

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Agenda

For an Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Northland Regional Council, 36 Water Street, Whangarei, on Wednesday, 16 September 2009 commencing at 1 pm

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MAF Biosecurity

File 815.4.2

At the 15 July 2009 Council meeting, the Chief Executive Officer was requested to invite Biosecurity New Zealand to speak to Council on biosecurity issues in Northland and in particular the reduction of staffing levels in the region.

Steve Stuart and Andrew Harrison will attend the Council meeting on 16 September 2009.

Messrs Stuart and Harrison have provided the following biographies for Councillors' information.

Steve Stuart is Director, Cargo Clearance and came to MAFBNZ in September 2008, after a 15 year career with the Ministry of Fisheries, where he held a number of positions. For the last three years he led the National Manager Fisheries Compliance Group of 180 Fishery Officers plus an additional 180 volunteers. Steve was also a member of the Fisheries Senior Management Team and contributed to a number of whole-of-government and international projects. He has an MBA and has recently attended strategic leadership courses at Harvard and through the New Zealand Institute of Strategic Leadership and spent eight months at the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome.

Andrew Harrison is MAF's Pest Management Group Manager, responsible for 'national pest management programmes' and 'leadership and coordination for pest management in NZ', covering terrestrial, freshwater and marine biosecurity. Andrew's background is in 'ecology' and 'resource management'. He has previously worked for the Department of Conservation in strategic policy, biosecurity response management and technical advice roles, and in the private sector as managing director of a landscape design and construction firm. Andrew was a member of the teams that developed New Zealand's Biosecurity Strategy and led implementation of institutional changes that followed this.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chambers,
Kaipara District Council, 42 Hokianga Road, Dargaville
Wednesday, 19 August 2009 commencing at 1.00pm

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Present

Cr M Farnsworth, Chairman
Cr I Walker, Deputy Chairman
Cr J Bain
Cr J Carr
Cr L Hill
Cr P Jensen
Cr B Rossiter

Also Present

Mayor N Tiller, Kaipara District Council
Mr R Alspach, Kaipara District Council
Mr M Simpson, Whangarei District Council

In Attendance

Full Meeting
Chief Executive Officer
Deputy CEO/Operations Director
Strategy and Planning Director
Community Relations Manager
Local Government Senior Programme Manager
Communications Senior Programme Manager
Infrastructure Senior Project Manager
Council Administration Programme Manager
Dargaville Area Officer
Pest Management Officer – Kaipara
Acting Client Services Officer

Opening Prayer

The Council Administration Programme Manager read the opening prayer.

Leave of Absence

Councillor Brown has previously been granted leave of absence.

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 Hill left the meeting for part of the discussion on items 4 and 5 due to a potential conflict with a resource consent hearing to which she has been appointed and yet to hear.

Items of New Business

File 105.2

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

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

Open Meeting

Northland Local Government Restructure

This item provides additional information to item 4 page 35 on the agenda.

Northland Land Transport Programme 2009-2012

This item provides updated information from the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 18 August 2009 and **replaces** item 13 page 73.

Confidential Meeting

Northland Regional Council Community Trust – Change in Trustees

The reason for urgency in respect to this item is to enable changes to be made to the Trustees and ensure that they are able to carry out the ongoing duties of the Northland Regional Council Community Trust.

Carried

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 July 2009

File 105.2

Moved (Hill/Jensen)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 15 July 2000 be confirmed.

Carried

2. Chairman's Report

File 105.4

Report from Chairman Mark Farnsworth dated 3 August 2009.

Moved (Farnsworth/Rossiter)

That the Chairman's report dated 3 August 2009 be received.

Carried

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report

File 105.3

Report from Chief Executive Officer Ken Paterson dated 3 July 2009.

Moved (Walker/Bain)

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 7 August 2009 be received.

Carried

Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved (Carr/Bain)

That in accordance with standing order number 3.2.1 standing orders be suspended for the remainder of the meeting to allow Mayor Tiller, Mr Alspach and Mr Simpson to take part in the discussions on item 4 Northland Local Government Restructure, item 5 Regional Governance and item 13 Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012 and for items, such as the local government items, to be taken together and discussed in the round as appropriate.

On being put the motion was carried unanimously

4. Northland Local Government Restructure

Files: 161.14 and 100.3

Report from Chairman Mark Farnsworth dated 10 August 2009.

Supplementary report from the Chief Executive Officer Ken Paterson dated 18 August 2009.

The Chairman invited Mayor Tiller and Mr Simpson to join the members in discussing this item. Mayor Tiller stated that his support for the statement on the three unitary authorities for Northland had come from his frustration in moving the restructuring issue forward. Cr Walker quoted from an email by Mayor Brown of the Far North District Council and stated that in his view Mayor Brown clearly showed a high level of pre-determination. The Chairman said the issue of how local government services are delivered in Northland was more than just a Council issue. It affected all Northlanders and therefore the community's views should be considered as part of any review and decision making. He would therefore be inviting a wider group of people to meet on 11 September 2009 to discuss how the review should move forward, with all options on the table, and how the community should be involved.

Moved (Farnsworth/Rossiter)

1. That the report from the Chairman, dated 10 August 2009 on Northland Local Government Restructure and the supplementary report from the Chief Executive Officer Ken Paterson, dated 18 August 2009 be received.
2. That the Council facilitates an all options review of local government in Northland with appropriate opportunities for community input.

Carried

5. Regional Governance

File 100.3

Report from Chief Executive Officer Ken Paterson dated 5 August 2009.

Moved (Farnsworth/Rossiter)

That the report from the Chief Executive Officer, Ken Paterson, dated 5 August 2009 on regional governance be received.

Carried

**6. Investment Schedule and Performance – Financial Report
31 July 2009**

File 350.4

Report from Financial Systems Administrator Kym Ace dated 11 August 2009.

Moved (Jensen/Rossiter)

That the Investment Schedule and Performance Report to 31 July 2009 be received.

Carried

7. Paid Accounts for Approval

File 350.9

Report from Payments Officer Rachel Hills dated 31 July 2009.

Moved (Hill/Jensen)

That the report from the Payments Officer Rachel Hills dated 31 July 2009 be received and the payments for July 2009 be confirmed.

Carried

8. Schedule of Credit Notes for Approval

File 340.4

Report from Accounts Receivable Officer Trish Wells dated 5 August 2009.

Moved (Walker/Jensen)

That the issue of credit notes as detailed in the report from the Accounts Receivable Officer dated 5 August 2009 be ratified.

Carried

9. Resolving Appeals on Plan Change 2 (Animal Effluent Discharges) to the Regional Water and Soil Plan

File 990.5.7

Report from Policy Specialist Jonathan Gibbard dated 3 August 2009.

Moved (Bain/Rossiter)

1. That the report prepared by the Policy Specialist, dated 1 August 2009, titled Resolving Appeals on Plan Change 2 (Animal Effluent Discharges) to the Regional Water and Soil Plan, be received.
2. That a subcommittee, consisting of Crs Brown, Carr, and Hill be established with delegated authority to resolve the appeals on Plan Change 2 (Animal Effluent Discharges) to the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland.

Carried

10. Consents Decisions and Applications in Process

File 430.1

Report from Acting Consents Senior Programme Manager Allan Richards dated 1 August 2009.

Moved (Rossiter/Carr)

That the report from the Acting Consents Senior Programme Manager Allan Richards dated 1 August 2009 on resource consent decisions and applications in process, be received.

Carried

11. Report on Environmental Monitoring for the Period 1-31 July 2009

Files 400.2 and 505.2

Report from Monitoring Senior Programme Manager Riaan Elliot dated 5 August 2009.

Moved (Hill/Jensen)

1. That the report from the Monitoring Senior Programme Manager Riaan Elliot dated 5 August 2009 be received.
2. That the follow-up action taken by staff resulting from monitoring or environmental/maritime incidents during July 2009 be supported.

Carried

12. Taipa and Coopers Beach – Navigation Safety Plan

File 715.12

Report from Maritime Senior Programme Manager Ian Niblock dated 4 August 2009.

Moved (Jensen/Farnsworth)

1. That the Maritime Senior Programme Manager's report dated 4 August 2009 on the Taipa and Coopers Beach - Navigation Safety Plan is received.
2. That a subcommittee comprising of Cr Walker (Chair) and Cr Carr will determine the final content of the Navigation Safety Plan for Taipa and Coopers Beach

Carried

13. Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012

File 955.1.6

Report from Infrastructure Senior Project Manager Vaughan Cooper and Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell dated 3 August 2009.

Supplementary Report from the Infrastructure Senior Project Manager, Vaughan Cooper and Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell dated 3 August 2009.

Mr Alspach addressed the meeting and outlined his concerns regarding the ability of GPSII to provide for the transport needs of rural New Zealand. He acknowledged that both the Kaipara and Far North districts fully supported the Lower Hatea Bridge project. Mayor Tiller and Mr Simpson spoke in support of his comments.

Moved (Bain/Rossiter)

That the supplementary report from the Infrastructure Senior Project Manager and Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager dated 3 August 2009, on the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012, be received.

Carried

Moved (Bain/Carr)

1. That the Lower Hatea River Bridge Project priority ranking of 3 (HMM) be confirmed and that it be noted that it has local government support across the whole of Northland.
2. That the proposed amendments to the programme (Kaipara and Far North Projects to be ranked as 3 HMM) be approved and submitted to New Zealand Transport Agency.
3. That the NRC formally writes to the NZTA:
 - Recognising and supporting the Lower Hatea River Bridge Project, particularly for the economic benefits it will bring to the region; and
 - Expressing concern that the Government's approach through GPSII is sidelining the rural areas of New Zealand and the projects that are important to those areas such as seal extensions.

Carried

14. Minutes – Audit and Finance Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2009**Moved (Jensen/Rossiter)**

That the Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2009 be received and the Committee's recommendations adopted.

Carried

15. Minutes – Regional Transport Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2009**Moved (Carr/Farnsworth)**

That the Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2009 be received only.

Carried

16. Minutes – Regional Transport Committee Meeting held on 18 August 2009**Moved (Carr/Farnsworth)**

That the Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held on 18 August 2009 be received and the Committee's recommendations adopted.

Carried

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2.20pm and resumed at 2.30pm.

Business with the Public Excluded

File 105.2

Moved (Rossiter/Jensen)

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 confidential section of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 July 2009.
2. Confirmation of the confidential section of the Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2009.

The reason for excluding the public in relation to items 1 and 2 is as stated in the Minutes of those meetings.

Supplementary Item

Northland Regional Council Community Trust - Change in Trustees

The reason for excluding the public is public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in the 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) and (i) of the said Act and to protect the privacy of natural persons as protected by section 7(2)(a).

Carried

Leave of Absence

Moved (Rossiter/Carr)

That the Chairman be granted leave of absence from the September Council meeting as he has an Aquaculture Technical Advisory Group meeting in Wellington that day.

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 3.15pm.

Chairman's Report

File 105.4

Report from Chairman, Mark Farnsworth, dated 4 September 2009.

INTRODUCTION

From a Chair's perspective the month was dominated by:

1. The political agenda for August was set by the Mayoral Forum call for the formation of three unitary councils for Northland and the commissioning of an independent report to validate that viewpoint. Given the leaked information (subsequently validated by the actual report) that the Select Committee would be recommending that the northern part of Rodney District would come into the Kaipara District local government has changed the focus. The need now is for the Northland Regional Council to work closely with central government and the Auckland Transition Agency on the possible new shape of Northland. It would now seem logical that any move made to address local government reorganisation in the Northland region should be put on hold until we see the final shape of the region.
2. Involvement on the Ministerial Technical Advisory Group on aquaculture is proving to be challenging and it is requiring considerable attention.
3. Michelle and I departed New Zealand on 21 August for a 16 day holiday break in Vietnam.

MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED

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

- Meetings attended with the Council's CEO, Ken Paterson:
 - Northland Mayoral Forum held at Whangarei District Council;
 - New Zealand Institute of Building event with Hon Bill English and Hon Phil Heatley.
 - Whangarei District Council CEO and Political Team and Cr Ian Walker – Northland Events Centre.
- Two Aquaculture Technical Advisory Group meetings in Wellington.
- Brian Plunkett – Cycle/walkway Kauri Heritage Trail.
- Trevor Andrews, Fire Region Commander, Northland Fire Region.
- Jeroen Jongejans, Glenn Mortimer, Cr Peter Jensen – Management plan change issue re Hatea hub proposal.
- Stan Semenoff, Mayor, Whangarei District Council.
- Tony Davies-Colley.
- Combined meeting of Northland Regional Council/Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society/Kaipara District Council/Department of Conservation.
- Bill Guest, Councillor, Kaipara District Council.

- Neil Tiller, Mayor, Kaipara District Council.
- Ian Paisley – Phillip Symes oyster farm in Kaipara.
- Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society Executive meeting – Outline Northland Regional Council's thinking on mangroves.
- Kaipara Harbour Sustainable Fisheries Management Study Group.

NETWORKING

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

CORRESPONDENCE

During the month I sent out the following correspondence:

Date	Addressed To	Subject
3 August	Neil Mulhern Hon Secretary Pakotai Landcare Inc	Clean up of pine trees endangering motorists on Murray Road
3 August	Roading Managers Whangarei and Kaipara District Councils	Forwarding letter from Neil Mulhern to Roothing Managers for their action
3 August	Albert Lovell Chairman Tourism Development Group	Northland Tourism Conference
4 August	Hon John Carter	Possible shift of Rodney/Kaipara boundary
12 August	Hon John Carter	Local Government Restructuring in Northland
13 August	Mr C J Campbell	Rescue Helicopter Rate
21 August	Mayor Neil Tiller Kaipara District Council	Vehicles on Beaches
28 August	Hon John Carter	Mt Camel Farms – Cattle droving in the coastal marine area

Recommendation

That the Chairman's report dated 4 September 2009 be received.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2009-2019 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 4 September 2009.

PROJECTS AND INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATION

There were no complaints made against the Council staff during the month of August and no complaints remain outstanding.

HUMAN RESOURCES

STAFF MATTERS

Leaving

Jerry Nelson, Hazardous Substances Programme Manager retired from the Council on 14 August 2009.

Fred Mane, Cadet is pregnant and finished her employment with the Council on 31 August 2009.

Appointments

Jonathan Santos commenced employment as River Management Officer on 10 August 2009.

Rebecca Ireland has been employed on a temporary basis as Land Management Officer from 24 August to 11 September 2009.

Toby Kay commenced employment as Natural Hazards/Rivers Officer on 31 August.

Vacancies

The position of Policy Analyst has been advertised internally and externally with applications closing on 20 August 2009. Fifty three applications were received and short listing is in progress.

An advertisement calling for nominations for Director, Northland Port Corporation was placed during the month with nominations closing on 26 August 2009. Short listing of nominees for interview is in progress.

The positions of Land Programme Manager and Environmental Monitoring Officer – Land Use have been advertised internally and externally during the month with applications closing on 10 September 2009.

The positions of Biosecurity Officer, Consents Officer, Hazardous Substances Programme Manager and Wastewater Management Officer – Engineer are on hold. In the meantime temporary and/or consultant staff are being used as required.

STAFF ESTABLISHMENT

Status	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	July 2009
Full Time Permanent	117	107	116
Part Time (FTE)	9.5	9.5	9.5
Fixed Term (incl Part Time)	5	7	5
Students/TFG	1	2	2
Vacancies	10	16	11
TOTAL FTE	142.5	141.5	143.5

STAFF TRAINING

External Training

Training Course	Dates 2009	Venue	Attendees
Practical Project Management	08 August	Whangarei	M Day
Eventing the Future Conference	06-07 August	Taupo	L Woodward
Excel Essential Skills	19-20 August	Auckland	D Nicholas
RMA Hearing Admin Training	20-21 August	Christchurch	K Nahi-Taihia, J Wallace
Behaviour Change Training	25 August	Auckland	L Woodward

HEALTH AND SAFETY

There have not been any serious incidents or injury in August. Influenza continues to not significantly impact Northland Regional Council staff to date.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Stage one of Northland Events Centre project complete
- Valuable resources saved from the scrapheap - eDay aims to clean up Whangarei's e-waste (*media release on behalf of eDay's Whangarei Co-ordinator*)
- Phosphate research wins student NRC science fair award

The Chairman's '*Northern Matters*' column covered the proposed local government changes in Northland as a response to the press release - and media coverage – by the region's three mayors.

