the review and implementation of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan.
- 7) To advise the Council on any significant legislative changes, programmes, plans or reports relating to the region's land transport system.
- 8) To liaise with Ministry of Transport, Land Transport New Zealand, the Commissioner of Police, District Councils, and other interests on land transport matters, and advise the Council on appropriate new initiatives.
- 9) To regularly monitor and review progress towards the performance targets and outcomes relative to Land Transport contained in the Northland Community Plan 2006-2016 and the Council's Annual Plan.

Delegated Authority – Power to Act

- 1) Does not have the powers of Council to act in the following instances as specified by Clause 32 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002:
 - (a) make a rate;
 - (b) make a bylaw;
 - (c) borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than that in accordance with the Long Term Council Community Plan or Annual Plan;
 - (d) adopt a Long Term Council Community Plan, or Annual Plan or Annual Report;
 - (e) appoint a Chief Executive; or
 - (f) adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with the Long Term Council Community Plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
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- 2) Does have the ability to appoint subcommittees to deal with any matters of responsibility within the Committee's Terms of Reference and areas of responsibility, and to make recommendations to the Committee on such matters and provided the subcommittee shall not have power to act other than by a resolution of the committee with specific limitations where there is urgency or special circumstance.
- 3) Does have the ability to make decisions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Power to Act (for the information of Council)

- 1) To prepare an annual report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 2) To co-ordinate regional road safety activities.
- 3) To monitor transport activities of the Regional Council, Territorial Authorities and Transit New Zealand in order to report on progress of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Power to Recommend to Council

- 1) To prepare and recommend the Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Passenger Transport Plan.
- 2) To consider and recommend transportation planning studies and associated outcomes.
- 3) To provide recommendations to relevant Government agencies on transport priorities and the allocation of national regional transport funds.

Consents Decisions and Applications in Process

File: 430.1

Report from Consents Senior Programme Manager David Roke dated 4 September 2008.

The Consents Manager's report on resource consent decisions made since 1 August 2008 is circulated to Councillors under separate cover. Progress on notified applications is as set out in the following table:

NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS

Publicly Notified

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Whangarei District Council CON20031137501	Replacement consents for Hikurangi Swamp flood control drainage scheme	12 December 2006 to 1 March 2007	Fifty submissions received; 28 against, 16 for, 35 wish to be heard. Pre-hearing discussions have led the Applicant to shortly lodge revised application for re-notification.
Far North District Council CON20060116801	Kawakawa WWTP Section 128 review of monitoring programme	13 June 2007 to 12 July 2007	Viral monitoring rounds completed – final results received. Comment received from experts. Processing officer to assess information and make recommendation to the Council on way forward with review.
Far North District Council CON20070283501 CON20070283601 CON20071912101	Kaitaia Public Water Supply	9 August 2007 to 7 September 2007	Processing placed on hold at Applicant's request to allow further consultation.
Waitangi National Trust CON20071957801	New visitors centre at Waitangi	5 March to 4 April 2008	Jointly notified and submissions received. Application on hold awaiting further clarification of heritage issues.
Whangarei District Council CON20080191601	New discharge of process wastewater from Ruakaka Water Treatment Plant into Ruakaka River	13 March 2008 to 14 April 2008	Two submissions received, both in support with one wishing to be heard. One late submission received that was in opposition and wishing to be heard. Applicant has discussed issues raised by "heard" submitters and draft recommendations have been circulated for comment with a view to informal resolution.
North Holdings Limited CON20082038401	Construction and operation of a wastewater treatment wetland, Ruakaka	5 August 2008 to 2 September 2008	Twelve submissions received.

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust CON20080566003	Kissing Point Marina Pontoon Structure	31 July 2008 to 28 August 2008	Five submitters, one opposed.
Far North District Council CON20080257701	Replacement consents for Rawene WWTP	13 August 2008 to 9 September 2008	
Carter Holt Harvey Properties Ltd CON20071932401	Subdivision earthworks at Tinopai	27 August 2008 to 24 September 2008	
Whangarei District Council – Wastes & Drainage Division 20080450901	Waipu Wastewater Treatment Plant (upgrade to and extension of disposal system)	4 September 2008 to 2 October 2008	

Limited Notified

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Mr J Keith CON20061752701	Discharge to private land of sewage from WDC Ruakaka WWTP via spray irrigation	10 July 2007 to 8 August 2007	Further report received and conditions now likely to be agreed and resolved between the parties.
Fonterra Co-op Ltd CON20060437319	Condensate discharges from Kauri site to Wairua River	4 October 2007 to 7 November 2007	One submission received against proposal. Applicant requested a time extension to attempt resolution of issues raised by the sole submitter.
M J Griffiths CON20070868701	Farm dairy effluent discharge at Aranga	2 April 2008 to 1 May 2008	Five submissions received. All in opposition with two wishing to be heard. Meeting held on-site between the Council and the applicant. Application since withdrawn in favour of land disposal.
Silver Fern Farms Limited CON20070708801	Replacement of air discharge consents at Dargaville abattoir	20 June 2008 to 22 July 2008	Six submissions received, five unconditional support, one with conditional support. Now liaising between submitter and applicant.
T L & J M A'Court and D C Sanders CON20082100001	Proposed rock revetment wall at Te Wahapu	23 July 2008 to 20 August 2008	Three opposing submissions, all wishing to be heard. Hearing to now be scheduled.

