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## **Long Term Plan – Submission**

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**I wish to be heard in relation to this submission**

## Transforming Town Centers

### Recommended option - Achievable

#### Comment/ rationale:

- Support the process to date which has included extensive iwi and community consultation
- Iwi consultation process has been mana enhancing. We would like to see this level of engagement and project investment as a minimum moving into the planning and implementation phase.
- In Waikanae - we support the connectivity of marae and the whānau as part of an integrated approach to enhancing the overall Waikanae town center. It is important to note that the whānau, hapū, iwi and marae generosity has resulted in the evolvement of the Waikanae town centre in its current location through land donation and acquisition. This should be told within the wider stories of this community
- In Paraparaumu – we support the ongoing connectivity between the iwi and the future development of this Centre. A strong iwi presence (three iwi and Te Āti Awa should be achieved in the overall direction of the town centre)
- We note that the funding through this option will be staged over a period with completion identified in 2028. We would like to ensure that robust discussion with the iwi working party will ensure that funding is identified within a 2-3 year period to enable the marae to identify project timeframes for work that may be required on or around the external perimeters of the marae.
- Staging supported but marae funding to this project is a priority
- We advocate that funding is apportioned equitably to the Waikanae Town Centres upgrade and that Waikanae be addressed with priority. The expressway has the potential to reduce the numbers of visitors to this center and therefore, work should focus on the identity and the opportunities for this center ahead of Paraparaumu.
- We would like the programme to link both town centres to Otaraua Park as a space of connectivity
- Would like to see a programme implemented around recognizing the significance of Ōtaki and Paekākāriki – these townships are the **gateway to Kāpiti** and should be recognized and developed as such. This is about ensuring that the whole district is recognized for its potential as one joined up district. We seek to confirm a programme of work that recognises these two important towns in the district.
- We advocate that these projects are seen in the wider context of connecting the district from Ōtaki to Paekākāriki
- Developments of this nature can reflect a partnership approach between Māori and the community. The inclusion of Māori concepts and designs can enhance the connection within public spaces.

## Improving Te Āti Awa courts

### Recommended option – Rebuild

#### Comment/ rationale:

- High volumes of participation in winter and summer sport at this facility
- Highly established center for the community and is a place where there is huge intergenerational participation in sport and therefore also provides a significant place of gathering for many generations
- It is important for attracting regional and national sports to the district that we provide a quality facility
- The facility sits on a park named after the iwi of Te Āti Awa, we express a strong desire therefore that a quality facility is provided.
- Tāngata whenua groups on the Kāpiti Coast have a long association within the sporting arena and have enabled our rangatahi and pakeke the opportunity to excel. Tāngata whenua feel that adequate training and sports facilities will enhance the wellbeing within whānau and hapū.

#### Community led development

- This option proposes to utilise the funds set aside from the rebuild option towards the costs of building a new purpose built space for netball. It has not been properly described what will happen to the existing space, these will still need to be addressed (repair, resurface, rebuild) for whatever sports will be provided here. Does this mean that additional funds will be required to address this space anyway!
- The driver for this appears to be netball. Extensive community contributions have already funding building renovations. Did council contributed to the previous building renovations? The community requires more rationale as to what is the driver for moving netball.
- We ask has Kāpiti Netball explored more efficient utilisation of the existing space. We believe that a best practice model for this exists through Kāpiti Hockey who have one purpose built facility and provide competitions continuously throughout the week to meet the huge numbers that play this sport. We see this as an effective and efficient models for working within the confines of a small facility with limited parking. We see merit in exploring this option as there are potentials for the current facility to be used daily and an opportunity exists for the center to develop an onsite food that will meet the needs of the many teams and whānau who will visit the site to watch netball.
- We think that Council should have more conversation with Netball Kāpiti before a move to new site is considered. We have limited funding as a community and we should be looking at how to efficiently and effectively utilise the existing facilities across the district.
- We also see value in reviewing all facilities in the district that could contribute to a new look strategy for netball. We are keen that such a strategy includes utilising the existing purpose built indoor facilities including Ngā Purapura and the college gymnasiums that could potentially provide alternative solutions to the provision of some grades of netball to better meet the

needs of netball. Before we see a sport leaving a well-established place, we ask that Kāpiti Netball explores a more comprehensive review of how to provide for the growing numbers who are playing the sport whether it be on the existing site or other purpose built sites already built without rate payer funding.

- Iwi would like to participate in future discussion to understand the future needs of the sport in relation to this facility to determine whether we would support a move from this park. We are conscious that there is limited resource in the district and that we must retain the integrity of all current and future spaces so that they do not have adverse effects on the environment by over subscribing to any one space.