The Chairman's '*From where I sit*' column also covered proposed local government changes.

EVENTS

NRC is participating in several events around Northland as part of Keep NZ Beautiful week (4-11 September) and Conservation week (13-20 September). A clean up of the Hatea River will be held on 7 September with Events and Coastal Monitoring staff. This waste will be audited and entered into a national database. A beach cleanup is also planned at Tokerau Beach on 19 September

NRC has been actively involved in the promotion of eDay (collection of electronic waste) on 12 September in Whangarei and staff will attend on the day.

Judging has been finalised for the Northland Community Conservation and Environment Awards on 17 September. These awards are being held in conjunction with Northland Biodiversity and Department of Conservation on 17 September at Kingston House, Kerikeri.

WEBSITE

Highlights:

Online Job Applications – prospective employees can now apply for jobs at NRC via our online application form. The new service enables them to upload copies of their CV's, work permits and any other electronic copies of documents as required.

Monthly Usage:

	August 2009	July 2009
Visits ¹	11,869	11,577
Page views ²	39,318	41,514

1. **Visits** represent the number of individual sessions initiated by all the visitors to your site.
2. **Page views** shows the total number pages viewed on our website

Note re reporting:

The reporting package used for measuring visits to the NRC website has changed. The new package reports in a different way to the previous one, therefore trend comparisons have been restarted this month.

Most popular pages:

- Job vacancies
- Whangarei Bus Service
- Northland Events Centre Project
- River and Rainfall data
- Contact us
- Resource Library - Plans and Policies

EDUCATION**Northland Regional Council 2009 Environmental Curriculum Awards**

Celebration assemblies were held at nine Northland schools during August to acknowledge success in each school winning a NRC 2009 Environmental Curriculum Award (ECA). Environmental Education staff and Councillors Carr, Jensen, Rossiter and Walker visited Okaihau College, Kaitaia Abundant Life School, Oturu School, Kaitaia College, Otaika Valley School, Onerahi School, Tikipunga High School, Parua Bay School and St Francis Xavier School. These delivery visits were part of a 2009 ECA delivery roadshow to 19 Northland schools.

Science Fairs

NRC staff were among 30 judges at the Central Northland Science and Technology Fair, held in Whangarei during August. About 100 science fair projects were entered in the week-long event. Environmental Education staff attended prizegiving for the event where Councillor Bill Rossiter gave out the NRC 2009 Consistent Excellence Award - \$1000 towards university study for a high-achieving student participant. Hugh McKenzie (18) from Whangarei Boys High School won the award for his project "Surreptitious P". This project focussed on Lake Omapere, investigating phosphate levels in lakeside sediment next to two differently fertilised lakeside farms. The NRC award is one of the Fair's most highly regarded.

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

Northland Regional Council 2009 Youth Summit

NRC has begun to receive registrations for the annual Youth Summit following a mailout and further communication, promoting the event. Preparation for this event has included ongoing school liaison and programme development.

NRC School Visits

There were 11 school visits during August, including a Whangarei Boys High School series focussing on the role of science in NRC work and career options in this field.

Enviroschools

Bus Tours for the Primary and Intermediate School Sector

The Whangarei Enviroschools Bus Tour took place on Friday 7 August, with over 100 students and teachers taking part from Kamo Primary, Onerahi, Poroti, St Francis Xavier, St Joseph's, Whangarei Heads and Whangaruru Schools, Te Kura o Otangarei and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rawhiti Roa. The tour visited active Enviroschools and their projects, including Onerahi School, St Francis Xavier School and 100 plants along the Waitaua River as an extension to Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rawhiti Roa's Awa restoration project.

Regional Co-ordinators' Hui

Staff attended a Hui in Auckland on 10 August for regional Enviroschools co-ordinators from throughout New Zealand. In addition to future funding, topics discussed included the new Enviroschools website, regeneration activities for youth, EcoHut challenge, 'Outlook for Someday' sustainability film challenge and climate action initiatives.

Youth Jams for the Secondary Sector

Work has begun on planning and preparing for the first ever Northland Enviroschools Youth Jams'. On 21 and 23 September, secondary students and teachers will participate in the Whangarei and Far North events, respectively. The Youth Jams' will be led by the national Enviroschools Youth and Action Co-ordinators and supported by Council staff.

IWI LIAISON

The Iwi Liaison Officer met with the Iwi services team of the Whangarei District Council to discuss a possible working relationship for the district wide Sites of Significance project. The idea came about as a result of the recent presentation by Ngati Hine, of their Sites of Significance mapping exercise. Whangarei District Council felt there was merit in replicating this throughout the district to capture sites that have not been recorded or captured via existing registration models such as the New Zealand Archaeological Association site recording scheme.

The Te Uri o Hau (TUOH) Settlement Trust continues to go through operational changes. Julianne Chetham, Policy Analyst who headed the Environmental Unit has finished her employment with the Trust. The Trust is still supported by interim Chair, Mihi Watene and the position of CEO is being managed jointly between Peter Wilson (Commercial Manager) and Deborah Harding (Manager of the Social and Environmental services).

Staff from NRC met with Environs Holding (Environmental portfolio of TUOH Settlement Trust) to discuss current consent procedures which may be in conflict to the TUOH Settlement Act 2002. The NRC will continue to work with the Trust on new procedures.

A meeting of the Whangarei Harbour Health Improvement Fund was held to discuss current projects and project ideas for the next year. Representatives from the Whangarei Harbour Kaitiaki Roopu, Northport and NRC attended. A presentation was delivered by NIWA on the outcomes of both the shellfish reseeded and seagrass restoration trials. At this stage, it is likely that the fund will be used to compliment the trials and look at larger restoration projects for shellfish and seagrass.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

FINANCE

Year to date, Council is showing a surplus of \$760K against a budgeted surplus of \$291K. During the first few months of the financial year we can expect a large degree of variability between actual results and budget as programmes of work are established.

The finance team have been busy loading the 2009/2010 budget into the system, and preparing the 2008/2009 Annual Report.

Audit New Zealand commenced the final Audit on 7th September 2009. The Annual Report will be adopted at the Audit and Finance meeting on 21 October 2009.

FORESTRY

As at end of August, Council was advised that the latest net return estimate to harvest the year 1977 stand (26 ha, approximately 13,000 tonnes) is in the order of \$430,000. This is similar to that estimated in April 2009, and some 38% up on October 2007 and 17% up on October 2008. There has been no real change in log markets since last month. Industry reports suggest export markets are likely to remain similar for the short to medium term. NRC at its Audit and Finance meeting, agreed in principle, that subject to estimated net returns holding at a similar level, to harvest the 1977 area this summer. A final decision will be made in late September, early October.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Council will be making GIS information available on its Website. This will go-live in early September.

In August, the purchase of a Storage Area Network (SAN) and back-up solution was approved. The SAN structure is to be owned on a 50/50 cost sharing basis and will be housed in the NRC server room. The SAN will effectively be operated as two individual SANs, effectively sharing one chassis. Information and data housed on the SAN will be secure to each Council.

STRATEGY AND PLANNING

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

One Plan Feasibility Report

Council staff have prepared a draft report entitled "*Resource Management Planning Documents in Northland – An Analysis of Possible Future Options*". This report evaluates a number of options for combined planning documents. The report has been reviewed by Mr David Hill (consultant). A workshop with councillors was held on 24 August 2009.

Regional Coastal Plan Change 1 (Mooring and Marinas), Regional Coastal Plan Change 2 (Marine 1 Review – Whangarei Harbour) and Regional Coastal Plan Change 3 (Mangrove Management)

The Council is still awaiting final approval from the Minister of Conservation for these three plan changes. Once received, the next step will be for Council to make these plan changes fully operative by way of a public notice.

Regional Coastal Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture Management)

The appeals process continues. Informal agreement was reached on issues relating to marae-based aquaculture, consultation with Maori, and recognising Maori aquaculture aspirations. Some progress was made on the most significant issue, being the extent of the restriction areas (basically aquaculture no-go areas), with the parties committing to exploring an alternative approach. A meeting of the key parties was held on 27 July 2009 to discuss the alternative approach. Council staff met with the Aquaculture Subcommittee and discussed the alternative approach as well as the potential extension to restriction areas. The Subcommittee provided its view and this was relayed to the other parties. The Council reported back to the Environment Court on 11 August 2009 and concluded that:

1. The parties are very close to agreeing on amended wording for marae-based aquaculture, Maori aquaculture aspirations, and consultation;
2. The extent of the restriction areas continues to be the most significant issue yet to be resolved; and
3. There are a number of matters (in the appeals) that have not yet been discussed.

The Court has written to the parties (18 August 2009) advising that the Court appointed mediator is to determine progress by 4 September 2009 and reconvene mediation if he thinks this is appropriate.

Mooring Management Plans (MMPs)

Opuā – Comments on the revised Draft MMP have been received from several stakeholders. These comments have been noted and will be incorporated into the MMP. An internal meeting is scheduled for September 7th, where officers will discuss our future approach to developing mooring management plans.

Mangawhai - Kaipara District Council staff have advised that final decisions on the plans for the reserves on the edge of Mangawhai Harbour have been delayed due to the complexity and breadth of submissions received during public consultation. It was originally intended that the reserves plan and Mooring Management Plan proceed in tandem. However, after consultation with the working group, it has been decided that the Mooring Management Plan can be progressed on the basis that the maximum number of moorings is maintained at the current level in the absence of a confirmed level of land based services. Accordingly, a revised draft Mooring Management Plan has been circulated for comment in preparation for wider community consultation anticipated to start in October.

Regional Pest Management Strategy Review

Strategy and Planning staff have been assisting the Biosecurity team in reviewing Regional Pest Management Strategies. To date a Draft Marine Pest Management Strategy for Northland has been developed and a combined discussion document on plant and animal pests has been drafted. These drafts are to be presented to the September meeting of the Environmental Management Committee and Council. If approved, the Draft Marine Pest Strategy will be notified in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the discussion document circulated to government agencies, local authorities, interest groups and stakeholders to gain feedback for the review of the current plant and animal pest strategies.

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

As previously reported, the Environment Court has directed that the NRC report back to the Court by 18 September 2009 as to whether an Environment Court hearing is required. In addition to the two appeals, the New Zealand Transport Agency has joined the Federated Farmers of New Zealand appeal as a section 274 party.

An initial meeting with the appellants is scheduled for 4 September 2009 to explore the common ground where agreement may be reached and to identify areas where Court assisted mediation may be required. Council staff anticipate that the two appeals should be able to be resolved through negotiation without the need for an Environment Court hearing.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Land Use and Subdivision Applications

During August 2009, 25 resource consent applications were received from the Whangarei, Kaipara, and Far North District Councils. There were 22 non-notified applications and three notified applications. The Northland Regional Council (NRC) has so far provided comment on three of these applications, and has made five formal submissions (all of which were applications received in July 2009).

Comments on non-notified applications were made regarding flood susceptibility and lack of information in relation to wastewater management.

The formal submissions made for August 2009 were as follows:

Celebration Trust, Kerikeri – This was an application to construct a new educational facility in the rural living zone. A neutral submission was lodged which advised that the proposed wastewater management calculations were not being in accordance with the Australian/New Zealand Standard “On-site domestic-wastewater management” (AS/NZS 1547:2000). The submission requested that the applicant review its calculations.

Mike and Annwyns Family Trust, Maunu – This was an application to subdivide a site of 1.3635ha into two lots – 7940m² and 5695m². A neutral submission was lodged concerning the proposed wastewater management not being in accordance with AS/NZS 1547:2000. It was requested that further information be obtained and that NRC have the opportunity to review this information. The submission also advised of rule 21.1.2 of the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland (RWSP) relating to stormwater management.

Waitoto Developments Limited, Russell – This was an application to subdivide a site of 85.8253ha into four lots – 84.27ha, 5000m², 5000m² and 5553m². A neutral submission was lodged regarding wastewater management and stormwater management. The property adjoins Orongo Bay, which contains a large area of oyster farms and as such it is a sensitive receiving environment for any discharges that come from adjacent land. The NRC therefore supported the recommendations in the engineering report that all wastewater be treated to a secondary level before being discharged to land via subsurface dripper irrigation. The submission also advised of the Section 32 Environmental Standards for Land Disturbance Activities and Section 21 of the RWSP and supported the implementation of the engineering recommendations.

HB and JA Norcross No.2 Family Trust, Tutukaka – This was an application to subdivide a site of 1.8780ha into two lots – 0.4370ha and 0.5260ha. A neutral submission was made regarding wastewater and stormwater management. Concerns were raised about the steep nature of the site and the likelihood that criterion (g) of Rule 15.1.4 of the RWSP relating to wastewater management could not be met. The submission also advised of Rule 21.1.2 of the RWSP relating to stormwater management.

R and B Gordon, Matarau – This was an application to subdivide a site of approximately 80ha into six lots – 3.2828ha, 1.9057ha, 3.0027ha, 2.7576ha, 1.2639 and 67.1633ha. A neutral submission was made which supported the proposed layout of the subdivision whereby the approximately 48ha of Class 3 soil (highly productive and versatile soil) be retained within a single title. Other points of the submission included advising of Rule 21.1.2 of the RWSP relating to stormwater management. It was requested that due to the limitations of the site, in particular the saturated nature of the site, that all wastewater be treated to a secondary standard prior to being discharged to land – the submission requested that a consent notice be imposed to this effect. As the development was located on an ‘at risk’ aquifer the applicant was recommended to ensure development did not result in contamination or a reduction in groundwater recharge.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure Strategy – A draft of the infrastructure strategy has been prepared, covering a range of topics including energy, communications, wastewater, education, health care, transport and drinking water.

Regional Land Transport Strategy – At its August meeting, the Regional Transport Committee approved the recommendation to apply for a six month extension of time for the completion of the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Staff have been gathering the necessary paperwork and advice from other Regional Councils who have undertaken this process in order to apply for the extension. A revised project plan has also been prepared to ensure the strategy is completed as quickly as possible.

Marsden Point Rail Link – A statement of evidence was prepared in support of the application by Ontrack for designation of the Marsden Point Rail Link. The statement outlined the background to the NRC’s involvement and support of the project, the general freight and development pressures being experienced in the area as well as some of the economic and strategic benefits in ensuring the designation is put in place. The statement of evidence will be tabled at the hearing as part of the On-track application.

Vehicles on Beaches

The Whangarei District Council held a hearing on 1 September to hear submissions on the Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw proposed under the Local Government Act. The majority of submissions were in support of the bylaw. NRC submitted a submission in support of the general intent of the bylaw without providing commentary on the specific provisions of the bylaw.

While dialogue continues with Kaipara District Council, no further progress has been made towards an improved management regime for vehicles on beaches within the Kaipara and Far North districts. Both councils have confirmed their opposition to the extension of their district boundaries, as proposed by the Hon John Carter as a solution to the complex jurisdictional issues surrounding this issue. No further correspondence has been received from the Hon John Carter as to his intentions to address this issue within these two districts.

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Economic strategy

General outline of the regional economic strategy has been developed. Final Infometrics workshop on 2nd Sept will qualify input to the economic model which along with Infometrics final report will be delivered by end September.

