



**I give notice that
a Tongariro Representative Group Meeting will be held on:**

Date:	Wednesday, 19 July 2023
Time:	2.00pm
Location:	Omori Kuratau Community Centre 220 Omori Road Kuratau

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Cr Sandra Greenslade
Deputy Chairperson Cr Karam Fletcher

Members Ms Melanie Albert
Ms Ngaire Grainger
Mr Dave Potaka
Mayor David Trewavas

Quorum 3

**Julie Gardyne
Chief Executive Officer**

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4.1 TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 17 MAY 2023

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Tongariro Representative Group meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Tongariro Representative Group Meeting Minutes - 17 May 2023

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this agenda or, if time permits, on other Committee matters.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Standing Orders provide for a period of up to 30 minutes to be made available at the start of meetings for members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the Committee. Any issue, idea or matter raised in public forum must fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee during public forum should register at least one clear day before the meeting by emailing publicforum@taupo.govt.nz.

No debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. Items not on the agenda may only be discussed if the matter is minor in nature and the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.13 are followed. A meeting may deal with (i.e. make a resolution in respect of) an item of business not on the agenda only if the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.12 are followed.

The relevant extracts from Standing Orders are **attached**.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Tongariro Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025

5.2 PROJECT AND OPERATIONS UPDATES

Author: Jessica Sparks, Environmental Services Manager

Authorised by: Libby O'Brien, General Manager People and Customer

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To provide progress updates on projects and operations occurring in the Tongariro ward.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**Project Updates****Tūrangitukua Park Community Sports Facility – Te Mataapuna**

The outstanding tasks identified during the practical completion walkthrough are being resolved and then there will be a formal handover to operations.

Te Kapua Park Playground

Most of the play equipment is now in place. Pouring of wet pour rubber surfacing is due to start mid-July. Preparations are under way for community planting ahead of the proposed opening on 31 August (TBC). The Contractor is making great progress and is tracking to plan in terms of timeline and budget.

Omori Water Plant Upgrade

The Water Treatment Plant layout and process design has been finalised, and the foundation and building design is currently being worked through with the aim to submit the Resource Consent for the build and site designation in the next 4-6 weeks.

Operations**Transportation Team update**

The Team Lead – Transportation Operations and Senior Engineering Officer – Transportation Operations will be in attendance to introduce themselves to the Group and provide operational updates.

Omori Slip

A tender was awarded in the first week of July following negotiations after tendering closed. The community will be kept informed as to when the contractor can mobilise the site.

The Omori footpath just after Kaimanawa street has been closed because it shows deformation. It is anticipated that this might be related to movement in the bank. WSP have been engaged to do Geotechnical investigations. The investigations (drilling specific) are scheduled for the end of July. The community will be informed closer to the time.

Omori Erosion

The Parks and Reserves Manager will be in attendance to update the Group on foreshore erosion works at Kuratau, Pukawa and Tauranga-Taupō.

Tūrangi Transfer Station

The Weighbridge went live from Saturday 1 July 2023, with vehicles being weighed on the way in and then once they have disposed of their load, they re-weigh across the bridge. They are then charged on the difference in weight. There are different charges for green waste and refuse, and recycling is still free before you go over the weighbridge. Refuse bags are still accepted at \$2 per bag. The community can avoid disposal charges by fully using the recycling area and options provided before the weighbridge.

The roading layout is still being adjusted to make sure it works properly in the confined space on-site, these adjustments should be finalised over the next couple of weeks, with site staff available to direct users.

We ask that the community be kind and adapt to the new way of working noting that there will still be some construction happening on other areas within the transfer station, extension of the glass bays and a concrete pad in the green waste drop off area. These areas will be coned off and signage will indicate temporary routes until this has been completed.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Tongariro Representative Group receives the information contained in the report.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the progress updates on projects and operations as at 19 July 2023.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.3 TONGARIRO - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HOT TOPICS

Author: Jessica Sparks, Environmental Services Manager

Authorised by: Libby O'Brien, General Manager People and Customer

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This report provides the Tongariro Representative Group with an overview on what is happening and coming up in the rohe.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**Community Engagement and Development**

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner will update the group on the following:

- Housing Strategy Engagement – Tūrangi Market
- Tree Replanting door to door - Te Whakarau Street
- Safe Tūrangi Happenings
- Tūrangi Job Fair
- Angler and Tūrangi Signs from SH1

Hot Topics

Officers will give an overview of hot topics in the rohe.

Consultation / Have Your Say**Current**

- Review of Bylaws: Cemeteries, Freedom Camping and Alcohol Control. From 3 July until 4 August.

More information and submission forms can be found on the Council website:

<https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation>

Upcoming

- Long-term Plan

Policy Officers will be in touch with further information and members will receive an update at this meeting.