PRE-HEARING MEETINGS

Applicant	Proposal	Held	Outcome
Whangarei District Council CON20060257601	Replacement Ngunguru sewerage discharge consents	Pre-hearing held 13 December 2006	Applicant has requested that application be placed on hold for at least a year so that it can monitor performance of upgraded plant and appropriate consent conditions formulated based on the results, particularly with regard to ammonia concentrations.
Explore NZ (2004) Limited CON20071904701	Proposed jetty in Hahangarua Bay, Moturua Island	31 October 2007	Applicant commissioning Historic Values Assessment and conducting further discussions with Ngati Kuta hapu.
AFFCO Moerewa CON20070738112	Activities resulting from inclusion of a proposed milk powder plant at Moerewa	20 November 2007	A further meeting was held with the applicant. Preliminary agreement has been reached regarding draft wording of consent conditions. The revised proposal is currently being considered by the applicant.
Kaipara District Council CON20010111501	Replacement consents for Maungaturoto WWTP	29 January 2008	Agreement now reached with all parties on pre-opposed conditions, no hearing now required. Decision can now proceed to by Delegated Authority.
Far North Holdings Ltd CON200711535	Section 127 application at Colenso Triangle, Opuia	23 May 2008	Agreement on conditions of consent. All submitters withdrew wish to be heard, consent decision issued by delegated authority on 6 August 2008.
Whangarei District Council CON20081820401	Paradise Point seawall/reclamation (Restricted Coastal Activity)	28 August 2008	Pre-hearing meeting not held due to failure of two submitters to attend. To now proceed to a hearing.
Kaipara District Council CON20082122001	Diversion and discharge of stormwater at Hilltop Road, Hakaru		Pre-hearing planned with Applicant, submitters at Hakaru on 8 September 2008.

HEARINGS

Applicant	Proposal	Date of Hearing	Decision Issued/Comment
J C W Robinson CON20060788201	Section 128 Review of quarrying consent conditions	Postponed to allow Consent Holder to review technical report	The applicant has advised of his purchase of affected (submitter's) property.
Far North District Council CON200404369 (01-02) CON200407356 (01-08)	Consents associated with water supply for Omapere/Opononi. Existing water takes from Waiotemarama Stream and dam on Waiarohia Stream	24 and 25 September 2007	Hearing adjourned to allow the applicant to provide the results of consultation with Iwi.

Applicant	Proposal	Date of Hearing	Decision Issued/Comment
Far North District Council Bay of Islands Community Wastewater Scheme CON20060110804	Expansion of Paihia WWTP to receive and treat additional wastewater from Kerikeri, Waipapa, Waitangi, and Russell if necessary	Commences 29 September 2008	Fifty-one submissions received, 42 opposed. Joint Hearing set to commence 29 September 2008.
Far North District Council CON20070266701	Replacement consents for Omapere/Opononi WWTP discharges	Commences 25 November 2008	Draft recommendation circulated to the submitters for comment, but not resolved.
Director-General of Conservation CON20082006901	Aerial application of Brodifacoum on Eastern Bay of Islands (Rat eradication)	14 July 2008	Hearings Committee decision issued 18 August 2008.
Crest Energy Limited CON20061607601	Proposed tidal power generation in Kaipara Harbour entrance	26 May 2008 to 1 July 2008	Decision issued on 21 August 2008.
Far North District Council CON20070263501	Replacement application for Rangiputa WWTP		Submitters withdrew their wish to be heard at a formal hearing. Delegated decision issued 25 June to grant replacement consents. No objection to decision. Consent issued 18 July 2008.
Paihia Maritime Properties Ltd CON20080624501	Replacement consent for existing aquarium/café at Paihia	22 August 2008	Hearings Committee deliberating. Decision due mid-September.
D M Sutherland CON20070805602	Proposed boat ramp extension and jetty	22 August 2008	Hearings Committee decision issued 5 September 2008.
Far North Holdings Ltd CON20060545411	Paihia Waterfront Re-development	28 October 2008	

APPEALS/OBJECTIONS

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Advance Developments Ltd CON20061540301	Subdivision earthworks at Tutukaka	Further discussions held with submitters and applicants. Informal resolution of appeals now looks likely.
Far North District Council CON20070757701	Renewal of consent to take for public water supply at Kaikohe	Objection to consent condition, resolution agreed by postponing hearing to coincide with renewal applications for other public groundwater takes at Kaikohe.