### **Upgrading Ōtaki Pool and splash pad**

#### Recommended option – Future proof

Comment/ rationale:

- We agree that a splash pad in Ōtaki will definitely be an attraction for the community
- We would hope that before splash pad is built, wider discussion is held with the community
- Our particular concerns are;
  - This document does not provide enough context to identify what is the absolute best space for this to be located.
  - We would see benefit in its location in the lower park region.
  - The splash pad itself does not take into account the numbers that will be using this as it will become a significant attraction for our whānau and visitors to Ōtaki. It is small and insulting in comparison to the one offered in Raumati. We are therefore unhappy with the size of this pad.
  - It is not clear how families will utilise toilet facilities when they are using splash pad. We are concerned that the administration of this will cause unnecessary issues for the staff.

### **Investing in performing arts facility**

#### Recommended option – build a community facility – long term

Comment/ rationale:

- Currently, there are existing facilities including Southwards, El Rancho, The Ōtaki Māori Racing Club and Ngā Purapura that have already been built and would not cost the community. We ask that Council reviews all of the current venues and access to these venues in the district pertaining to performing arts before committing to expenditure for a new facility or one that is currently in the process of being built. Has council considered investing the current levels of funding into these existing structures?
- Performing arts for iwi – we would like to bring your attention to the way that Māoriland Films currently looks at utilising existing facilities within a community as part of implementing a world class international film festival. Rangīātea, Ngā Purapura, Civic Theatre and the marae are all

venues that contribute to the festival. As an event, it utilises these existing venues as strengths to the delivery of such a festival

- Additionally, Ngā Purapura is a world class event already providing a venue for orchestra and choir with ample facilities and parking to accommodate a world class performing arts facility.
- We ask that the Council sees that the **district** has a range of options. The district includes Ōtaki through to Paekākāriki and not just look at Paraparaumu. We struggle to see the benefits for district wide events to invest this level of funding into one venue.
- We are not wanting to deny either option but we wonder just how much research and communication has occurred with existing facilities to see if this could not have been achieved with these facilities.
- We are concerned that community access to this facility will be limited during the day as naturally the college would need to have precedence, we feel strongly that this center will be built with our without the council funds
- Once we can see the existing facilities being oversubscribed too, then the community should be asked to consider a new facility.

## Major projects

### Replacing the Paekākāriki - Sea Wall

We refer to the document; “Te Haerenga Whakamua: A review of the District Plan Provisions for Māori. A vision for the future. This document articulates tāngata whenua values in relation to the district plan and provides a number of tikanga/ policies or recommendation for council to consider in the future management of the district. Page 46 (Infrastructure and Essential Systems) identifies a number of tikanga/ policies including – explore ways of ensuring that all infrastructure is developed and used in ways that minimize any adverse environmental effects. The tikanga/ policy – adverse environmental effects (actual, potential, minor) are avoided or remedied with all infrastructure work streams.

Ngāti Toa feels that a solution does need to be sought in regards to the proposal for a ‘seawall’ at Paekākāriki. Ultimately it is felt that nature will eventually prevail in the end but a solution should be found that protects the community and the properties adjacent.

Of key importance will be the retention of access to the beach. Iwi and whānau regularly access the beach and ease of access to this important resource is imperative.

Tāngata whenua would advocate for a solution to be sought through consultation with iwi and the community. We would strongly advocate for non-intrusive solutions with the least impacts on the surrounding environment.

- Question the rationale for sea wall provision
- Empathy for the communities requesting this but have concerns about the impacts of sea walls for the coastline
- We ask that Council reviews provision of sea walls which will eventually cause greater long term damage for a community.

- Why? nature will win in the end.
- Not great use of funds for the
- Community – creates a problem for neighbours down the road.
- Moving impact from one place to another.

### Raumati Pool

Rationale for reviewing the original options (performance/ sports venue) is valid, iwi agree that some existing facilities already exist and this is not best use of the facility.

- We ask Council is this an asset that is worth keeping or an ongoing expense for the community?
- Overflow venue for the community – is there a need for this overflow venue?
- Iwi asks for a review of all current community facilities to:
  - determine the number of community facilities,
  - the current utilisation rates of these venues,
  - what are the gaps in what the community requires,
  - are there any private businesses that could potentially take on this space; and
  - identify gaps

and

- identify potential opportunities.
- This may also determine if there are existing facilities that Council maintains that perhaps are not required. Iwi believe that we can't keep providing facilities because the community says can we have it or we can't get rid of it.
- The hard question should be asked, if the community does decide to keep this, what under-utilized facility should we be looking to remove from Councils books?
- Perhaps it could be tendered to a potential group

### Mahara Gallery – connect cultural art component to the marae

Agree that the gallery and library require upgrading and support that they will be combined as one facility in the town center upgrade.