Resource Consents Update

Officers will provide the Group with any new consent applications information received for the Tūrangi Tongariro Ward.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Tongariro Representative Group receives the information contained in the report.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the information contained in the Tongariro – Community Engagement and Hot Topics report.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.4 ANNUAL PLAN 2023/24 SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

Author: Kendall Goode, Senior Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To provide feedback to the Tongariro Representative Group on their submission made to the Annual Plan 2023-24.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

The Tongariro Representative Group provided feedback on Questions 1 and 2 outlined in the Annual Plan Consultation Document. These questions sought feedback on whether Council should invest an initial \$7.646 million into the development of a 6 hectare area within the East Urban Lands and whether or not Council should delay depreciation funding for the 2023-24 financial year.

The following decisions were made on these matters:

- To approve the funding for Stage one of the East Urban Lands development. The investment will fund earthworks and civil infrastructure.
- To delay depreciation, where only 92% of depreciation will be funded. It was acknowledged that this would ease some pressure for many in the community while ensuring the impact on future rate payers was minimal with the deficit able to be repaid in the next one to two years.

Other decisions made during deliberations were:

- Not to amend the capital works programme, understanding that many projects would be able to be discussed as part of the Long-term Plan process currently underway.
- Adopt the proposed changes to the fees and charges as proposed.
- Approve a one-off grant of \$120,000 to the Waiora Community Trust to help the Trust establish a new way of operating in Waiora House, including finalising the building fit out. This recognised that the existing grant pool for social services is insufficient to meet that need.
- Approval of \$397,000 for the increase in the new solid waste management contract.

As a result of the decisions made, and final budget adjustments, the rate increase will be an average of 9.1% for the 2023-24 financial year.

The 2023-24 Annual Plan was formally adopted on 30 June 2023 and a copy of the plan is available on Council's website.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives staff feedback on the 2023-24 Annual Plan submission.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.5 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34

Author: Louise Chick, Programme Manager

Authorised by: Sarah Matthews, General Manager Finance and Environment

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to brief the Tongariro Representative Group on the key elements of and timescales for development of Taupō District Council's Long-term Plan 2024-34.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**What is a Long-term Plan?**

The Long-term Plan is the key document outlining our priorities for the coming 10 years and will:

- Describe the vision and outcomes that Council aims to achieve on behalf of the community.
- Outline what Council will deliver to the community in return for the community's investment, and helps provide accountability to the community.
- Outline how work will be funded, including the setting of rates.
- Integrate decision-making.
- Provide a long-term focus.
- Provide an opportunity for our communities to participate in our decision-making processes and help set Council's priorities.

Communities can express their views on the Long-term Plan when it is reviewed every three years.

Why is the Long-Term Plan Important?

Our Long-term Plan outlines Council priorities for the district for the next 10 years, for all of its services, activities and projects, and strikes a balance between delivering the best possible service, whilst maintaining rates at an affordable level.

By engaging with Council in the development of the Long-term Plan, communities have the opportunity to communicate their needs and aspirations and influence Council priorities in the coming 10 years.

Initiatives and expenditure must be included in either a Long-term Plan or an Annual Plan for Council to be able to deliver it. If your community wants something delivered over the next three years, the best way for this to be achieved, is for it to be included in the Council Long-term Plan.

Table 1 below summarises the key things members of your community identified as important during the development of Council's previous Long-term Plan, many of which Council can continue to provide support for as a result of your community's support and participation.

Context for the Long-term Plan 2024-34

The Long-term Plan 2024-34 is being developed at a time of significant uncertainty for local government and affordability constraints for our ratepayers. There is also an environment with rapidly changing or uncertain policy in the three waters, resource management, and future for local government reform space.

Furthermore, inflation currently sits at 6.7% (1st quarter of 2023) - higher inflation drives up the costs to Council of providing services to the community. This flows through obvious costs like electricity and fuel, however it also impacts many other elements like insurance, chemicals, professional services and staff costs. In development of the Annual Plan 2023-24, Council agreed to fund 92% of depreciation. This provides some immediate cost relief to ratepayers resulting from inflation volatility. Council will need to find the income to make up the remaining 8% depreciation in coming years.

High inflation and wage stagnation has meant that New Zealander's real earnings relative to inflation have generally decreased over the last two years. Council needs to carefully consider affordability constraints when weighing up its proposed plans.

What will the LTP cover?

In determining Council's priorities for the next 10 years, many Council plans, policies and key strategies will be reviewed. Table 2 below summarises some of the key questions that will be asked during this review process.

Table 1: Summary of submission points from consultation on Council's Long-term Plan 2021-31.