Recent work has been:

- Liaising with Infometrics/input into assumption generation/input into workshop focus and format
- Distilling “science” into useable format and summary
- Creating context summary
- Collecting and assessing background detail on key identified sectors – the “so what” part of the analysis
- Engaging with key sector contacts to “validate” thinking of future potential/direction of expansion etc
- Discussions with WDC and FNDC re overlaying economic findings and projections across their spatial planning
- Discussions internally regarding the “realistic” potential of key sectors

OPERATIONS

CONSENTS

Consents in Process

During August 2009, a total of 131 Resource Consents were issued. These comprised:

14	Moorings
18	Coastal Permits
0	Air Discharge Permits
73	Discharge Permits
7	Land Use Consents
16	Water Permits
3	Bore Consents

136 Decisions were issued as detailed elsewhere in the Agenda.

30 Applications were received.

Of the 414 applications in progress at the end of August:

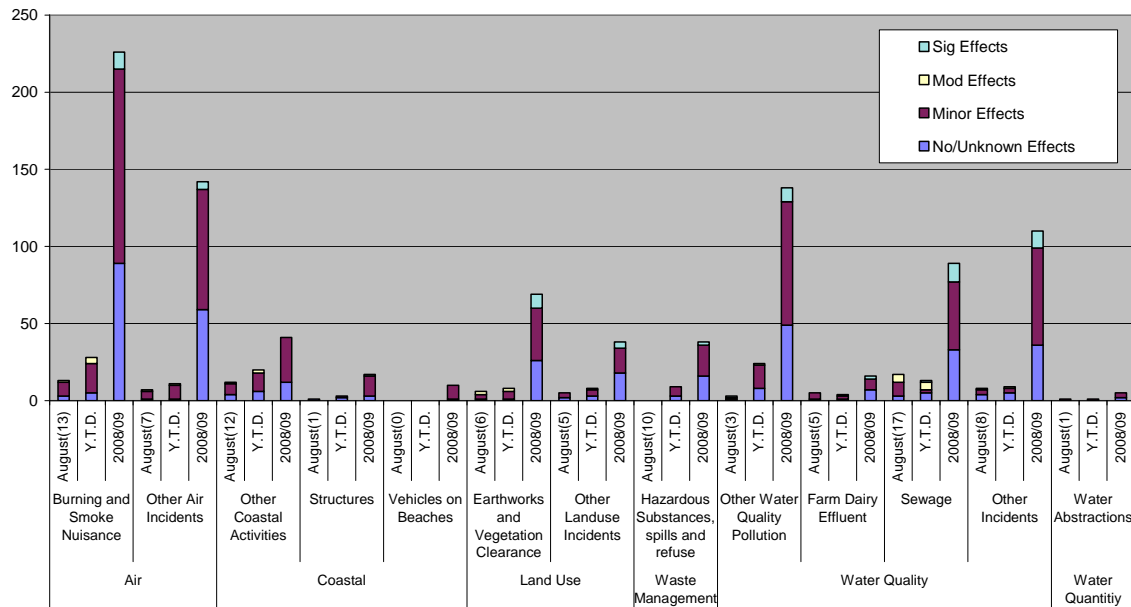
154	were received more than 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
142	were received between 6 and 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
118	less than 6 months.

MONITORING

HOTLINE – ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

The number of environmental incidents reported during the month was close to the average with 62 incidents being reported compared with an August average of 69. The graph of incidents below shows those incidents which have been investigated adequately to a point which allows meaningful reporting to Council on environmental effects. Consequently the numbers will include historical incidents logged with Council.

Incidents Investigated August 2009



AIR QUALITY

Twenty-four air pollution related environmental incidents were received in August. The majority of the complaints received were for burning and smoke nuisance (15 complaints), although there was an increase in the number of spray-drift related complaints towards the end of the window period for the application of 2,4D ester.

WATER QUALITY AND DISCHARGE MONITORING

NRC staff attended the quarterly meeting with FNDC and their contractors to discuss the 16 FNDC municipal wastewater treatment plants. The Whatuwhiwhi upgrade is now almost complete. This upgrade has been carried out well. It was noted at the meeting that management plans are outstanding for a number of plants.

A meeting with WDC staff was held to discuss the status of the Okara Park resource consent application and other WDC reticulation issues. WDC are currently assessing upgrade options for Okara Park and Hatea pump stations.

FDE MONITORING

Routine monitoring of all effluent systems commenced in mid-August.

Consented (MCO) FDE discharges

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
22	2	8	1	5	1
63%	50%	23%	25%	14%	25%

Non Consented (MNC) FDE discharges

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
16	4	9	3	1	7
62%	29%	35%	21%	3%	50%

The quarterly Northland Effluent (FDE) Improvement Project meeting was held at NRC in August. All action items from the previous meeting had been completed. NRC FDE officers and the Sustainable Dairying Advisor have developed farm specific effluent management checklists and they continue with one-on-one farm visits.

WATER RESOURCES

Hydrology, Telemetry and Maintenance

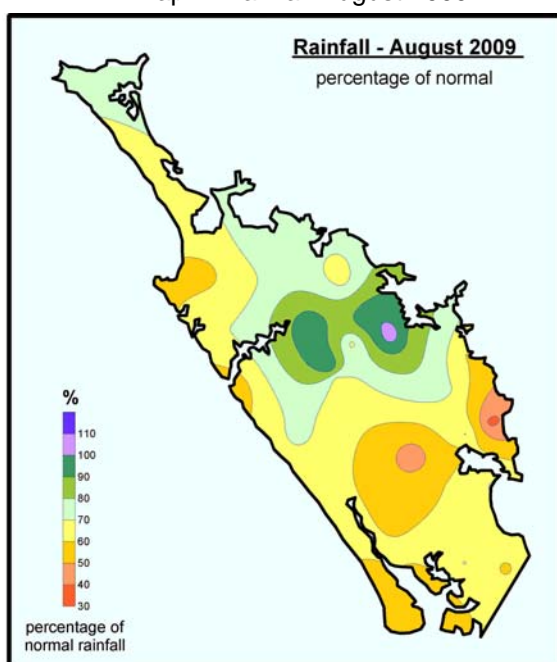
The telemetry system operated very efficiently during August. A few problems persisted with some GPRS modems not communicating, however these were rectified within a short time frame. One severe weather event was monitored over 12 and 13 August. Moderate amounts of rain and gale force north easterly winds resulted.

Work is progressing in identifying site locations for the installation of automatic rainfall stations within some river catchments associated with the Priority Rivers Project. These include the Waima, Whirinaki, Kerikeri, Kawakawa and Ruakaka catchments.

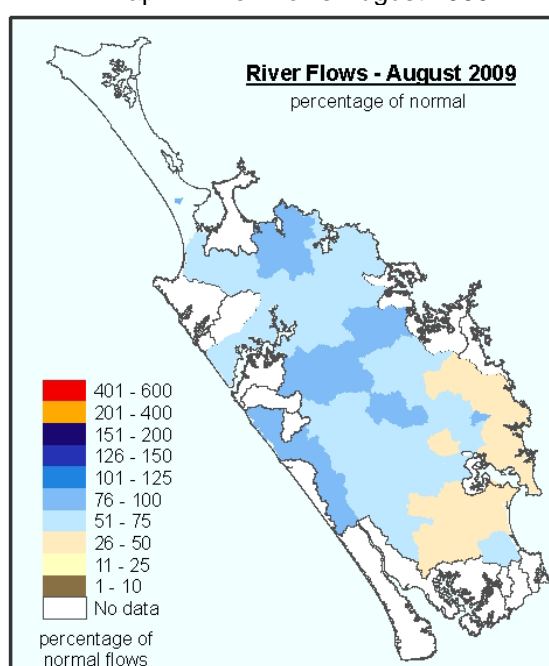
Water Resources

Apart from isolated areas north of Kawakawa, rainfall was below normal for August. Drier conditions prevailed in the coastal areas north east of Whangarei and central areas east of Dargaville. Similarly, river flows were below normal for August. Groundwater levels were normal to slightly above normal for this time of year.

Map 1: Rainfall August 2009



Map 2: River Flows August 2009



COASTAL MONITORING

Waiora Hokianga Project

Hokianga Harbour water quality and shellfish monitoring continued this month, assessing nutrients and faecal contamination in coastal waters and kai moana. Results showed shellfish contained levels of *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) significantly exceeding the safe harvest/public health guidelines at all sites. These shellfish have subsequently been sent off for analysis to identify potential sources of E. coli using DNA and virus checking tools. Water quality results are pending.

Other Harbour and Estuarine Monitoring

Routine monthly monitoring continued for the Kaipara, Whangaroa and Whangarei Harbours, and the Bay of Islands. The results of this monitoring indicated a range of results which will be reported to Environmental Management Committee at a later date.

Microbial Source Tracking at Marine Farms

Water and sediment samples were collected at sites in Whangaroa Harbour and Kerikeri Inlet to determine likely sources of microbiological contaminants near marine farms. DNA extracting techniques are being used to identify human, herbivore and avian sources. Results of these tests will be available shortly.

Shellfish samples were collected for (1) microbiological source tracking and (2) virus monitoring. Feral shellfish from Whangaroa Harbour, Kerikeri Inlet and Whangarei Harbour are being analysed for human versus animal sources.

Estuarine Monitoring Programme and Sediment Accumulation Rate (SAR)

Quarterly monitoring of sediment plates was undertaken at all estuary monitoring sites in the Whangarei Harbour, Ruakaka Estuary, Kerikeri Inlet and Whangaroa Harbour. Monitoring of sediment plates enables NRC to calculate current sediment accumulation rates in these estuaries and relate changes in the sediment accumulation rates to the biological communities at these sites.

WASTE MANAGEMENT/HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Hazardous Activities and Industries List ('Contaminated Sites Database')

Significant time has been spent on quality assurance on the Contaminated Sites Database, in preparation of its release to owners and other interested parties.

Waste Hazardous Substances Collection

During August approximately 600 kilograms of hazardous substances were collected and are currently awaiting sorting and repacking, to be transported to Auckland for disposal.

Department of Labour Hazardous Substances Contract

During the month 25 workplace inspections were undertaken including a number of premises storing and LPG and solvents.

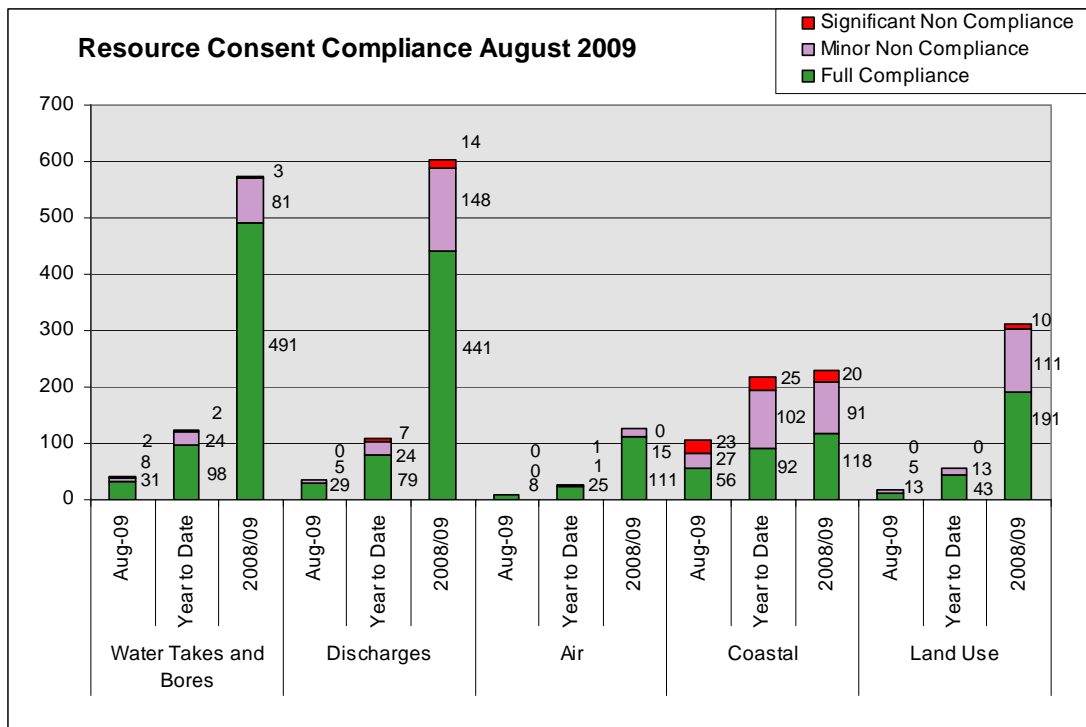
Hazardous Substances Incidents

Toll United reported a rolled over fuel tanker. Upon investigating, it was found that the tanker was empty and no discharge resulted.

Following a fire at the Whangarei Museum Tractor Club, a small amount of oil escaped which was subsequently dispersed. The Museum will however need to dispose of some asbestos sheets damaged during the fire.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

The results of compliance monitoring in August are provided in graphical format (see below). Data is also provided on compliance levels year to date and compared with last year’s monitoring results.



Water Quality

No significantly non-compliant discharges were monitored during August, and 85% of the discharges checked were fully compliant with resource consent conditions.

Air Quality

Eight compliance assessments for air discharge consents were made in August including three industrial site visits. All visits confirmed that sites were complying with the conditions of resource consents.

Coastal

Marine farms in the Bay of Islands, Houhora, Whangaroa, Rangaunu and Parengarenga Harbours were monitored for compliance this month. There were varying degrees of compliance, and so far only 65% were either fully compliant or had only minor non-compliance. The remaining 35% of marine farms had significant non-compliance. The majority of these were in the Bay of Islands (see Figure 1 below).

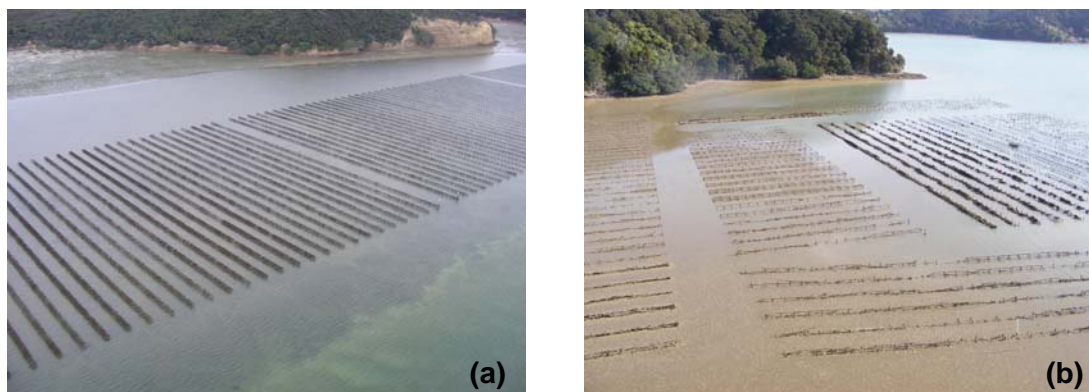


Figure 1. (a) Compliant and (b) significantly non-compliant marine farm in Northland.

Coastal structures in the outer areas of Whangarei Harbour were monitored for compliance. Nearly all of these (98%) of consented structures were compliant; however there a large number of illegal structures have been identified. Approximately 44 structures were visited in August.

Sewage treatment systems onboard a vessel entering Whangarei Harbour were assessed for compliance with the Marine Pollution Regulations (2002). Results showed a significant non-compliance and the vessel operator was immediately advised to cease discharge to the harbour and investigate their treatment systems operation. NRC Maritime and Coastal officers will work together to extend this monitoring this season.

Land Use

There were no significant non-compliances for land use monitoring for August. The amount of earthworks in Northland will now increase with the commencement of the earthworks season on 1 September.

Waste Management

Sampling at Pohe Island Landfill and attendance at the Hakaru Landfill Liaison Group meeting were undertaken in accordance with consent requirements.

ENFORCEMENT

Abatement Notices

Eight abatement notices were issued in August. These related to the following activities:

- Farm dairy effluent discharges (6)
- Earthworks without resource consent
- Illegal structure in the coastal marine area

Infringement Notices

Five infringement notices were served during August. These related to the following activities:

- Farm dairy effluent discharges (4)
- Illegal structure in the coastal marine area

Other Enforcement

Charges were laid in December 2008 against several parties in relation to the deposition of material including soil, vegetation, demolition material, and domestic refuse at a site with inadequate stability and sediment control measure. This resulted in a significant discharge of this material into a small tributary of the Ngunguru Estuary.

All parties have now pleaded guilty and have elected to participate in restorative justice. The restorative justice conference is on 3 September 2009 and sentencing in the Whangarei District Court is scheduled for 6 October 2009.

Charges were laid in May 2009 against seven parties in relation to the discharge and deposition of material including soil into water and the CMA at Mangawhai as a result of ongoing non compliance with consent requirements. Summonses have been served on all parties. No dates have yet been scheduled.

A Ruawai dairy farmer is to be prosecuted for farm dairy effluent discharges (mostly associated with two feed pads). The summons will be served in September.

MARITIME

OIL SPILL RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

Marine Oil Spill Response

A small diesel spill at Unahi was left to disperse naturally. A vessel was identified as the likely source of spill and this will be followed up with the vessel operator when next in port.

Marine Oil Spill Preparedness

The Regional Harbourmaster and Deputy Harbourmaster attended the annual Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) Regional Council Oil Spill Response Workshop held in Auckland. MNZ also outlined a revised national training regime which aims to maintain training standards whilst reducing the time commitment for spill response personnel attending training courses.

The Regional Harbourmaster participated in an oil spill response training / exercise on board the newly commissioned bunker (ship's fuel) tanker "Awanuia" in Auckland. The exercise tested the tanker's Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) during several simulated emergencies. The "Awanuia" was built to supply bunkers to ships in Auckland but will load her cargo from the newly built Jetty 3 at the Marsden Point Refinery. The change in bunker operation has been brought about by Wynyard Wharf closing as an oil storage and transfer facility. "Awanuia" will enter service in early September and complies with all International Maritime Organisation requirements for double-hull tankers.

NAVIGATION, SAFETY AND MARITIME OPERATIONS

Port and Harbour Safety

The Regional Harbourmaster chaired the annual Risk Assessment and Safety Management System review meeting for Whangarei Harbour. Newly identified risks were discussed and mitigation factors agreed by the stakeholder group.

Advice was provided to Fullers/GreatSights Bay of Islands to assist its vessel masters obtain Pilotage Exemption Certificates for the operation of the new (overnight) tourist vessel "Ipipiri." The new, purpose built vessel is much larger than existing vessels in the Fullers' fleet and is above the pilotage tonnage for the Bay of Islands. Pilotage exemption training will be conducted for the masters of the new vessel, which was safely piloted into Opuia at the end of August and will enter service in September.

Maritime Incidents

Maritime team members responded to 27 incidents during August. Prompt action by on board personnel and other company vessels prevented more serious consequences when a steering link failed on one of the Opuia/Okiato ferries.

All passengers and vehicles were landed safely before the ferry was taken out of service to effect repairs. A super-tanker was held at anchor for five days due to swell conditions precluding the vessel's safe entry into Whangarei Harbour.

Most of the remaining incidents derived from irresponsible owner/operator behaviour and resulted in vessels being left at anchor for prolonged periods or in positions where they were likely to be hazards to navigation, unattended vessels drifting and/or sinking and in two cases vessels rolling whilst crossing bar harbour entrances.

Opuia based staff have identified and secured three derelict or abandoned vessels, and strenuous efforts are being made to identify their owners. The vessels will ultimately be sold to offset Council's costs if their owners cannot be identified.

Aids to Navigation Failures and Maintenance

New batteries were installed in the lights on Tutukaka No. 2 and No. 8 Veronica Channel port hand beacons in response to reported light failures.

Scheduled maintenance upgrade work in Whangaroa Harbour was completed in August. A new five-knot buoy with a radar reflector and light was installed in Ratcliffs Bay and a new beacon built and installed at Shark Island following consultation with iwi and DoC.

Two new bar crossing signs were installed at Omapere and Opononi and large navigation information signs were installed at Ruawai and Kellys Bay.

The fabrication of new mooring blocks, counterbalance weights and radar reflectors was completed in preparation for the deployment of a number of new five-knot buoys at speeding hot-spots identified throughout Northland during last summer.

The Waitangi sector light received its annual service prior to the start of the cruise ship season.

Hot Work Permits

A spot check at Opuia Wharf of operations being carried out by local contractors revealed un-permitted hot work operation in progress on board a fishing vessel. All hot work was immediately stopped whilst a permit was obtained. Follow up action by the Deputy Harbourmaster saw a further two permits issued later in the month for maintenance work on board fishing vessels alongside Opuia Wharf. Two further permits were issued for maintenance involving hot work on board vessels in Whangarei Harbour.

TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

Total Mobility – July 2009

Monthly Actual Expend.	Monthly Budget Expend	Variance	Year/Date Actual Expend	Year/Date Budgeted Expend	Variance
\$11,206	\$17,166	-\$5,960	\$11,206	\$17,166	-\$5,960

The variance between the July actual and budgeted figures is due to later than normal billing the previous month.

During the month, a review of the client database was undertaken which resulted in the total number of clients reducing from 1244 to 1158. Currently there is an average of 10 or 12 new applications per week.

Phoenix Cabs (2006) Ltd has ceased operation, leaving two taxi companies now servicing Whangarei, being A1 Cabs and Kiwi Carlton Cabs.

Taxi Trips	Bus Trips	Total Clients
3777	203	1158

City Link Whangarei – August 2009

Passengers (Includes Super Gold Card and Total Mobility Clients)

Month Actual	Budget	Variance	August 2008
25,152	22,500	+2,652	21,986

Farebox Revenue (Includes Super Gold Card and Total Mobility Revenue and GST)

Month Actual	Budget	Variance	August 2008
\$56,440	\$60,157	-\$3,717	\$53,217

Snapper Services Limited gave the Bus Subcommittee a presentation on their small value purchase card system, and the benefits it could bring, not only to the CityLink contracted service, but potentially also to the Total Mobility Scheme. The implications of introducing such a system are still being worked through

Super Gold Card Scheme

Passengers carried to date since the introduction of the scheme:

Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance	Average 2008/2009
3,756	2,778	+978	3,156

NZTA have confirmed Whangarei's allocation for the SuperGold Card Scheme for 09/10 is \$75,000. Initial calculations have indicated this amount is likely to prove insufficient, however NZTA will be advised via our monthly Programme Reviews through LTP on line.

2008/2009 Regional Land Transport Programme Supplementary Review

The 2008/2009 supplementary review made to NZTA resulted in unspent monies being reallocated within the approved 2008/09 regional programme, to those work categories which recorded additional expenditure.

Areas of over expenditure which benefitted either partially or fully from this reallocation were; staff costs incurred during the development of the new three year programme, funding for the last three months of 2008/09 for the Total Mobility hoist use payment for service providers, payment for SuperGold card travel undertaken in May/June 2009, and an initial subsidy for the development of the Regional Procurement Strategy.

Regional Land Transport Programme 2009/2012

The National Land Transport Programme 2009-2012, which includes the approved expenditure for the Northland region was released on Thursday 27 August 2009. The financial implications of the new programme are yet to be fully analysed.

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CDEM)

On 7 August the Welfare Advisory Group met for its quarterly meeting. Dr Jonathon Jarman, Medical Officer of Health, provided the group with an update on the H1N1 influenza pandemic and the group discussed the implications for the provision of welfare services. The group also discussed and reviewed the appendix to the Welfare Plan that has been specifically developed for H1N1 pandemic influenza. Representatives from Ngati Hine Health Trust have also recently joined the Welfare Advisory Group.

On 25 August the National Exercise Programme Governance Group met in Wellington. The group received the 2008/09 annual report which outlined the national and regional exercise activity for the year. A Tier 4 national tsunami exercise is planned for October 2010 involving a tsunami scenario designed to test the procedures, plans and processes from a national to local level. Agreement was reached at the meeting to have an exercise that was held in real time.

On 24 August at the monthly civil defence officer meeting agreement was reached on a joint programme for the forthcoming disaster awareness week in October.

The Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management has recently developed a comprehensive Capability Assessment Tool. The aim of the assessment tool is to create a standard assessment of emergency management capability in New Zealand. It consists of a set of key performance indicators and performance measures against which organisations can assess themselves or be externally assessed. Indicators span the 4Rs (Reduction/Readiness/Response/Recovery) and are organised in a framework based on the National CDEM Strategy.

The assessment tool is being made available to the Northland CDEM Group and a presentation was made at the CDEM Group and CEG meetings on 1 September to outline the process and the development of the assessment tool. During the first week in November three MCDEM personnel will be in the region to assess and report on Northland Civil Defence arrangements.

LAND AND RIVERS MANAGEMENT

LAND MANAGEMENT

Clean Streams Accord – Regional Action Plan

Staff met with representatives of Fonterra to discuss implementation of the Clean Streams Accord prior to the annual review of the Regional Action Plan in late September.

Environmental Farm Plans

Requests for the development of farm plans have been received from Land Corp Farming, Te Roroa Maori Trust in the Hokianga and other stakeholders in the Waitangi catchment. Staff intend to work with these stakeholders to facilitate the development of plans and capacity amongst their staff.

Land and Water Management within the Bay of Islands Catchment

Over the last few months Council staff have attended meetings of the BayCare Working Group, a group established under the umbrella of the Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated which aims to protect and enhance the natural and aesthetic values of the Bay of Islands by improving water quality and reducing the sediment load in rivers draining into the Bay.

The Group has begun developing a strategy for both short and long term actions to achieve its objectives. Included in the short term objectives is a proposal that the Regional Council focuses on the Waitangi River catchment for land management and water quality enhancement initiatives. The Waitangi River is one of the Priority Rivers for which a flood risk reduction and soil conservation plan will be prepared and is a river subject to water allocation issues.

Meat and Wool New Zealand Monitor Farm

Following a meeting of Meat and Wool New Zealand (M&WZN) at Pakaraka on 21 August 2009, farmers and consultants visited the nearby monitor farm property of the Jack Family. This current monitor farm project will be completed in the next four months.

The monitor farm system enables farmers to discuss in detail a carefully monitored farm for the period of the programme. The Council supports this programme by preparing an environmental farm plan for the property and by participating in field days and meetings, bringing discussions on sustainable land management into the everyday running of a farm. A new monitor farm is being sought as the current project draws to a conclusion.

Environment Fund

Thirty-one Environment Fund projects were granted funding in August. A total of \$119,358 was granted to the projects from a total fund pool of \$508,410.

Over 100 expressions of interest in the fund have been received by Council this financial year with more enquiries from dairy farmers than usual; largely due to publicity in the Council leaflet '*Dairy Farmer News*'. The majority of dairy farm enquiries are for stock exclusion from streams and estuaries, one of the targets of the Clean Streams Accord and Regional Action Plan.

Hazard Management

The Land Programme Manager has assisted the Whangarei District Council to target its search for storm water infiltration into the sewer in the Riverside area of the city by identifying areas of land where instability may have moved and possibly fractured sewer lines, allowing stormwater to enter the sewer lines. These areas will be targeted when Whangarei District Council use cameras to inspect the lines during the first week of September.

Wetlands Project

Work has continued on a project to identify Northland's best wetlands across all land tenures which will aid in their preservation and enhancement. An initial shortlist of wetlands for consideration has been completed for sites recorded as part of the Department of Conservation Protected Natural Areas Programme. Around 350 high value wetlands are on the list with Manaia and part of Rodney (Mangawhai area) Ecological Districts in the process of being surveyed. The next step is to map and record in Council's database the wetlands so they can be sorted and prioritised.

CoastCare

Spinifex and pingao were planted on the dunes adjacent to the coastal reserve at Kaimaumau, in the Rangaunu Harbour. CoastCare visits were made to Waipapakauri Ramp, Taipa, Owahini, Oakura, Ahipara, Matauri Bay, Te Ngaere, Tauranga Bay and Omamari. The purpose of these visits was to inspect planting and other CoastCare work, monitor erosion, and plan planting projects for next winter.

A CoastCare presentation was given as part of a hui held at Korou Kore Marae in Ahipara, organised by Te Runanga O Te Rarawa and the Department of Conservation. A report outlining recommendations for dune restoration on the Mapere Block is being prepared and will be presented to the marae in September.

Enquiries were received from the public regarding beach debris and clean-ups, coastal erosion and vehicles on beaches. Two of these required site visits, the others were dealt with by telephone and email.

An information pamphlet about coastal dunes has been developed and will be printed in September. The aim of this publication is to increase public knowledge of Northland dunes including their formation, and the function of dune vegetation. It is anticipated that this will aid the success of CoastCare dune restoration and protection projects around the region.

RIVER MANAGEMENT

Awanui, Kaeo and Kaihu River Schemes

Updates on progress with the river schemes are provided in the Environmental Management Committee Agenda report entitled River Schemes - Update Report.

Hihi Foreshore – Community Project

Council staff have been assisting with the enabling of a community-led project at Hihi Beach. The Hihi Beach community, led by the Hihi Ratepayers Association, has put considerable effort into developing, proposing and obtaining resources for a foreshore enhancement and protection project. Those promoting the project have consulted with the community and stakeholders obtaining considerable support. The group has access to professional services, engineers and surveyors, and contractors. The main components of the project are: the lowering of the mid beach boat ramp to reduce its groyne effect and allow more natural distribution of sand along the beach; realignment of the stream and access ramp to reduce erosions and facilitate access; and a low “mudcrete” wall to retain and protect the reserve strip (above MHWS) with planting of the low foredune.

The FNDC, the consent holder for the existing boat ramp, has agreed to support the project by applying for the consent for the ramp and realignment related works and funding the ramp work. The community group will secure the remainder of the resources needed for the project, which can be undertaken as a permitted activity. All going well, the aim is to have the works carried out prior to this summer.

Priority Rivers Project

An update on progress with the Priority Rivers Flood Risk Reduction Project is provided in the Environmental Management Committee Agenda report entitled Priority Rivers Flood Risk Reduction Project - Progress Report.

BIOSECURITY

BIOSECURITY INCIDENT

An undescribed species of *Passiflora* (passionflower or passionfruit vine) has been discovered growing wild in forest near Kamo. Staff consider the risk of further spread of this plant to be high as mature vines are bearing bunches of small ripe fruit which are likely to be attractive to birds and rodents. Observations so far have indicated that seedlings are shade tolerant and mature plants have been found growing high into the forest canopy.

A preliminary survey has been undertaken to determine the extent of the infestation and a leaflet drop to residents in the area is planned to raise awareness and identify any other sites. Eradicating this plant before it becomes widespread is one of the options currently being considered.

BIOSECURITY AND THE ENVIROLINK FUND

Envirolink is a \$1.6 million dollar fund administered by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FRST) aimed at improving science input to environmental management. Northland is one of nine councils able to apply to the fund and has been awarded 103 grants totalling \$744,324 since the fund began in 2005.

Fifty-two grants totalling \$315,205 (or 42%) were specifically related to biosecurity and science providers including NIWA, Scion, Landcare Research and various universities. The research has included a novel investigation on how a sophisticated air analysis tool could be used to sniff out predators such as rats and stoats, advice to assist with wild goat control, weed management and control of pest insects such as guava moth. In the last two months applications worth \$25000 have been approved. One aims to report on the potential of silver carp to improve lake water quality and another will give advice on marine biosecurity issues in Northland.

COMMUNITY PEST CONTROL AREAS (CPCAs)

Twenty three community pest projects covering over 15000 hectares is under pest management this year many of which are in their 3rd or 4th year of sustained pest control. Staff are in the process of supplying community teams with herbicides and pest control materials for maintenance works and also planning for three new community projects in the Kerikeri –Bay of islands area.

One of the common pest issues community plans face is the control of wild cats and staff visited the Maungaraho community near Dargaville during the month to advise on management options. Cat reinvasion from adjacent unmanaged forests and the dumping of unwanted domestic cats is an ongoing issue which we are working with the SPCA and community groups to address.

FRESHWATER PROJECTS

Lake Heather

Staff attended a meeting with DOC Kaitaia to discuss the introduction of grass carp to this lake for the purpose of eradicating hornwort and egeria. A partnership approach to this project is proposed and consultation with other surrounding landowners is now underway.

Freshwater Regional Pest Management Strategy (RPMS)

A discussion paper on the review of the RPMS for plant and animal pests, both land-based and freshwater is currently being prepared. The intention is to present the discussion paper to the Environmental Management Committee in September, and seek approval to release it for public comment.

MARINE

Marine Regional Pest Management Strategy (RPMS)

Staff have analysed the submissions received regarding the marine discussion paper released for comment in May 2009. A proposed Marine RPMS is currently being prepared in line with the requirements of the Biosecurity Act. The intention is to present the proposed Marine RPMS to the Environmental Committee in September, and seek approval to release it for public submission.

OTHER BIOSECURITY ISSUES

Boundary Control

Sixteen reminder letters were posted to occupiers known to have continuing ragwort problems, and complaints with a subdivision at Tikipunga regarding gorse have been resolved with the owner carrying out clearance.

Community education

A talk and field trip on pest plants, biocontrol, & general issues, was given to a class of polytechnic students, and the response was gratifying, as 90% were amazed at the weed issues in Whangarei city alone.

Mt Tiger Pest Control

Over 300 possum bait stations established over 160 hectares of native forest and alongside roadways have been twice filled by a contractor with high rates of bait consumption in both instances. Possum impact on pine trees was observed as high prior to baiting and reinvasion from adjacent unmanaged properties has been a concern. However there are now two landcare groups operating adjacent to Mt Tiger forest that also control possum populations and the work of these groups combined with the recent baiting within Mt Tiger is predicted to slow reinvasion.

The removal of wild goats from native forest within Mt Tiger is making a difference and a lush spring regrowth of the understory has been observed. Tracks that were previously denuded of goat palatable species like coprosma and hangehange are in a process of natural restoration and seedlings and small shrubs of these species can now be readily found.

There has been a reoccurrence of wild pigs within Mt Tiger, due both to animals moving in from other areas and illegal liberations from hunters wanting to create new hunting opportunities. A zero tolerance to wild pigs has been adopted and a plan to actively hunt out any animals using approved hunters is expected to lower wild pig populations and discourage further liberations.

Recommendation

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 4 September 2009 be received.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2009-2019 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.

Northland Regional Council Delegations Manual

File 105.2

Report from Ken Paterson Chief Executive Officer dated 28 August 2009.

Under the authority published in the New Zealand Gazette on 3 May 2007 both the Chief Executive Officer and the Council Secretary can witness signatures on legal documents and take statutory declarations under oath in the same manner as a Justice of the Peace.

The Council Secretary role has been formally split between two staff members as part of the 2008 Council restructure. The Chief Executive Officer has approved the transfer of this role to the Local Government Senior Programme Manager. Therefore the Local Government Senior Programme Manager will write to the Minister of Justice and request that the authorised officer's title be changed to Local Government Senior Programme Manager and that this be gazetted as soon as possible.

Given delays experienced previously with such requests, this paper recommends the Council resolves that for the purposes of the New Zealand Gazette notice of 3 May 2007 the Council Secretary office holder is the Local Government Senior Programme Manager and that this be entered into the Council Delegations Manual.

Recommendation

1. That the Council receives the report from the Chief Executive Officer dated 28 August 2009.
2. That the Council resolves that for the purposes of the New Zealand Gazette notice of 3 May 2007 the Council Secretary office holder is the Local Government Senior Programme Manager and that this delegation be entered into the Council Delegations Manual.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are part of the Council's day to day operations. As such they are provided for in the Council's 2009 to 2019 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.

Financial Report – 31 August 2009

File 350.4

Report from Financial Accountant Kim Harvey dated 8 September 2009.

The **Summary Council Cost of Services Statement** and **Cost of Service Statements by Activity** for the month ended 31 August 2009 are presented for Councillors' information.

OVERVIEW

During the first few months of the financial year a significant amount of variability is expected as budget phasing is refined and revenue and expenditure come on stream.

Finance will be liaising with staff to phase the budgets in line with anticipated timing of expenditure which should produce more meaningful results at 30 September 2009.

A detailed review of quarter one operating results will be provided to the Audit and Finance Committee in October 2009. This review will identify and explain any material variances.

OPERATING RESULTS

The Summary Cost of Services Statement shows for the two months to 31 August 2009 a net operating surplus before extraordinary items of \$759K against a budgeted net surplus of \$291K. This favourable variance is due to expenditure tracking behind budget, and is partially offset by revenue also tracking marginally behind budget.

Removing extraordinary items from the operating results, gives a clearer picture of the operating activities of Council. For reporting purposes we have classified the Recreational Facilities rate and all Regional Events Centre related payments as extraordinary items. Expenditure towards the Events Centre will be funded from reserves and repaid from the Recreational Facilities rate over an approximate 15 year period. Extraordinary items also include vested assets and will include other items as they come on stream. The operating surplus after extraordinary items is \$956K compared to budgeted surplus of \$444K. Council received notional revenue of \$41,650 arising from navigation aids vested to the Council by Northport Limited.

These budget variances are not expected to be permanent or indicative of any full year expectations.

REVENUE

The year to date revenue at \$3.65M is tracking slightly behind budget of \$3.7M, grants and subsidies are tracking behind budget, but this is due to budget phasing rather than long term differences.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is \$2.9M compared to budget of \$3.4M, this variability can be expected in the early stages of the financial year.

- Environmental Monitoring expenditure at \$667K still remains 15% lower than budget. Expenditure this month at 40% over budget is as a result of budget phasing and catches up the under budget position at the end of July 2009.

- Consents at \$426K is slightly higher than budget of \$398K (7%). This is due to work on a number of large applications coming on stream ahead of budget.
- Regional Information & Engagement at \$177K is 28% under budget though the current month is marginally over budget.

EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

Extraordinary items have been removed from operating results. The results after removing these items are a truer reflection of the operating results. The items classified as extraordinary are:

- the Recreational Facilities rate collected to fund the Regional Events Centre totalling \$189K to date;
- the costs of the Regional Events Centre which now total \$34K; and
- notional revenue of \$42K arising from navigation aids vested to the Council by Northport Limited.

Recommendation

That the financial report to 31 August 2009 from Financial Accountant Kim Harvey dated 8 September 2009 be received.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2009-2019 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.

	August 09				YEAR TO DATE			FULL YEAR BUDGET (LTCCP) ¹	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance		Var %
Monthly Report for	August 09								
Total Council Revenue									
Rates (excluding Regional Recreational Facilities Rate)	904,398	907,501	(3,103)	0%	1,810,176	1,815,005	(4,829)	0%	
User Fees and Sundry	576,350	572,302	4,048	1%	1,118,534	937,804	180,730	19%	
Grants and Subsidies	66,968	95,276	(28,308)	-30%	58,969	190,553	(131,584)	-69%	
Investment Interest Income	210,834	237,661	(26,827)	-11%	381,426	475,322	(93,895)	-20%	
Investment Property Income	165,879	169,404	(3,525)	-2%	290,884	303,316	(12,432)	-4%	
Forestry Harvest	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	
Dividend Income	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	
	1,924,430	1,982,144	(57,714)	-3%	3,659,989	3,722,000	(62,011)	-2%	
Expenditure									
Democracy and Corporate Services	154,820	113,873	(40,947)	-36%	228,530	229,754	1,224	1%	
Regional Information and Engagement	143,961	122,974	(20,987)	-17%	177,099	245,969	68,869	28%	
Regional Economic Development	27,228	33,957	6,729	20%	43,871	67,912	24,041	35%	
Resource Management Planning	109,409	95,579	(13,830)	-14%	136,754	191,155	54,402	28%	
Transport	205,770	220,916	15,146	7%	327,649	441,831	114,182	26%	
Consents	269,842	226,318	(43,524)	-19%	426,435	398,075	(28,359)	-7%	
Environmental Monitoring	551,381	399,356	(152,025)	-38%	666,708	792,572	125,865	16%	
Land and Rivers	422,991	332,847	(90,144)	-27%	493,530	515,688	22,158	4%	
Biosecurity	147,267	169,322	22,055	13%	189,692	281,443	91,752	33%	
Emergency Management	17,167	16,719	(448)	-3%	25,972	33,436	7,464	22%	
Maritime	138,566	116,553	(22,013)	-19%	184,187	233,106	48,919	21%	
Support Services	(152,217)	7	152,225	2075792%	0	6	0	4%	
	2,036,186	1,848,421	(187,764)	-10%	2,900,426	3,430,948	530,516	15%	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service before extraordinary items	111,756	(133,723)	(245,479)	184%	(759,563)	(291,052)	468,505	-161%	
Extraordinary Items									
Regional Recreational Facilities Rate	94,560	94,013	547	1%	189,120	188,026	1,095	1%	
Regional Events Centre expenditure	34,220	35,000	780	2%	34,220	35,000	780	2%	
Forestry Revaluation	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	
(Loss) / Gain on Sale of Asset	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	41,650	\$0	41,650	0	
Special Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	
Tax on Special Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	
	(60,340)	(59,013)	\$233	0%	(196,550)	(153,026)	(41,965)	27%	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service after extraordinary items	51,416	(192,736)	\$(245,246)	127%	(956,113)	(444,077)	\$426,541	-96%	
Capital	99,408				99,408			4,000,439	

Notes

- The Transport Full Year Budget is \$29,458 over that published in the 2009/19 LTCCP due to the carry over of \$29,458 from 2008/09 for the Regional Land Transport Strategy. The Land and Rivers Full Year Budget is \$151,006 over that published in the 2009/19 LTCCP due to the carry over of \$151,066 for the Priority Rivers Project. The Capital Expenditure Full year Budget is \$90,536 over that published in the 2009/19 LTCCP due to the carryover of: \$26,939 Environmental Monitoring expenditure; \$17,350 Regional Information and engagement expenditure; and \$46,247 Information systems expenditure.

Detailed variance explanations are provided under each Group Activity Report.

		August 09								
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Monthly Report for August 09										
Total Democracy and Corporate Services										
Revenue										
Rates	42,542	42,339	203	0%	85,084	84,678	406	0%	\$ 508,068.00	
User Fees and Sundry	42,574	2,917	39,657	1360%	42,862	5,837	37,025	634%	\$ 35,000.00	
Grants and Subsidies	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -	
Investment Interest Income	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -	
Investment Property Income	165,879	168,404	(2,525)	-1%	290,884	301,316	(10,432)	-3%	\$ 3,100,000.00	
Forestry Harvest	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ 365,825.00	
	\$250,995	\$213,660	\$37,335	17%	\$418,830	\$391,831	\$26,999	7%	\$4,008,893	
Expenditure										
Community Representation	\$110,943	\$95,229	\$(15,714)	-17%	\$176,654	\$190,462	\$13,808	7%	\$1,181,430	
Commercial Investments	\$43,877	\$18,644	\$(25,233)	-135%	\$51,876	\$39,292	\$(12,584)	-32%	\$376,136	
	\$154,820	\$113,873	\$(40,947)	-36%	\$228,530	\$229,754	\$1,224	1%	\$1,557,566	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service before extraordinary items										
	\$(96,175)	\$(99,787)	\$(3,612)	4%	\$(190,300)	\$(162,077)	\$28,223	-17%	\$(2,451,327)	
Extraordinary Items										
Loss on sale of Investment Property	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	
Fair Value adjustment of Investment Property	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	
Commission on Sale of Investment Property	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	
Forestry Revaluation	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	137,045	
	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	137,045	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service after extraordinary items										
	\$(96,175)	\$(99,787)	\$(3,612)	4%	\$(190,300)	\$(162,077)	\$28,223	-17%	\$(2,588,372)	
Capital Expenditure	\$0				\$0				\$219,237	

Revenue
Month and Year to Date results
 User Fees and Sundry is showing a budget surplus for the month due to the recovery of rates and insurance costs from a tenant for this year and last year.

Expenditure
Month results
 Community Representation for the month is tracking close to budget with minor variances being due to budget phasing at this early stage of the year.
 Commercial Investments for the month is over budget due to paying rates in July and August.
Year to Date results
 Community Representation is underbudget due to savings across a number of areas as a result of budget phasing.
 Commercial Investments expenditure is overbudget for the year due to phasing of repairs and maintenance work and rates expenses on the MPRL rental properties.

		August 2009				YEAR TO DATE				
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Total Regional Information and Engagement										
Revenue										
Rates	\$55,745	\$55,479	\$266	0%	\$111,490	\$110,959	\$532	0%	\$665,751	
User Fees and Sundry	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	-	\$0	
Grants and Subsidies	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	
	\$55,745	\$55,479	\$266	0%	\$112,990	\$110,959	\$2,032	2%	\$665,751	
Expenditure										
Communications	\$94,621	\$87,201	\$(7,420)	-9%	\$122,875	\$174,422	\$51,547	30%	\$1,079,814	
Environmental Education	\$40,062	\$24,463	\$(15,599)	-64%	\$43,210	\$48,927	\$5,717	12%	\$311,135	
Economic and Environmental Information	\$9,279	\$11,310	\$2,031	18%	\$11,015	\$22,620	\$11,606	51%	\$144,043	
	\$143,961	\$122,974	\$(20,987)	-17%	\$177,099	\$245,969	\$68,869	28%	\$1,534,992	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service	\$88,216	\$67,495	\$(20,721)	-31%	\$64,109	\$135,010	\$70,901	53%	\$869,241	
Capital Expenditure	\$1,416				\$1,416				\$17,350	

Revenue

Month results

No significant variances for the month.

Year to date results

Year to date revenue is tracking to budget.

Expenditure

Month results

Overall, expenditure for the month is under budget due to the budget phasing in a number of cost areas.

Year to Date results

Refer to Month results explanation above.

		August 09								
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Monthly Report for										
August 09										
Total Regional Economic Development										
Revenue										
Rates	102,837	103,504	(667)	-1%	205,674	207,006	(1,332)	-1%	\$ 1,242,038	
User Fees and Sundry	0	0	0	-	14,950	0	14,950	-	\$ -	
Grants and Subsidies	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -	
Investment Interest Income	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ 518,000	
	\$102,837	\$103,504	\$(667)	-1%	\$220,624	\$207,006	\$13,618	7%	\$1,760,038	
Expenditure										
Regional Growth Programme	\$15,409	\$18,758	\$3,349	18%	\$23,529	\$37,514	\$13,985	37%	\$395,896	
Economic Development	\$11,819	\$15,199	\$3,380	22%	\$20,342	\$30,398	\$10,056	33%	\$2,380,060	
	\$27,228	\$33,957	\$6,729	20%	\$43,871	\$67,912	\$24,041	35%	\$2,775,956	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service before extraordinary items										
	\$(75,609)	\$(69,547)	\$6,062	-9%	\$(176,753)	\$(139,094)	\$37,659	-27%	\$1,015,918	
Extraordinary Items										
Regional Recreational Facilities Rate	94,560	94,013	547	1%	189,120	188,026	1,095	1%	1,128,155	
Regional Events Centre expenditure	34,220	35,000	780	2%	34,220	35,000	(780)	-2%	13,000,000	
	(60,340)	(59,013)	1,327	(0)	(154,900)	(153,026)	(1,875)	0	11,871,845	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service after extraordinary items										
	\$(135,949)	\$(128,560)	\$7,389	-6%	\$(331,653)	\$(292,120)	\$35,784	-12%	\$12,887,763	
Capital Expenditure										

Revenue

Month and Year To Date Results

Revenue for the month and year to date is in line with budget.

Expenditure

Month and Year To Date Results

Regional Growth Programme for the month is tracking close to budget with a small net underspend in salaries and wages due to a staff vacancy.

Economic Development is also showing a small underspend compared to budget due to salaries and wages cost savings as a result of staff being away on unpaid leave.

Extraordinary Items

The Regional Event Centre expenditure relates to expenditure incurred towards the construction of the Regional Events Centre.

		August 2009							
		August 2009		YEAR TO DATE		Annual Budget			
Total Resource Management Planning		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %
Revenue									
Rates		48,995	48,761	234	0%	97,989	97,522	467	0%
User Fees and Sundry		0	0	0	-	138	0	138	-
Grants and Subsidies		0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
		\$48,995	\$48,761	\$234	0%	\$98,127	\$97,522	\$605	1%
Expenditure									
Resource Management Planning		\$109,409	\$95,579	\$(13,830)	-14%	\$136,754	\$191,155	\$54,402	28%
		\$109,409	\$95,579	\$(13,830)	-14%	\$136,754	\$191,155	\$54,402	28%
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service		\$60,414	\$46,818	\$(14,064)	-30%	\$38,626	\$93,633	\$53,797	57%
Capital Expenditure		\$0				\$0			

Revenue
Month and Year to Date results
 Revenue for the month and the year to date is tracking to budget in all areas.

Expenditure
Month results
 Resource Management Planning is underspent for the month, due to the budget phasing of a number of operating costs.

Year to Date results
 Resource Management Planning is under budget for the year due to staff numbers being down at present, and consultants costs not coming on stream as budgeted so far.

Monthly Report for		August 2009						YEAR TO DATE		
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget ¹
Total Transport Revenue										
Rates		53,918	53,918	(352)	-1%	108,401	107,836	564	1%	\$647,018
User Fees and Sundry		48,714	58,073	(9,359)	-16%	98,157	116,147	(17,989)	-15%	\$721,879
Grants and Subsidies		66,968	84,902	(16,194)	-19%	58,969	169,805	(110,836)	-65%	\$993,829
		\$169,248	\$196,893	(25,905)	-13%	\$265,527	\$393,788	(128,261)	-33%	\$2,362,726
Expenditure										
Regional Transport Management		\$22,658	\$22,377	(281)	-1%	\$30,422	\$44,753	\$14,331	32%	\$306,453
Passenger Transport Administration		\$183,112	\$198,539	\$15,427	8%	\$297,227	\$397,078	\$99,851	25%	\$2,396,905
		\$205,770	\$220,916	\$15,146	7%	\$327,649	\$441,831	\$114,182	26%	\$2,703,358
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service										
		\$36,522	\$24,023	(12,499)	-52%	\$62,122	\$48,043	(14,079)	-29%	\$340,632
Capital Expenditure		\$0				\$0				\$90,000

Notes

1. The Regional Transport Management Budget is \$29,458 over that published in the 2009/19 LTCCP due to the carry over of \$29,458 for the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Revenue

Month and Year to Date results

User Fees and Sundry is below budget due to lower passenger numbers on buses than expected.

Grants and Subsidies variance comes from lower than expected use of Total Mobility services, funding for which comes in part from Passenger Transport Administration costs. There is a corresponding decrease in expenditure.

Expenditure

Month results

Passenger Transport Administration savings are mainly in Contracted works, there is a corresponding decrease in subsidy revenue.

Year to Date results

Regional Transport Management variance is due to budget phasing across a number of cost areas.

Passenger Transport Administration savings are mainly in Contracted works, there is a corresponding decrease in subsidy revenue.

Monthly Report for		August 09							
		August 09		YEAR TO DATE					
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Total Consents Revenue									
Rates	55,647	55,382	265	0%	111,295	110,764	531	0%	\$ 664,582.92
User Fees and Sundry	53,913	56,742	(2,829)	-5%	88,710	113,483	(24,773)	-22%	\$ 680,900.00
	\$109,561	\$112,124	\$(2,563)	-2%	\$200,005	\$224,247	\$(24,243)	-11%	\$1,345,483
Expenditure									
Consents Applications	\$187,855	\$152,494	\$(35,361)	-23%	\$270,137	\$250,432	\$(19,706)	-8%	\$1,264,308
Consents Advice and Information	\$81,987	\$73,824	\$(8,163)	-11%	\$156,298	\$147,644	\$(8,654)	-6%	\$948,891
	\$269,842	\$226,318	\$(43,524)	-19%	\$426,435	\$398,075	\$(28,359)	-7%	\$2,213,199
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service	\$160,282	\$114,194	\$(46,088)	-40%	\$226,430	\$173,828	\$(52,602)	-30%	\$867,716
Capital Expenditure	\$0				\$0				\$0

Revenue

Month results

Revenue is tracking close to budget; the minor unfavourable variance being due to phasing of application fees.

Year to Date results

The below budget revenue variance is also due to the phasing of application fees.

Expenditure

Month results

Consents Applications is overspent for the month on consultants, legal fees and daily meeting fees/allowances related to several large applications that have come onstream earlier than budgeted.

Consents Advice & Information variance is due to budget phasing in a number of areas.

Year to Date results

The over budget expenditure is principally due to the phasing of costs related to a number of large applications.

		August 09								
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Total Environmental Monitoring Revenue										
Rates		127,733	127,124	609	0%	255,466	254,248	1,218	0%	\$ 1,525,486.44
User Fees and Sundry		375,237	402,943	(27,706)	-7%	589,503	599,085	(9,582)	-2%	\$ 1,407,008.00
Grants and Subsidies		0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -
		\$502,970	\$530,067	\$(27,097)	-5%	\$844,969	\$853,333	\$(8,364)	6%	\$2,932,494
Expenditure										
State of the Environment Monitoring		\$220,039	\$156,594	\$(63,445)	-41%	\$254,711	\$307,042	\$52,331	17%	\$1,905,118
Resource Consent Compliance		\$175,006	\$149,248	\$(25,758)	-17%	\$219,562	\$298,510	\$78,948	26%	\$1,818,512
Environmental Incidents Response		\$94,596	\$57,966	\$(36,630)	-63%	\$116,972	\$115,927	\$(1,045)	-1%	\$750,342
Hazardous Substances & Contaminated Sites		\$61,739	\$35,548	\$(26,191)	-74%	\$75,462	\$71,093	\$(4,369)	-6%	\$450,281
		\$551,381	\$399,356	\$(152,025)	-38%	\$666,708	\$792,572	\$125,865	16%	\$4,924,253
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service		\$48,411	\$(130,711)	\$(179,122)	137%	\$(178,262)	\$(60,761)	\$117,501	-193%	\$1,991,759
Capital Expenditure		\$0				\$0				\$225,703

Revenue

Month results

User fees and sundry is showing a small negative variance for the month which is due to the budget phasing of monitoring fees.

Year to Date results

Revenue is tracking to budget for the year to date.

Expenditure

Month results

State of the Environment Monitoring is over budget due to budget phasing of commercial testing expenditure.

Resource Consent Compliance contains a number of minor variances arising due to budget phasing.

Environmental Incidents Response contains a number of variances arising due to budget phasing, particularly in legal fees and vehicle expenses.

Hazardous Substances & Contaminated Sites variance is due to retirement of a long serving staff member with high outstanding annual leave balance.

Year to Date results

State of the Environment Monitoring has a favourable variance due to budget phasing of consultants costs.

Resource Consent Compliance contains a number of variances arising due to budget phasing.

Monthly Report for		August 09								
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget ¹
Total Land and Rvers Revenue										
Rates	250,867	254,323	(3,456)	-1%	501,734	508,646	(6,912)	-1%	\$ 3,051,875	
User Fees and Sundry	0	0	0	-	55,000	0	55,000	-	\$ -	
Grants and Subsidies	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ 85,000	
	\$250,867	\$254,323	\$(3,456)	-1%	\$556,734	\$508,646	\$48,088	9%	\$3,136,875	
Expenditure										
Hazard Management	\$197,992	\$191,441	\$(6,551)	-3%	\$204,489	\$232,880	\$28,391	12%	\$1,480,802	
River management	\$134,674	\$58,396	\$(76,278)	-131%	\$153,667	\$116,788	\$(36,879)	-32%	\$721,058	
Land and Biodiversity	\$90,325	\$83,010	\$(7,315)	-9%	\$135,374	\$166,020	\$30,645	18%	\$1,427,986	
	\$422,991	\$332,847	\$(90,144)	-27%	\$493,530	\$515,688	\$22,158	4%	\$3,629,846	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service		\$172,125	\$78,524	\$(93,601)	-119%	\$(63,204)	\$70,246	998%	\$492,971	
Capital Expenditure	\$167				\$167				\$96,000	

Notes

1. The Hazard Management Annual Budget is \$151,006 over that published in the 2009/19 LTCCP due to the carry over of \$151006 for the Priority Rivers Project.

Revenue

Month and Year to Date results

Revenue is tracking to budget in all areas.

Expenditure

Month results

River Management is over budget for the month due to the timing of maintenance work performed earlier than phased.
 Land & Biodiversity variance is due to budget phasing in a number cost areas.

Year to Date results

Hazard and Emergency Management variances are due to the budget phasing of consultants costs.
 River Management is over budget for the month due to the timing of maintenance work performed earlier than phased.
 Land & Biodiversity variance is due to budget phasing in a number cost areas.

Monthly Report for		August 09								
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Total Biosecurity Revenue										
Rates	120,854	121,180	(326)	0%	241,708	242,361	(653)	0%	\$ 1,454,164.00	
User Fees and Sundry	3,754	4,750	(996)	-21%	8,908	9,500	(592)	-6%	\$ 379,164.00	
Grants and Subsidies	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -	
	\$124,608	\$125,930	\$(1,322)	-1%	\$250,616	\$251,861	\$(1,245)	0%	\$1,833,328	
Expenditure										
Biosecurity	\$147,267	\$169,322	\$22,055	13%	\$189,692	\$281,443	\$91,752	33%	\$2,306,934	
	\$147,267	\$169,322	\$22,055	13%	\$189,692	\$281,443	\$91,752	33%	\$2,306,934	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service										
	\$22,660	\$43,392	\$20,732	48%	\$(60,924)	\$29,583	\$90,507	306%	\$473,606	
Capital Expenditure	\$0				\$0				\$62,000	

Revenue
 Month and Year to Date results
 User Fees and Sundry variance is not material.
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Expenditure
 Month and Year To Date results
 Biosecurity underspend arises as a result of budget phasing, primarily in poisons & field works as projects have not yet come on stream.

Monthly Report for		August 09								
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Total Emergency Management Revenue										
Rates	12,548	12,581	(33)	0%	25,095	25,163	(68)	0%	\$ 150,978.00	
Grants and Subsidies	0	833	(833)	-100%	0	1,667	(1,667)	-100%	\$ 10,000.00	
	\$12,548	\$13,414	\$(866)	-6%	\$25,095	\$26,830	\$(1,735)	-6%	\$160,978	
Expenditure										
Emergency Management	\$17,167	\$16,719	\$(448)	-3%	\$25,972	\$33,436	\$7,464	22%	\$210,150	
	\$17,167	\$16,719	\$(448)	-3%	\$25,972	\$33,436	\$7,464	22%	\$210,150	
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service										
	\$4,619	\$3,305	\$(1,314)	-40%	\$877	\$6,606	\$5,729	87%	\$49,172	
Capital Expenditure										

Revenue
 Month and Year To Date results
 Grants and Subsidies variance is not material.

Expenditure
 Month results
 Emergency Management budget overspend for the month is not material.
 Year to Date results
 Emergency Management costs to date are below budget due to a budget phasing across a number of areas.

Monthly Report for		August 09								
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Total Maritime Operations										
Revenue										
Rates	33,065	32,910	155	0%	66,130	65,822	308	0%	\$	394,931
User Fees and Sundry	51,639	47,877	3,762	8%	216,388	95,753	120,635	31%	\$	574,515
Grants and Subsidies	0	9,541	(9,541)	-100%	0	19,082	(19,082)	-100%	\$	114,489
	\$84,704	\$90,328	\$(5,624)	-6%	\$282,518	\$180,656	\$101,862	6%		\$1,083,936
Expenditure										
Oil Pollution Response	\$12,810	\$12,202	\$(608)	-5%	\$16,631	\$24,403	\$7,773	32%		\$148,950
Harbour Safety & Navigation	\$125,756	\$104,351	\$(21,405)	-21%	\$167,556	\$208,702	\$41,146	20%		\$1,292,826
	\$138,566	\$116,553	\$(22,013)	-19%	\$184,187	\$233,106	\$48,919	21%		\$1,441,776
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service										
	\$53,862	\$26,225	\$(27,637)	-105%	\$(98,331)	\$52,450	\$150,780	287%		\$357,840
Extraordinary Items										
Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$41,650	\$0	\$41,650	-		\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$41,650	\$0	\$41,650	\$0		\$0
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service after extraordinary items										
	\$53,862	\$26,225	\$(27,637)	-105%	\$(139,981)	\$52,450	\$192,430	367%		\$357,840
Capital Expenditure										
	\$12,435				\$12,345					\$56,600

Revenue

Month and Year to Date results

User fees and sundry are showing a surplus for the month due to a timing difference in Navigation Bylaw Fees being invoiced sooner than budgeted.

Grants and Subsidies variance is a timing difference due to budget phasing.

Expenditure

Month results

Oil Pollution Response variance for the month is not material.

Harbour & Safety Navigation variance arises due to purchases of buoys and beacons and maintenance on vessels performed sooner than budgeted.

Year to Date results

Oil Pollution cost saving is due to budget phasing in a number of areas.

Harbour & Safety Navigation is also under budget for the year to date due to budget phasing across a number of areas.

Extraordinary Items

Month and Year to Date results

In July 2009 NorthPort Ltd vested 13 navigation aids at Kioreroa Reach to the Council at a value of \$41,650. This is shown as extraordinary revenue.

Monthly Report for August 2009									
	August 2009			YEAR TO DATE			Annual Budget		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %	Annual Budget
Total Support Services Revenue									
Rates	0	0	0	-	111	0	111	-	\$ -
User Fees and Sundry	518	0	518	-	2,418	0	2,418	-	\$ -
Grants and Subsidies	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -
Investment Interest Income	210,834	237,661	(26,827)	-11%	381,426	475,322	(93,895)	-20%	\$ 2,851,929.00
Investment Property Income	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -
Forestry Harvest	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ -
Dividend Income	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	\$ 1,367,712.00
	\$211,353	\$237,661	\$(26,308)	-11%	\$383,955	\$475,322	\$(91,367)	-19%	\$4,219,641
Expenditure									
Finance & Information Services	\$227,285	\$274,086	\$46,801	17%	\$337,040	\$548,162	\$211,116	39%	\$3,367,443
Human Resources	\$43,932	\$27,811	\$(16,121)	-58%	\$63,704	\$55,623	\$(8,081)	-15%	\$316,257
Other Support	\$255,233	\$81,301	\$(173,932)	-214%	\$277,923	\$162,602	\$(115,321)	-71%	\$995,797
Internal recharges	\$(678,667)	\$(383,191)	\$295,477	-77%	\$(678,667)	\$(766,381)	\$(87,713)	11%	\$(4,679,497)
	\$(152,217)	\$7	\$152,225	0%	\$0	\$6	\$(87,713)	4%	\$(0)
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service before extraordinary items	\$(363,570)	\$(237,654)	\$125,916	-53%	\$(383,955)	\$(475,315)	\$(91,366)	19%	\$(4,219,641)
Extraordinary items									
Special Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0
Tax on Special Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0
Sales of shares	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Service after extraordinary items	\$(363,570)	\$(237,654)	\$125,916	-53%	\$(383,955)	\$(475,315)	\$(91,366)	19%	\$(4,219,641)
Capital Expenditure									
	\$85,390				\$85,390				\$3,233,549

Revenue

Month results

The shortfall in interest income reflects the downturn in interest rates available compared to projections.

Year to Date results

Monthly interest revenue patterns also reflect in year to date results, with a net YTD shortfall of 4% below budget.

Expenditure

Month and Year to Date results

Finance & Information Services

The favourable variance for the month is principally due to an underspend on computer, operational costs, and the phasing of audit fees.

Human Resources unfavourable variance for the month is principally due to higher than budgeted recruitment and union/industrial relations costs.

Other Support unfavourable variance is due annual insurance costs charged in August but the budget is phased throughout the year.

Investment Schedule and Performance – Financial Report 31 August 2009

File 350.4

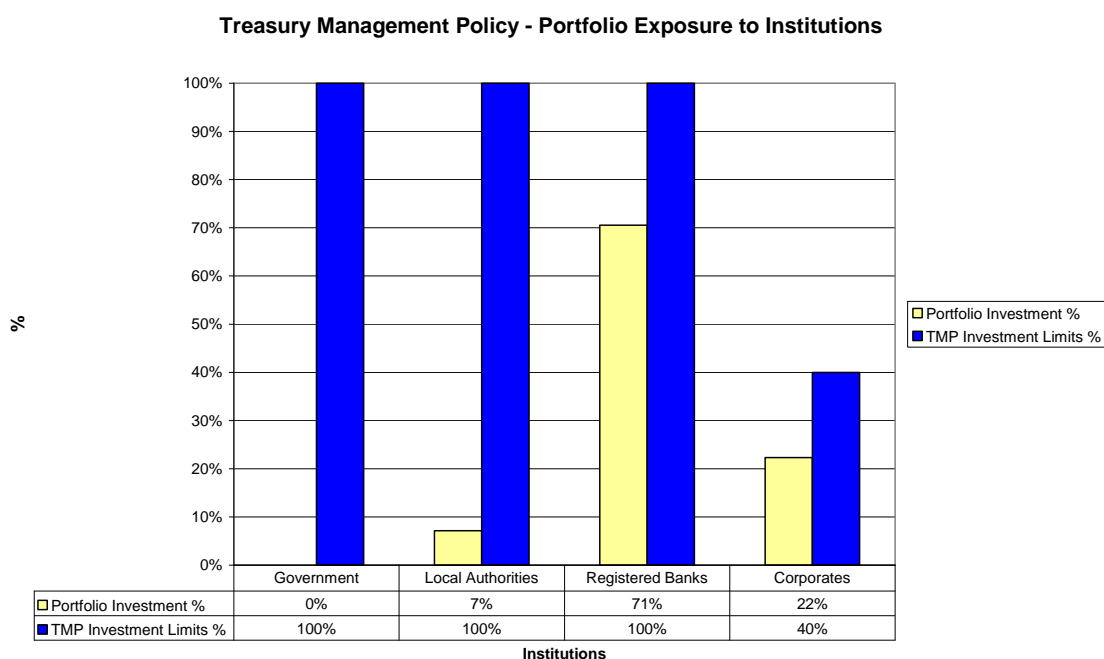
Report from Financial Systems Administrator Kym Ace dated 4 September 2009.

PURPOSE

This report provides a summary of investment performance for the two month period ending 31 August 2009 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 2009-2019 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.



CREDIT RATING OF INVESTMENT COUNTERPARTIES

Under Council's Treasury Management Policy (TMP) section 5.3 allows investments to be made in accordance with the following counterparty/issuer:

Counterparty/Issuer	Minimum long term / short term credit rating – stated and possible	Investments maximum per counterparty (\$m)	Interest rate risk management instrument maximum per counterparty (\$m)	Total maximum per counterparty (\$m)
NZ Government	N/A	unlimited	none	Unlimited
NZD Registered Supranationals	AAA	20.0	none	20.0
State Owned Enterprises [name]	A-/ A2	5.0	none	5.0

NZ Registered Bank [name]	A-/ A2	20.0	10.0	30.0
Corporate Bonds/ CP [names]*	A-/ A2	2.0	none	2.0
Local Government Stock/ Bonds/ FRN/ CP [name]**	A-/ A2 (if rated) Unrated	20.0 5.0	none none	20.0 5.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Subject to a maximum exposure no greater than 20% of the NFIP being invested in corporate debt securities at any one point in time. ** Subject to a maximum exposure no greater than 60% of the NFIP being invested in Local Government debt at any one point in time <p>This summary list will be expanded on a counterparty named basis which will be authorised by the CEO</p>				

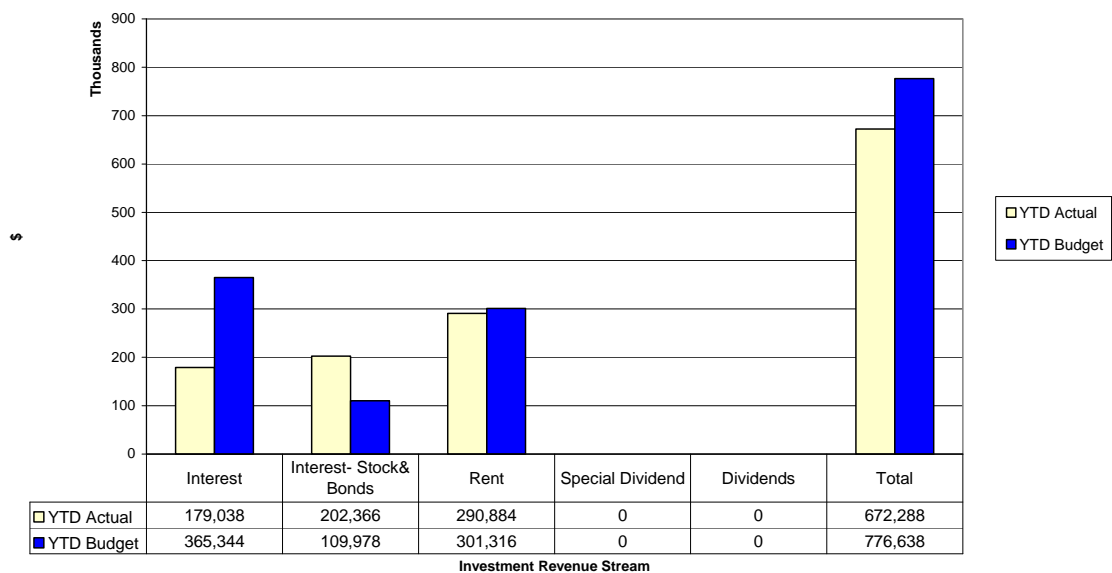
Council currently holds three investments with the same counterparty which are not provided with a credit rating. Council is maintaining a watching brief over these investments and intends to hold these investments to maturity.

FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE PERFORMANCE

Year to date, the investment portfolio has made a return of \$672,288 against a budgeted return of \$776,638. On call funds are currently earning a return of 3.15% and short term deposits between 4.50 and 5.00%.

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

Fund Performance against Budget



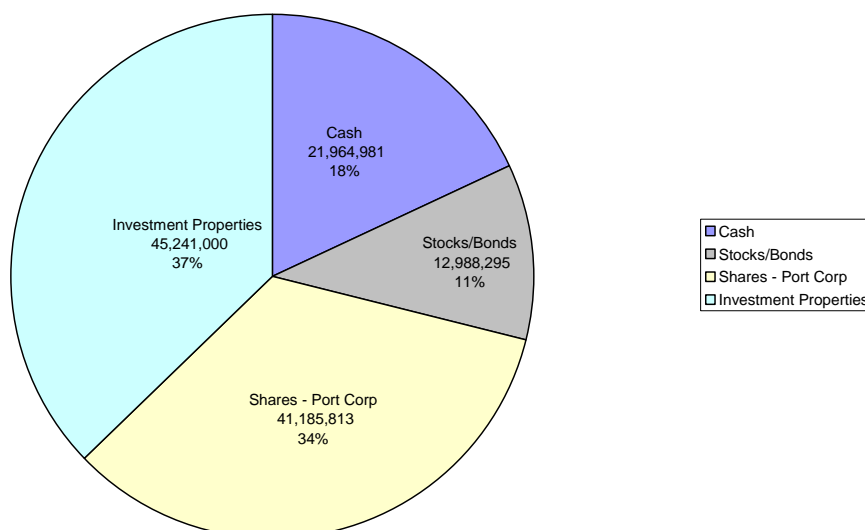
PORTFOLIO OF TOTAL FUNDS

The total value of the investment portfolio as at 31 August is \$121,380,089 and is comprised of:

- Cash \$ 21,964,981
- Stocks/bonds \$ 12,988,295
- Shares – Port Corp* \$ 41,185,813
- Investment Properties \$ 45,241,000

* Northland Regional Council holds 22,142,910 shares in Northland Port Corporation (NZ) Limited. The cost value of these shares is \$7,827,563. As at 30 June 2009, the market price of these shares was \$2.12. As at 31 August 2009, the market price is \$1.86.

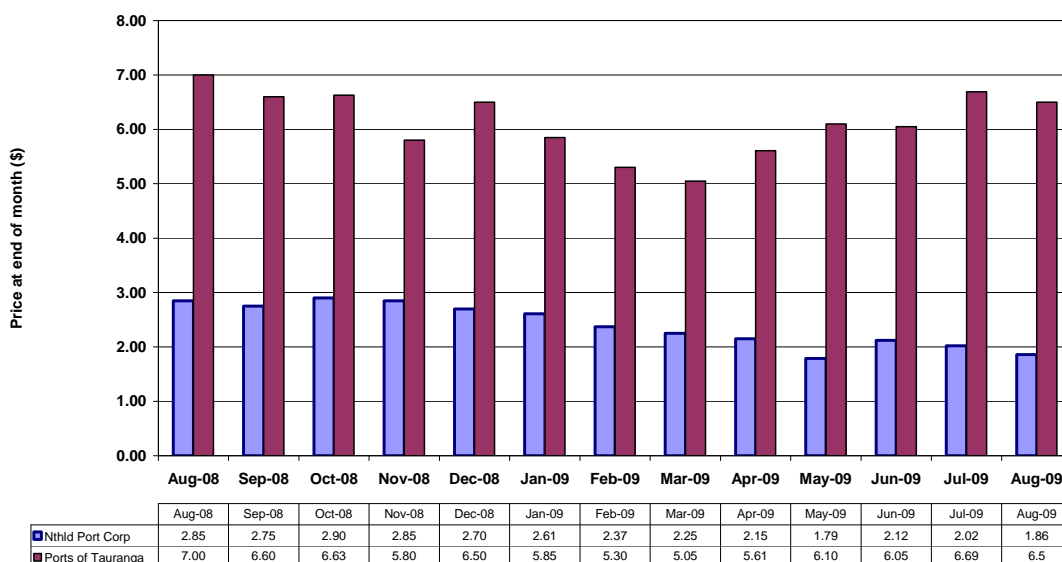
Portfolio of Total Funds



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



2008/2009

Recommendation

That the Investment Schedule and Performance Report to 31 August 2009 from Financial Systems Administrator Kym Ace dated 4 September 2009 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 2009.

Set out below is the summary of expenditure that was approved and paid during August 2009.

Northland Regional Council General Account

Direct Debits	vouchers 101128 - 101145	\$713,603.03
Computer Cheques	vouchers 19875 - 19905	\$25,186.24
Direct Credits	vouchers 1023232 - 1023536	\$1,504,492.02
Payroll Transactions		\$722,713.82
Total		\$2,965,995.11

Analyses of Expenditure Classes

Labour costs	\$722,713.82
Operating costs	\$1,470,701.41
Capital Expenditure	\$152,579.88
Call/Term deposits/Investments	\$620,000.00
Total	\$2,965,995.11

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 report from the Payments Officer, Rachel Hills dated 31 August 2009 be received and the payments for August 2009 be confirmed.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Northland Community Plan 2009-2019, 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 Accounts Receivable Officer Trish Wells dated 3 September 2009.

All credit notes have been authorised by the appropriate managers or officers and reviewed by the General Manager Finance and IT 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:

July 2009			
Credit Note No.	Credit Amount inc. GST	Original Amount inc. GST	Customer/Reason
7401471	2,250.00	2,250.00	Zodiac Holdings Limited This consent will expire 30 June 2010 and no water will be taken up to 30 June 2010, therefore the annual charge for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 is to be waived. Consent 4611 – water take from Poroti Springs for water bottling purposes.

Recommendation

That the issue of credit notes as detailed in the report from the Accounts Receivable Officer, Trish Wells dated 3 September 2009 ratified.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision making process and Sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Lease Transactions

Files: 215.34, 215.126.1, 215.141, 215.48.3

Report from General Manager Finance and IT, Lisa Aubrey dated 14 August 2009.

LEASE TRANSACTIONS

The following lease transactions were processed and executed under seal of Council during the past month:

- Files: 215.34 Memorandum of Lease – NRC to Murray John Elmes – 156 Cameron Street, Whangarei.
- 215.126.1 Deed of Sublease – Company Health Properties to Kenneth John Judge – 15 Kioreroa Road, Whangarei.
- 215.141 Deed of Assignment of Lease – National Auto Club Underwriters Agency (NZ) Ltd to IAG New Zealand Ltd – Level 3, 36 Water Street, Whangarei.
- 215.48.3 Deed of Covenant RDM Garton & RA Garton – NRC – Lot 8 Robert Street, Whangarei.
- 215.48.3 Deed of Covenant RDM Garton & RA Garton – NRC – Lot 9 Robert Street, Whangarei.

Recommendation

That the lease transactions in the report from General Manager Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey dated 14 August 2009, be approved.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The documents for sealing contained within 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 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 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Consents Decisions and Applications in Process

File: 430.1

Report from Acting Consents Senior Programme Manager, Allan Richards, dated 1 September 2009.

The Acting Consents Senior Programme Manager's report on resource consent decisions made since 1 August 2009 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. Applicant has submitted revised application that limits works to original scheme. This has been sent to external consultant for peer review. Initial report from peer review is favourable to conclusions of amended hydraulic model. Awaiting clarification of some minor points from applicant. Application should be re-notified during October.
Far North District Council CON20070283501 CON20070283601 CON20071912101	Kaitaia Public Water Supply	9 August 2007 to 7 September 2007	Processing placed on hold at the Applicant's request to allow further consultation and for a draft recommendation to be formulated for circulation to submitters, with a view to informal resolution of issues.
Far North District Council CON20080257701	Replacement consents for Rawene WWTP	13 August 2008 to 9 September 2008	Number of submissions received: 54 Heard; 69 Not heard; eight Not indicating; and four Late "not heard". The Applicant has requested more time to undertake an investigation, in conjunction with the local community, into alternative treatment and disposal options.

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Whangarei District Council CON20010752101 CON20080752102	Replacement consent for sewage overflows from Okara Park Pump station. New application for sewage overflow into Waiarohia Stream	28 October 2008 to 25 November 2008	Total of 602 submissions received: Heard 121; Not heard 413; Not indicating 47; Others 5; Late Not Heard 13; Late Not Indicating 3. Four submissions attached petitions carrying with 52, 108, 383, and 4252 signatures respectively. A hearing was proposed for March 2009. The Applicant has subsequently been granted an extension until the end of February 2010 to allow for an amended application for a longer term proposal, and revised assessment of environmental effects.
Kerikeri Falls Investment Limited CON20071928901	Sewage, stormwater, and earthworks associated with proposed Country Club complex, Rainbow Falls Road, Kerikeri	9 October 2008 to 10 November 2008 Jointly notified with FNDC as lead agency	Five submissions received, two wishing to be heard. Applicant has requested processing to be placed on hold until the Environment Court has made a decision on its appeal against the FNDC decision to not accept private plan change application. Court decision in August has upheld applicant's appeal and directed FNDC to notify Plan change within two months.
Borneo Investments Limited CON20082022101	Sewage associated with proposed 54 residential unit development, including clubhouse and recreational building, Cobham Road, Kerikeri	9 October 2008 to 10 November 2008 Jointly notified with FNDC as lead agency	Six submissions received all wishing to be heard. Applicant has requested processing to be placed on hold until the Environment Court has made a decision on its appeal against the FNDC decision to not accept private plan change application. Court decision in August has upheld applicant's appeal and directed FNDC to notify Plan change within two months.
Golden Bay Cement Limited CON20080505901	Replacement consents for various water takes, stormwater and contaminant discharges at the Portland site	12 January 2009 to 11 February 2009	Amended conditions are currently being discussed with the applicant prior to delegated decision.