It would be critical for the tāngata whenua of the Kāpiti Coast to be included in these types of cultural art facilities and be consulted over any planned upgrades or changes. The Māori story on the Kāpiti Coast is of high significance and the connection through arts and culture is of high importance. We are concerned that as a district gallery, the building will be designed around one collection – if we have misinterpreted this through the document, we are happy to receive the correct information. The district has a much wider history to embrace including iwi. In the re-design, we hope that there will be strong iwi presence within the fabric of this upgrade recognising that the marae and the town center are developing a cultural thread (externally).

### Otaraua Development Plan

Support the development plan and strongly advocate a Cultural Impact Assessment which will inform the overall development of this important space to the iwi. We advocate for this across the whole space.

Te Āti Awa looks forward to ongoing discussions on the utilisation and management of this space but acknowledge, as a district wide space, there is a role for ensuring that the inter-related relationships of the three iwi are represented.

In developing the future for this space in relation to demand, we hope that council will be quite considered in the planning and siting of future activity so that the site can meet the demands of the activities. We would not like to see over subscription of sports facilities at the expense of the environment.

### Youth Center

Te Ati Awa previously supported discussion focused on youth center as this center will assist outcomes for rangatahi in the southern parts of the district of which they are mana whenua.

*However, we have an overall comment*

We see that this facility should be given the green light ahead of the any expenditure for a performing arts facility. We note that this has already been approved in the last round of the LTP and we are concerned that three years later, this is comes before the council again.

For Māori, we believe that our lakes, rivers, beaches, taio, marae, sports grounds, kura and wananga should be seen as extensions of a youth facility. Activity and outcomes for rangatahi should not be encouraged to be delivered solely from one space. We are keen that a building not become the only way in which a young person learns. A focus should also center on connecting rangatahi to the many activities that the natural environment and iwi facilities in our district already provides as a programme of learning. A mobile facility would complement the way in which we see the wider district as an opportunity to learn and would like to see how this would be delivered to the wider district but in settings as noted above.

### Earthquake prone building

Iwi are supportive of this important piece of work and would like to ensure that all significant centers of value to iwi are included in this review, with Iwi to be included in these discussion.

### Changes to rating system

We see value in creating a rates remission for properties with identified waahi tapu to incentives management of these important sites by land owners



This is an incredibly complex set of issues that are placed into this document, we are sure that the community has already rejected a move from land value to capital value. This section really doesn't provide enough information to make a qualified and well informed submission.

We need to better understand what these proposed rating changes will do to lower socio-economic sectors of our community and how these will potentially affect Māori in respect to land blocks. How will this will impact on future development of papākainga which is seen as a viable way to address under utilised land blocks, will this become a deterrent for moving towards this social housing structure. Iwi feel that this matter is this centre will be built complex and requires further investigation and consideration given to special areas such as marae, sites that have waahi tapu.

#### Changes to user fees and charges

We respect the need to review user fees and chargers, we note however that for lower socio-economic groups, an increase costs to use these facilities may have an adverse effect where they are no longer able to access these. We would like clarification as to whether the costs are generic to all age groups and will youth sports be affected adversely if these fees are increased?

#### **Partnership with iwi**

- Council to implement a Strategy/ operational plan for tāngata whenua based on Māori well-being to identify where we have been and where we are going. Required is specific funding to assist the establishment of this strategy developed by Māori to inform Council. Its future focus to include
  - Treaty Settlements - -preparation for a post treaty settlement environment for example plan changes to reflect settlement outcomes.
  - Co-management opportunities – land based
  - Co-management of water including stormwater, water and waste water
  - Council adopts a policy for undertaking Cultural Impact Assessments for all significant pieces of work across councils programmes of work
  - Monitoring framework – measure effectiveness of councils ability to implement tikanga and cultural values across councils programmes of work
  - develop a programme of work focused on researching emergent trends nationally for Māori participation and co-management in local government
  - We would like our partnership to be viewed nationally as an example of best practice
- Additional staffing to advance the programmes within the tāngata whenua programmes of work, we believe this will give it the mana it deserves.
- We advocate an increase in the funding for iwi to review resource consents
- Review and increase remuneration for iwi participating in governance and operational programmes of work
- Building capacity
  - consultation funding for iwi
  - cadetships
  - resource consents – equitable funding for reviewing consents and providing iwi response

- iwi management plans – increase in the funding to undertake this work
- scholarships – training opportunities for Māori in environmental planning
- Council to continue its support of the following programmes of work:
  - Māori Economic Development (MED)– building on the success of the MED over the last three years, we recommend a minimum increase of funding to \$120k for proposed works including:
    - Grants
    - Research in emergent trends for Māori economic development
    - Symposium for Māori on the coast in Māori led Economic Development
    - Business facilitation and support for Māori business
  - Continuation of the programme and funding for reviewing waahi tapu across the district
  - We desire discussion on emergency management with marae including: whanau and hapū
  - Expressway NZTA KCDC contractors relationships, When dealing with external organisations council need to ensure that Iwi are involved also, as partners in the MoP