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Far North District Council & Far North Holdings Limited CON20051368901	Exclusive occupation of coastal marine area	One appeal lodged relating to occupation area at Waitangi. Unsuccessful Court-assisted mediation session held 24 July 2008. Possible further mediation being pursued.
Pouto Farms Limited CON2008215801	Flood protection works at Kaihu River	Objection to decision to return application documents as incomplete.
Goldpine Limited CON20061698001	Roundwood production and treatment plant, Flyger Road	Four appeals received against the NRC decision and one against the WDC decision. Four Section 274 parties on appeal against NRC decision and five on appeal against the WDC decision. Court hearing date was set for 9 to 20 June 2008. The applicant has advised the Court that conditional arrangements have been made for an alternative site. The Court has adjourned the case.
Northland Regional Council CON20041257401	Awanui flood management scheme	Issues between parties now resolved and Draft Consent Orders were filed in the Court on 25 July. Still await Court decision.
O B Holdings Ltd CON20041213701	Earthworks for 4.5 km access road for 44 lot subdivision at Cove Road, Langs Beach	Decision issued 10 June 2008. Appeal against decision to decline received from applicant on 25 June 2008. Five Section 274 parties have joined the proceedings. Informal resolution being attempted by applicant.

Recommendation

That the information on resource consent decisions and applications in process be received.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006/2016 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Appointment of Hearings Committees

File: 110.8

Report from the Consents Senior Programme Manager David Roke dated 4 September 2008.

DELEGATION TO HEAR AND DECIDE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

In discussion with the Chairperson of the Hearings Committee, it is suggested that:

1. A committee comprising Cr Hill (Chair) and Cr Bain, together with the appointee of the Minister of Conservation be appointed to hear, decide, and also recommend to the Minister of Conservation the **Whangarei District Council: CON20071820401** applications for reclamation including rock revetment at Paradise Point, Marsden Bay (Restricted Coastal Activity).
2. A committee comprising Cr Carr (Chair) and Cr Walker hear and decide the **T L and J M A'Court and D C Sanders CON20082100001** applications, to construct a rock wall and remove debris from the beach at Orongo Bay, Kaha Place, Te Wahapu.

Recommendation

1. That Cr Hill (Chair) and Cr Bain (together with the Minister of Conservation's appointee) be appointed to hear, decide and recommend to the Minister of Conservation, Application **CON20071820401** by the **Whangarei District Council**, for a reclamation including rock revetment at Paradise Point, Marsden Bay.
2. That Cr Carr (Chair) and Cr Walker hear and decide the applications **CON20082100001 – T L and J M A'Court and D C Sanders**, to construct a rock wall and removal of debris from the beach at Orongo Bay, Kaha Place, Te Wahapu.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006/2016 LTCCP, and in accordance with the Council's statutory delegations approved in July 2004. As such they are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Appointment of Deputies for Environmental Management Committee Appointees

File: 110.12

Report by Land/Rivers Senior Programme Manager Bob Cathcart dated 2 September 2008.

INTRODUCTION

The Council reviewed its Committee structure in November 2007 and established the Environmental Management Committee. The new Committee inherited the functions of the former Landcare Committee and many of those of the Planning and Policy Committee but kept the same membership as the Landcare Committee. The Committee meets every second month.

Two appointees, those from Forest Industry (Resource Management Act Forestry Group) and the Department of Conservation (Regional Conservator), and the organisations they represent are particularly interested in the work of the Committee and wish to fully participate in its deliberations. The appointees are however particularly busy and have asked the Council whether they could have deputies appointed who could not only attend the Committee meetings in their absence but also have full speaking and voting rights.

It should be noted that the Environmental Management Committee has few policy-making decisions.

Recommendation

1. That Ian Jenkins be appointed as deputy to Andrew Warren as the representative of the Forest Industry on the Environmental Management Committee.
2. That Hillary Aikman be appointed as deputy to Chris Jenkins as the representative of the Department of Conservation on the Environmental Management Committee.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Confirmation of Minutes - Environmental Management Committee

File 110.12

The Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting to be held on 17 September 2008 at 10 am will be tabled at the Council meeting for confirmation and adoption.

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Business with the Public Excluded

File 105.2

Recommendation

That pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting to consider:

1. Confirmation of the confidential section of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 August 2008.
2. Confirmation of the Confidential Section of the Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting of 27 August 2008.
3. Northland Port Corporation (NZ) Limited.
4. Infrastructure Development Authority.

The reason for excluding the public in relation to items 1 and 2 are as stated in the Minutes of those meetings, in relation to item 3 is to protect the privacy of natural persons as protected by section 7(2)(a) and in relation to item 4 the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of affairs through the full and frank expression of opinion between Council and officers as permitted by section 7(2)(f).