

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PAEKĀKĀRIKI COMMUNITY BOARD

14 FEBRUARY 2017

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**COMMUNITY BOARD TRAINING OPTIONS 2016-17 -
ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2017**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report invites the Paekākāriki Community Board to approve the attendance of one or two Board members at the New Zealand Community Board Conference being held in Methven, 12-13 May 2017.

DELEGATION

- 2 The Community Board has the authority to consider this matter under Section D of the Governance Structure and Delegations document:

Setting priorities for and expending an annual training and development budget allocated by Council.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The conference is being hosted by the Ashburton District Council and the Methven Community Board. The theme is 'Making 1 + 1 = 3' or, how can we as boards achieve more for our communities with the resources we are given. Elected member feedback about attending previous conferences has been very positive.
- 4 The previous two Community Board conferences were held in Wanaka in 2013 and the Bay of Islands in 2015. Attached, for information, is a report (see Appendix 1) by a member of the Paekākāriki Community Board sharing his experience from the 2015 Conference. This report was previously published in the Elected Members' Bulletin.
- 5 At previous conferences there have been workshops where elected members could share success stories and innovative planning initiatives illustrating the way that boards are successfully accepting the challenges that leadership in our communities demand.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 At the time of writing there is still scant information available about the Community Boards' Conference (which is held every two years).

Financial Considerations

- 7 In 2012 Council made the decision to delegate to Community Boards an amount of \$3,000 per annum to enable Boards to manage their own training and

development programmes. For 2016/17 the total budget available is \$3,468. The costs of attendance per person are estimated to be the following:

Registration	\$ 745
Flights	\$ 108
Accommodation	\$ 260 (based on 2 nights @ \$130 per night)
Transfers	\$ 150
TOTAL	\$1,263 (excl GST)

- 8 Therefore the Board is invited to consider approving the attendance of one or two members at the Conference.

Legal Considerations

- 9 There are no legal considerations.

Publicity Considerations

- 10 The Board member/s attending the event will be expected to produce a written report in a timely fashion on their return and this will be published in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11 That the Paekākāriki Community Board approves the attendance of and at the New Zealand Community Board Conference in Methven on 12-13 May 2017.
- 12 That the Board Chair is authorised to appoint another delegate in the event that the original nominee cannot attend.
- 13 That the delegate/s will provide in a timely fashion written reports on their experience for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

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ATTACHMENT

- Appendix 1 Report from a member of the Paekākāriki Community Board – May 2015

**NZ COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE 2015
INFLUENCING CHANGE**

**REPORT FROM PHILIP EDWARDS
PAEKAKARIKI COMMUNITY BOARD**

The weather tried very hard to keep us back here on the Kapiti Coast, but somehow we got out and made it to Paihia.

My highlights were:

A Tania McInnes - Deputy Mayor - FNDC

She spoke about how to get the community behind a project to turn an area on their waterfront into the focal point of Paihia .I saw how this vision could be used to get the right aesthetics into our seawall so that it would become a focal of Paekakariki. Her infectious energy was admirable.

B Local Govt spectators or Players in Community wellbeing with Monique Davidson of Horowhenua DC

She also spoke of developing a vision and seeing it through. This reinforced my feelings about our seawall.

C Growing great neighbourhoods

This session very much mirrored a Jim Diaz session. It reinforced how seeding projects or just encouraging can bring people together to make people proud and involved to be part of their community.

D Hone Mihaka - Tourist Operator

A tale of turning adversity into a tale of success through having open eyes ,not accepting no and being persistent. Having been to many conferences, listening to Hone would be in my top 3 ever for entertainment and thought provoking.

The food was great, the accommodation was excellent and the opportunity to network with other people about their community boards, their challenges and successes. It was good also that the Hurricanes beat the Chiefs on the Saturday night and I was able to score a few points over the many Chiefs fans present.

My thanks to Annette for her organisation around the Conference.