Submission	TDC response/action
<p>Transport: Any long term transport strategy plan needs to include a tourist bike trail from Taupo to Turangi and beyond to link up with trails to and from other regions.</p> <p>Support Taupo District Council continued advocacy for the realignment and review of the State Highway One, Turangi to Taupo.</p> <p>Turangi-Tongariro Community Board request the inclusion in the 10 year plan, regarding the connection of Tokaanu and Motuoapa via a 'boardwalk'.</p>	<p>Included in TDC's transport strategy: Connecting Taupō 2020-2050 (pg. 22).</p> <p>TDC continues to advocate.</p> <p>This would represent a significant investment by Council, with the 10km of boardwalk passing through environmentally and culturally sensitive land. At the time of the previous LTP Council determined that there were more pressing projects for Council to deliver at that time.</p>
<p>Planting: Seeking structured planned programme of indigenous plantings to replace exotic forests.</p> <p>Enhancement of storm water gullies or Council Reserves with native planting.</p> <p>The Taupō District Council Revegetation Plan and Planting Guide lists priority planting sites and we suggest these sites should be scheduled for restoration planting over the term of the Long-term Plan.</p>	<p>There is ongoing planting in Motuoapa, and revegetation planting in Omori and Kuratau.</p> <p>Ongoing plantings are also taking place in the storm water gullies.</p> <p>TDC will consider a schedule for restoration planting as part of the Long-term plan.</p>
<p>Pest management: Urge Council to consider the introduction of measures to licence domestic cats so they can be controlled and feral cats managed.</p>	<p>Council assessed the need to licence cats in 2021 and determined not to proceed at that time.</p>

Table 2: Summary of key Council documents that will be reviewed during the development of Council's Long-term Plan 2024-34

Council Document	Review
Strategic Direction	What should Council's vision for the district be? What Community Outcomes are we trying to achieve? What are our strategic focus areas?
Activity Area Plans	Are we doing the 'right' activities to help us deliver on community needs and aspirations? For each of our existing 37 activities, we will ask where are we now? Where do we want to be? What do we need to prioritise to get there? And then update our plans to reflect this.
Asset Management Plans	What assets need renewing? What additional assets might we need to help provide for growth in our district? What asset investments do we need to make to maintain the level of service we offer? What is the cost of maintaining and growing our assets?
Infrastructure Strategy	What are the significant infrastructural issues we will face over the next 30 years, and what are the options for managing these? What do we need to plan to deliver in the next 10 years to address these issues? What are the associated costs?
Financial Strategy	What financial constraints will our organisation face over the next 10 years? How do we prudently plan for these?

Revenue & Financing Policy	How should the costs of our services be funded across different rate payer categories? Should residential homeowners pay the same rate as commercial businesses relative to their property valuation? What does a fair balance between rates and user pays fees look like?
Development Contribution Policy	What fees will we need to charge developers to help ensure the infrastructure needed for new developments can be adequately funded?
Fees & Charges Schedule	What should customers be charged to get access to facilities such as our pools or to hire venues?

Key LTP Timelines

Council's next Long-term plan must be adopted by 30 June 2024. Key milestones in the delivery of the Long-term Plan 2024-34 are summarised Table 3 below. These milestones are indicative and may change.

Table 3: Summary of key milestones for the development of TDC's Long-term Plan 2024-34

First draft of Activity Area Plans completed	30 June 2023
Strategic Direction - new vision and community outcomes established	20 July 2023
Draft list of capital projects and associated costs	31 July 2023
Early community engagement on strategic focus areas and emerging projects	31 Aug 2023
Key funding and financial policies updated	31 Oct 2023
Council approves draft Consultation Document , ready for review by Audit NZ	12 Dec 2023
Audit NZ review and approve the Consultation Document ready for publication	28 Feb 2024
Long-term Plan hearing and deliberations	31 May 2024
Council adopt Long-term Plan	30 June 2024

What is the role of Community Representative Groups in the Long-term Plan's development?

Representative Groups have a key role in talking with their local communities; letting them know what the Long-term Plan is, why it's important, and when they can contribute (early engagement planned in August 2023 and formal consultation in March 2024). Ask your community to start reflecting on what's important to them, and how Council can help their communities achieve their goals. Ask them to seriously consider the financial challenges faced by their community, and whether they would be prepared to pay more in order to have Council deliver more on their behalf.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

Council has commenced development of its Long-term Plan 2024-34 and as part of its development will review a number of key plans and strategies. It is an important opportunity for local communities to express their needs and aspirations, and influence Council priorities over the coming 10 years.

Local community representative groups will be kept informed during the development of the Long-term Plan and have been asked to engage with their communities regarding their local priorities, so that they can be reflected back to Council during early engagement (August 2023) and formal consultation (March 2024).

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the report about Taupō District Council Long-term Plan 2024-34.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This item permits members to provide feedback on any items of interest arising from meetings/events they have attended.

No debate and/or resolution is permitted on any of the reports.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

Members' reports will be presented at the meeting for receipt.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the reports from members.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil