

Agenda

KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL
14 DEC 2011

MEETING

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Page 9 of 24**Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture) to the Regional Coastal Plan**

A meeting of the appeal parties was held on Friday 14 October 2011. It was agreed that the plan change is still valid and that the changes required to bring it in line with the new legislation are likely to be within the scope of the appeals. A working party was established to draft up the necessary changes and to circulate them to the parties for comment.

The parties also recognised that the aquaculture "no go" areas are still the single biggest appeal issue, and that resolution (or not) of these is a significant determinant of how many of the parties would view other parts of the plan change. A process was agreed to confirm each party's geographic area of interest and to put forward their desired no-go areas.

These actions are scheduled to conclude by 18 November 2011, after which the parties will review the situation.

A report was filed with the court on Friday 28 October 2011 outlining the above process. It was suggested that 2 December 2011 be the next reporting date.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**Land use and subdivision applications**

During October, 32 resource consent applications were received from the district councils (31 non-notified and one notified). Staff provided comments on two non-notified applications – relating to wastewater management and the installation of an above ground fuel tank.

DISTRICT COUNCIL PLAN CHANGES

There were no plan changes notified within the region during September 2011.

Draft Auckland Plan

As reported to the council meeting of 18 October 2011 Auckland Council has released a draft plan for Auckland. Council lodged a submission on the Draft Auckland Plan under authority delegated to Councillor Ian Walker and Acting CEO, Tony Phipps. The main points raised in the submission were that Auckland's growth aspirations will rely heavily on its neighbours for resources and that infrastructure capacity will be vital in ensuring that access to these resources is efficient and cost effective. The submission also highlighted the need for integrated planning, particularly in relation to the Kaipara Harbour.

Kaipara District Plan update

Kaipara District Council has notified decisions on submissions to their proposed district plan. Council had made submissions on the proposed plan. Staff have undertaken an assessment of the decisions and consider that there are no matters warranting appeal to the Environment Court. (Council has the ability to join appeals by others, either in support or opposition, and should issues warrant council participation they will be raised with council for a decision.) The proposed Kaipara District Plan decisions have also been assessed against the Draft New Regional Policy Statement with the conclusion that these documents are in reasonable accord and will provide a good basis for both councils to work together. (This assessment formed part of the Draft New RPS presentation referred to earlier.)

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Hearing dates have also been set for submissions on Variation 1 (Landscapes) to the proposed Kaipara District Plan. Council lodged a submission on Variation 1 and is scheduled to be heard on 30 November 2011. Evidence is currently being prepared by staff and is to be circulated to Kaipara District Council by 18 November 2011.

NATIONAL INITIATIVES**Environmental reporting**

The Ministry for the Environment has released a discussion document "Measuring Up: Environmental reporting". The matter was reported to the September council meeting where council resolved to lodge a submission on the proposal. The submission was lodged with the Ministry for the Environment prior to close of submissions on 18 October 2011.

Ninety Mile Beach/Te Oneroa a Tōhē

It is anticipated that by the time of the November 2011 council meeting the Crown and some of the Te Hiku iwi will have initialled their Deeds of Settlement, which will, amongst other things, provide for a board called Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Board to be created to manage the beach.

OPERATIONS**CONSENTS IN PROCESS**

During October 2011, a total of 37 decisions were issued. A copy of these decisions is circulated under separate cover. These decisions comprised:

- 0 Moorings
- 2 Coastal Permits
- 4 Air Discharge Permits
- 7 Land Discharge Permits
- 14 Water Discharge Permits
- 4 Land Use Consents
- 4 Water Permits
- 2 Bore Consents

40 Applications were received in October 2011.

Of the 214 applications in progress at the end of October:

- 116 were received more than 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
- 20 were received between six and 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
- 78 less than six months.

Chief Executive's Report (Item 4.3)

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Report from Acting Chief Executive Officer Tony Phipps.

Moved (Walker/Bain)

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 7 November 2011 be received.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 4.3

NIF Economic Taskforce

There was general agreement that council needed to consider how it could further support NIF and make the taskforce more effective in future.

SuperGold Card Scheme

Councillor Bain affirmed, on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee, that the SuperGold Card Scheme was considered an important component of the bus service and would be lobbying to the Ministry of Transport for its continuation.

Stock Truck Effluent Dump Sites

Councillor Carr brought attention to the Pakaraka and Dargaville effluent dump sites and how well they were operating.

Minerals Survey

Councillor Hunt requested that when GNS Science releases the results of the aerial survey the first "stakeholder" needed to be the Northland community, to raise their awareness.

Kauri Dieback

Councillor Bain requested that staff revisit whether it was feasible to carry out selective logging of infected trees and clean up of the soil to prevent further spread of phytophthora taxon agathis (PTA).

Action Sheet

Councillor Walker requested that the action points arising from the previous council meeting are included with each month's agenda.

Te Uri o Hau Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Councillor Hunt requested that council be provided with an update on the draft changes to the MOU between the Northland Regional Council and Te Uri o Hau.

Kaipara District Plan Update

Councillor Carr brought attention to the accord between the Kaipara District Plan and the Regional Policy Statement and extended his appreciation to the Regional Policy and Development Committee.

**CDEM: Appointment of local Controllers
(Councillors Report)**



Tuesday 6 December 2011, I attended the Northland Group, Civil Defence Emergency Management meeting in Whangarei.

At this meeting of appointments of KDC staff to Local CDEM roles were made by the group. These appointments were made pursuant to section 27, of the Civil Defence Emergency Act 2002.

Appointed as Controller is John Burt – General Manager Operations

Appointed as Alternate Controller is Thomas Patterson, Manager – Community Spaces

The recent restructuring of the management at Kaipara District Council has necessitated changes to the Civil Defence Emergency Management for the district.

Brian McEwing

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