

**Minutes of the Regulatory & Services Committee  
held on Wednesday 13 December 2023  
commencing at 9.00am**

**Present:** Councillor C J Ion (Chairperson)  
Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui  
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika  
Councillor B Julian  
Councillor W Godfery  
Councillor S Kingi  
Councillor R G K Savage  
Councillor R Andrews  
Councillor J Ross

**In Attendance:** Interim Chief Executive Officer (C Marjoribanks)  
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)  
Group Manager, Operations and Services (H van der Merwe)  
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)  
Communications Manager (T Humberstone)  
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)  
Administration Officer (T Barnett)

**Opening Prayer**

*Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.*

**Apologies**

*No apologies were received*

**Leave of Absence**

*No Leave of Absence was received.*

**Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

*No conflict of interest was declared.*

**Public Forum**

**Tracy Wilson**

Spoke about how unhappy she was to find out about the proposed directive of adding fluoride into our water. Has found no information on our website or Facebook page regarding this.

**Skarlett Starr**

Spoke about fluoridation into the water system, how it is a poison and gave statistics on the potential introduction to the water supply.

**Jan Meredith**

Presented Council with a petition of 722 signatures opposing the introduction of fluoride into the water system.

## **Christine Larsen**

Spoke about the potential introduction of fluoride in the water. Referred to the Bill of Rights Act, and how people have the right to refuse medication and does not consent to have fluoride introduced to the water supply.

## **Jonette Nead**

Spoke about the potential introduction of fluoride in the water and how when she lived on the Gold Coast, the Council offered fluoride tablets, giving people the choice to have it.

## **John Meredith**

Sent an email to all Councillors regarding the potential introduction of fluoride into the water supply and did not get a response. Mr. Meredith has concerns that the signal Councillors were giving by not responding was they did not care. He does not want fluoride in the water supply and does not see why he should have to pay for it.

### **ACTION ITEM:**

Communications and Engagement Manager to check on the lack of response to Mr Meredith and get back to him.

## **Derek Spiers**

Conveyed his concerns regarding a message he sent to Councils Facebook Messenger regarding the potential introduction of fluoride into the water supply and did not receive an answer back.

Spoke about the scheduling of the water reticulation and how the schedule is not being kept.

He has concerns regarding the potholes in front of Pat Baker reserve. Would like to see them fixed and not just refilled. The entrance into the Transfer Station also needs some work.

**Her Worship the Mayor thanked submitters for their attendance in Public Forum.**

**Mayor Tunui also spoke of the directive for the proposed introduction of fluoride on 22 July 2022, and details around the High Court Case on 10 November 2022, regarding the process error that was made by not explicitly considering the rights under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 in making a decision on each direction.**

**<https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/fluoride-legal-decision-update>**

**Apologies were extended to John Meredith for non-reply to his email sent to Elected Members.**

## **PART A – REGULATORY**

### **1 Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services (340000)**

The Committee discussed a report covering Regulatory and Planning activities for the month of November 2023.

**Resolved**

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi**

*That the report on Regulatory and Planning Services activities for the month of November 2023 is received.*

## **PART B – NON REGULATORY**

### **2 Monthly Report - Finance and Corporate Services (211000)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering activities for the month of November 2023.

**Resolved**

**Councillors Julian / Godfery**

*That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of November 2023 is received.*

### **3 Monthly Report - Operations and Services (440000)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering activities for the month of November 2023.

#### **Action Items:**

An update to go in Februarys Community newsletter regarding the reticulation upgrade.

To be included in the Community newsletter, the distinction between the 2 public water outlets at New World carpark and at the pump house at Pat Baker Reserve.

The Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services report and the Group Manager, Operations and Services Maintenance Schedule needs to match up for payments over 50k. Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services will include the code in the report to make it easier to match up, however the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services advised there will be timing differences between payment and reporting.

**Resolved**

**Councillor Savage / Deputy Mayor Rangihika**

*That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of November 2023 is received.*

### **4 Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309005)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering economic and community activities for the month of November 2023.

**Resolved**

**Councillors Kingi / Ion**

*That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of November 2023 is received.*

### **5 Monthly Report – Communications and Engagement (Communications and Engagement Manager) (340100)**

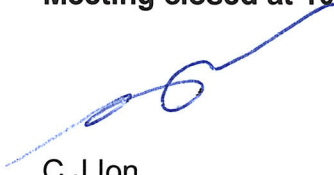
The Committee discussed a report from the Communications and Engagement Manager covering communications and engagement activities for the month of November 2023.

**Resolved**

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Andrews**

*That the report from the Communications and Engagement Manager for the month of November 2023 is received.*

**Meeting closed at 10.43am**

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C J Ion

**Chairperson**

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