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Chairperson and Community Board Members  
**ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD**

**7 DECEMBER 2010**

Meeting Status : Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

## APPOINTMENT TO HOROWHENUA DISTRICT HEALTH TRANSPORTATION TRUST

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 The Horowhenua District Health Transportation Trust was established in response to a need for transport to health services in 2006. The Ōtaki Community Board has been asked to recommend an appointee to the Trust from the Ōtaki Ward of the Kāpiti Coast District Council.

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

- 2 This paper does not trigger the Council's significance policy.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3 In 2006, the Horowhenua Primary Healthcare Organisation Board commissioned a transportation study that provided recommendations for the provision and coordination of transport throughout Horowhenua, to enable people to access core primary and secondary health care services. The report identified groups within the wider community who need assistance with transportation or who are reliant on public transport. They were the elder, Maori and Pacific Islanders, those with disabilities and or mobility difficulties, the financially disadvantaged and those living alone.
- 4 In 2006, the Local Services Mapping Project identified transport to access services as one of five community priorities for the Kāpiti Coast District. The District's geographical population centres are separated by considerable distance which has created a range of transport and access issues particular to the area. Residents of the Kāpiti Coast District rely on transportation to access many services both within and outside the district. Ōtaki residents particularly have to access tertiary health services to the north in Levin and Palmerston North, and to the south in Paraparaumu, Kenepuru and Wellington. Ōtaki is not well served by train or bus services to these destinations and they are not easy for the elderly or sick to use.
- 5 Andre Baker was recommended by the previous Ōtaki Community Board and served on the Trust for the past three years. In that role he has helped establish, and has chaired, the Ōtaki Health Shuttle Management Group involving St John (Ōtaki) Area Committee and nine other Ōtaki community groups to successfully establish the Health Shuttle Service in June 2010. In that time the St Johns Community Health Shuttle was established and launched in conjunction with the Trust on 17 June 2010.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### Issues

- 6 In response to the challenges of distance, limited transport options and lack of access to appropriate services, resulting from the overlap of district boundaries, the Horowhenua District Health Transportation Trust was established. The objectives of the Trust are to:
  - coordinate and deliver an affordable and sustainable health transport service;
  - coordinate and collaborate with stakeholder currently offering transport and health monitoring and to augment and support their capacity;
  - liaise with funding providers and sponsors to financially support the health transport service;
  - provide advocacy and consultation with Health providers and District Health Boards on key policies that affect transport to health services.
- 7 The Trust Deed states the Horowhenua District Health Transportation Trust will have an appointee of the Horowhenua District Council and an appointee from the Ōtaki Ward of the Kāpiti Coast District Council as recommended by the Ōtaki Community Board.
- 8 For the purposes of the Trust the District refers to the area or communities within the boundaries of the Horowhenua District Council and the Ōtaki Ward of the Kāpiti Coast District Council.
- 9 Provision for a representative from the Ōtaki Ward is intended to ensure Ōtaki residents' concerns and issues will be well represented and considered by the Trust in the ongoing management, delivery and development of the service.
- 10 To ensure the Council is aware of the issues and developments and is able to provide appropriate support and advocacy, the Ōtaki representative should report regularly to the Kāpiti Coast District Council and the Ōtaki Community Board.
- 11 The primary aim of improving transport arrangements for consumers of health care services is to ensure they attend appointments and receive appropriate healthcare and education to ensure the highest standard of health and independence possible. The main benefit to healthcare providers is improved productivity and efficiency through a reduction in the numbers of cancelled appointments and appointments where patients simply do not arrive.
- 12 The Kāpiti Coast District Council Choosing Futures Local Outcomes – Greater Ōtaki Visions 6.1 Passenger Transport states *that Greater Ōtaki has: mobility services for the elderly and disabled providing access to health and social services to the north and south.*

### Financial Considerations

- 13 There are no financial considerations.

## Legal Considerations

14 There are no legal considerations.

## Delegation

15 The Community Board may make a decision under the following delegation:

### 7.3 Community

- Authority to communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community (Section 52, Local Government Act 2002)

### 7.20 Other

- Authority to undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority (Section 52, Local Government Act 2002)

## Consultation

16 There are no consultation requirements, but the Ōtaki Community Board may wish to canvass community opinion to identify an alternative representative.

## Policy Implications

17 There are no policy implications.

## Publicity Considerations

18 There are no publicity considerations.

## Other Considerations

19 There are no other considerations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

20 That Andre Baker is recommended by the Ōtaki Community Board as the Ōtaki Ward representative on the Horowhenua District Health Transportation Trust.

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