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Kaipara District Council 20090110201	Wastewater treatment and disposal system servicing Te Kopuru	26 February 2009 to 25 March 2009	Three submissions received: two against and wishing to be heard. Applicant has subsequently requested that draft recommendations are circulated to submitters with a view to informal resolution of issues. Applicant is in discussions with submitters.
New Zealand Transport Agency CON20082147401	SH 1 upgrade at Bulls Gorge, Kerikeri	22 July 2009 to 20 August 2009	Two submissions received by NRC, and eight by FNDC.

Limited Notified

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Kaipara District Council CON20010218701	Take groundwater from the Ruawai aquifer for public water supply	5 December 2008 to 23 January 2009	Two submissions received in support. Time extension given to enable the Applicant to install the new production bore and assess water quality and yield. New bore has been installed and pump testing is now being undertaken.
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 given a time extension to attempt resolution of issues raised and investigate re-use of condensate. Results of investigation expected by December 2009.
Houhora Bay Marine Farms Limited CON20090629701	Replacement consent for existing mussel farm at Houhora Bay	28 April 2009 to 27 May 2009	One neutral submission and one from Te Taumata Kaumata o Ngati Kuri Research Unit, against, wishing to be heard. Discussions continue with the opposing submitter.
Westpac Mussels Distributors Limited CON20090722801	Replacement consent for existing mussel farm at Houhora Bay	28 April 2009 to 27 May 2009	One neutral submission, and one from Te Taumata Kaumata o Ngati Kuri Research Unit, against, continue with the opposing submitter.
Apatu Aqua Enterprises Limited CON20092329401	Air discharge from fish smoker at Coopers Beach	29 April 2009 to 27 May 2009	Only one submission, in support, decision will now be issued by delegated authority.
Doubtless Bay Water Supply Co Limited CON20000890801	Take groundwater from a bore at Protea Drive, Coopers Beach/Cable Bay	30 June 2009 to 30 July 2009	Submissions received and currently being processed.
Doubtless Bay Water Supply Co Limited CON20010379601	Take groundwater from a bore at Taipa	30 June 2009 to 30 July 2009	Submissions received and currently being processed.

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Doubtless Bay Water Supply Co Limited CON20080421301	Take groundwater from a bore at Wrathall Road, Mangonui	30 June 2009 to 30 July 2009	Submissions received and currently being processed.
Fonterra Co-op Ltd 20090437315	Change to conditions to allow a discharge of treated wastewater to the Wairua River at lower flows	17 July 2009 to 14 August 2009	Two submissions received against and wishing to be heard. The Council has requested further information. Pre-hearing meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-September to hopefully resolve issues raised.

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 the application be placed on hold until 31 May 2009 to allow the performance of upgraded plant to be assessed over a period of a year. Applicant has forwarded a report assessing the performance of upgraded plant and proposed conditions of consent based on this performance for the Council's consideration.
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	4 February 2009	A subsequent meeting was held with the Applicant. Requested additional information received. Draft conditions are currently being formulated, which will then be circulated to submitters. It is anticipated that a pre-hearing meeting to discuss issues raised by submitters and draft conditions can be held in October, with a view to informal resolution.
Whangarei District Council – Wastes & Drainage Division CON20080450901	Waipu Wastewater Treatment Plant (upgrade to and extension of disposal system)	13 November 2008	Draft recommendations circulated to submitters for comment – expectation of withdrawal of their wish to be heard at a formal hearing. One outstanding submitter. Expect delegated decision to be issued by end of October.

Applicant	Proposal	Held	Outcome
North Holdings Limited CON20082038401	Construction and operation of a wastewater treatment wetland, Ruakaka	22 January 2009	No agreement reached with submitters. Draft recommendations to be sent to the submitters for comment. Hearing date set for 27–29 October 2009.
Whangarei District Council CON20092330601	Rock revetment at Helena Bay	28 July 2009	Discussions continuing post pre-hearing between Applicant and the one opposing submittor wishing to be heard.

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	Confirmation of purchase of affected property received. Staff re-assessing the need for review of conditions.
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.	13 August 2009. Reconvened Hearing held.	Decision pending.
Marine Farms transferred under Aquaculture Reform Act 2004 (ARA)	Review of consent conditions under Sections 10 and 20 of the ARA	6 April 2009 – reconvened on 13 July 2009 and 30 July 2009	Interim decision issued 20 August 2009.
Orange Centre Limited CON20071987601	Visitor centre, including accommodation and service station, SH 10 Kerikeri	9-10 November 2009	.
Ontrack – New Zealand Railways Corporation CON20071988401	Oakleigh to Marsden Point rail link	1 September 2009	

APPEALS/OBJECTIONS

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Advance Developments Ltd CON20061540301	Subdivision earthworks at Tutukaka	Consent Orders for Court approval now being prepared.
Far North District Council CON20070757701	Renewal of consent to take groundwater for public water supply at Kaikohe	Objection to consent condition, met by postponing hearing to coincide with renewal applications for other public groundwater takes at Kaikohe.
Pouto Farms Limited CON2008215801	Flood protection works at Kaihu River	Objection to decision to return application documents as incomplete but the Applicant still seeking stay of hearing, pending receipt of flood model data to enable completion of application detail.

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Goldpine Limited CON20061698001	Roundwood production and treatment plant, Flyers Road, Mata	The Applicant has advised the Court that application is being withdrawn as project to no longer proceed. Still awaiting withdrawal of applications made to the Regional Council.
O B Holdings Ltd CON20041213701	Earthworks for 4.5 km access road for 40 lot subdivision at Cove Road, Langs Beach	Timetable for exchange of evidence provided. Environment Court hearing in Auckland likely later this year.
Crest Energy Kaipara Limited CON20061607601	Proposed tidal power generation in Kaipara Harbour entrance	Environment Court hearing 8 June to 18 June 2009. Further directions of Court now being addressed.
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	Two appeals received, from applicant and downstream neighbour. Four Section 274 party interests lodged; three from within the Russell area, and the Department of Conservation. Informal mediation meetings have been held between applicant respondent and appellant. Formal mediation by Court scheduled for 22 and 23 September 2009.
Far North District Council CON20070266701	Replacement consents for Omapere/Opononi WWTP discharges	Two appeals received from local Iwi. Court appointed mediation held on 22 July 2009. One appeal resolved via agreed changes to conditions, other has not since it relates to Acts other than the RMA. Environment Court hearing set for 9–11 November 2009.
Westpac Mussels Distributors Limited CON20090722801	Application for replacement consent for mussel farm at Houhora Bay	Objection on process: resolution currently under discussion with Applicant.
Houhora Bay Marine Farms Limited CON20090629701	Application for replacement consent for mussel farm at Houhora Bay	Objection on process: resolution currently being under discussion with Applicant.
Northland Regional Council – Land Operations CON20082141201	Stream mouth clearing in Far North and Whangarei Districts	Appeal against decision by New Zealand Historic Places Trust. Informal resolution currently being investigated with Appellant.
Neil Construction Limited CON20082200401	Proposed 179 lot residential subdivision, Kapiro and Redcliff Roads, Kerikeri	Appeal from applicant relating to minor changes to a couple of consent conditions and a new condition relating to the lapsing of the consents. Consents staff has no issue with proposed amendments and recommend appeal is resolved via consent order.
Carter Holt Harvey Ltd CON20082102301	12 lot subdivision at Tinopai	Status of the only appeal is under review by the Environment Court.
Kaipara District Council CON20092284101	Construction of new floodgate across Makaka Creek, Te Kopuru	Not heard submitter appealing on grounds that floodgate will have more than minor effects on the environment. Appeal has subsequently been withdrawn.

Recommendation

That the report from the Acting Consents Senior Programme Manager, Allan Richards, dated 1 September 2009, 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 2009/2019 LTCCP, and as such are in accordance with the Council's decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

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Appointment of Honorary Enforcement Officers for Bream Bay and Whangarei Heads

File 700.17

Report from Deputy Harbourmaster Jim Lyle dated 31 August 2009.

BACKGROUND

Councillors may recall that at their June 2009 meeting they renewed the warrants for the Council's team of Honorary Enforcement Officers (harbour wardens) until 30 June 2011. At that time Council were also advised that suitable replacements were being sought for vacant positions for both the Bream Bay area and for Whangarei Heads.

The previous Bream Bay Warden, Mr Bruce Gee, left the district earlier this year. The present warden for Whangarei Heads, Mr Len McCullough is retiring after having held the position since 1965. Len was the first harbour warden appointed by the Harbour Board, and has carried out his many years of service with great patience and dedication.

Local boat clubs and ratepayers associations have nominated Mr Blair Dempsey as the replacement warden for Whangarei Heads and Mr Patric (Marc) Sands as replacement warden for Bream Bay.

Both Mr Dempsey and Mr Sands are active members of the local communities, including the Whangarei Coastguard. They have also received the support of a number of local clubs and associations in their applications.

NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Given that there is an ongoing requirement for navigation and safety education and enforcement in the Bream Bay and Whangarei Heads areas, the maritime team have no hesitation in supporting both Mr Dempsey's and Mr Sand's appointments.

The Harbourmaster and Deputy Harbourmaster have interviewed both candidates, and are satisfied that they will make suitable Honorary Enforcement Officers.

Recommendation

1. That the report from the Deputy Harbourmaster Jim Lyle dated 31 August 2009 be received.
2. That Mr Blair Dempsey be appointed and warranted as an Honorary Enforcement Officer for Whangarei Heads, under Section 650B(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1974.
3. That Mr Patric Sands be appointed and warranted as an Honorary Enforcement Officer for Bream Bay, under Section 650B(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1974.
4. That both appointments should commence on 28 September 2009. The appointment will be annually renewable in line with the other honorary enforcement officer warrants.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the Council's 2009-2019 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.

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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, 26 August 2009 commencing at 1.00pm

File 110.11

Present

Cr Jensen, Chairman
Cr J Bain
Cr B Rossiter
Cr I Walker

Also Present

Enterprise Northland
Mr A Britton
Mr B Shepherd
Mr B Roberts

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer
Deputy CEO/Operations Manager
General Manager Finance & IT
Strategy and Planning Manager
Community Relations Manager
Infrastructure Senior Projects Manager
Communications Senior Programme Manager
Council Administration Programme Manager

Leave of Absence

Cr Brown had been previously granted leave of absence from 16 July to 30 August 2009.

Apologies

Moved (Bain/Walker)

That the apology from Cr Farnsworth for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Declaration of Conflicts of Interests

The Chairman gave members the opportunity to declare an interest on any item of business on the agenda for the meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Items of New Business

Moved (Rossiter/Jensen)

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

OPEN MEETING

1. NTC CT Financial and Investment Portfolio Reports to 30 June 2009

The attached additional information has been received from Enterprise Northland/NRCCT and provides further information to items 2 and 3.

2. Northland Port Corporation (NZ) Limited Deadline for Nominations of Director

The reason for urgency in respect to this item is that it was not received until after the August Audit and Finance agenda was printed and is relevant to this month.

Carried

1. Minutes of Audit and Finance Committee Meeting Held 22 July 2009

File 110.11

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on 22 July 2009 be confirmed.

Carried

2. Destination Northland Limited – Fourth Quarterly Report for 2008/2009

File 160.11

Report from Local Government Senior Programme Manager, Kathryn Ross dated 13 August 2009.

Mr Brian Roberts spoke on behalf of Destination Northland, outlining details of recent visitor numbers and the positive response to coverage of Northland by Australia's "Good Morning" show and America's programme "The Bachelor". He stated that they were currently upgrading their website and had produced a new brochure for Northland specifically targeting the Australian market, which had been very well received by Australian tourism operators.

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

That the Destination Northland Limited report from Kathryn Ross dated 13 August 2009 for the fourth quarter of the 2008-2009 financial year be received.

Carried

3. Enterprise Northland – Fourth Quarterly Report for 2008/2009

File 150.1

Report from Local Government Senior Programme Manager, Kathryn Ross dated 13 August 2009.

Mr Andy Britton spoke on behalf of Enterprise Northland and provided an update on current contracts and the state of the Trust Fund.

Moved Walker/Bain)

That the Enterprise Northland fourth quarterly report from Kathryn Ross dated 13 August 2009 for the 2008/2009 financial year be received.

Carried

Supplementary Item

1. NRCCT Financial and Investment Portfolio Reports to 30 June 2009

File 160.11

Report from General Manager Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey dated 25 August 2009.

Moved (Walker/Jensen)

That the draft management accounts for the Northland Regional Council Community Trust and group and the Investment Portfolio Asset Valuation as at 30 June 2009 set out in the report from General Manager Finance and IT, Lisa Aubrey dated 25 August 2009 is received.

Carried

4. Northland Regional Council RMA Performance – Two Yearly Survey of Local Authorities by the Ministry for the Environment for 2007-2008

File: 188.9

Report from Consents Senior Programme Manager, David Roke dated 8 July 2009.

Moved (Rossiter/Jensen)

That the report on the MfE Survey of Local Authority Administration of the Resource Management Act from David Roke dated 8 July 2009 for the year 2007-2008 be received.

Carried

5. Budgeted Capital Expenditure 2009/2010

File: 318.1

Report from Finance Manager Simon Crabb dated 17 August 2009.

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

1. That the report on budgeted capital expenditure 2009/2010 by Finance Manager, Simon Crabb dated 17 August 2009, be received.
2. That the Council approves the additional carry forward of \$90,536 budgeted capital expenditure from the 2008/2009 financial year to the 2009/2010 financial year.

Carried

6. Proposed Funds to be Set Aside in Environment Fund Reserve

File 820.7

Report from General Manager Finance and IT, Lisa Aubrey and Land Management Officer Environment Fund, Kathy Mortimer dated 17 August 2009.

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

1. That the report from the General Manager Finance and IT, Lisa Aubrey and Land Management Officer Environment Fund, Kathy Mortimer dated 17 August 2009 be received.
2. That the \$44,210 be set aside in a specific Environment Fund reserve to enable:
 - \$7,730 to be allocated to specified multi-year projects as described above; and
 - \$12,700 to be allocated to projects which could not be completed due to extenuating circumstances as described above; and
 - \$23,780 to be available for Environment Fund related projects to be approved by the Environmental Management Committee or Council prior to any commitment taking place.

Carried

7. Approval to Carry Forward Operational Budget from the 2008/2009 Financial Year to the 2009/2010 Financial Year

File: 318.1

Report from General Manager Finance and IT dated 18 August 2009.

Moved (Walker/Bain)

1. That the report on approval to carry forward operational budget from the 2008/2009 financial year to the 2009/2010 financial year by the General Manager Finance and IT, Lisa Aubrey dated 18 August 2009, be received.

2. That the Council approve the carry forward of \$29,458 for the completion of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and \$151,006 for the Priority Rivers project from the 2008/2009 financial year to the 2009/2010 financial year.

Carried

Supplementary Item

2. Northland Port Corporation (NZ) Ltd - Deadline for Nominations of Director

Moved (Jensen Bain)

That the report from General Manager Finance and IT, Lisa Aubrey dated 24 August 2009 be received.

Carried

Moved (Rossiter/Bain)

That Cr Jensen and Cr Bain be appointed to assist staff in short-listing of the nominations for the director position.

Carried

Business with the Public Excluded

Moved (Rossiter/Jensen)

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), the Committee resolves to exclude the public from the meeting to consider:

1. Minutes of the Confidential section of the minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee held on 22 July 2009.
2. Audit New Zealand Draft Management Letter
3. Forestry Harvest 2009/2010 Financial Year

The reason for excluding the public 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 Committee to conduct, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations, pursuant to Section 7(2)(h) of the said Act.

Carried

Open Meeting

Moved (Bain/Jensen)

The Committee resumed in open meeting at 2.02pm

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting closed at 2.02pm.

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Receipt of Minutes - Environmental Management Committee

File 110.12

The Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting to be held on 16 September 2009 at 10 am will be tabled at the Council meeting for receipt and adoption of recommendations.

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Business with the Public Excluded

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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 19 August 2009.
2. Receipt of confidential section of the Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting held on 26 August 2009.

The reason for excluding the public in relation to items 1 and 2 are as stated in the Minutes of those meetings.