



NOTICE OF AN EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Ōpōtiki District Council Chambers,
108 St John Street, Opotiki
Wednesday 14 December 2016
commencing at 1.30pm**

Lunch will be available from 1.00pm

Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee – Terms of Reference

1 Purpose

- 1 Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee (“EBOPJC”) is a collaboration between Bay of Plenty Regional Council (“BOPRC”), Kawerau District Council (“KDC”), Ōpōtiki District Council (“ODC”) and Whakatāne District Council (“WDC”) for responding to and managing a range of Eastern Bay of Plenty issues.
- 2 The purpose of EBOPJC is to form, explore and make recommendations for strategic collaborative initiatives between the partner councils.
- 3 EBOPJC will be guided by this Terms of Reference and the EBOPJC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as agreed by the partner councils.
- 4 For the purposes of this Term of Reference, “Eastern Bay of Plenty” is defined as the Territorial Authority areas of KDC, ODC and WDC.

2 Membership

Members of the EBOPJC will be:

- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, BOPRC.
- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, KDC.
- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, ODC.
- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, WDC.

The members of EBOPJC will act in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.

3 Delegations

EBOPJC is a joint committee of councils that will make recommendations to constituent councils.

EBOPJC can make recommendations on the following:

- 1 Opportunities for joint collaboration on initiatives that support the needs of Eastern Bay of Plenty communities;
- 2 Coordination of and encouragement of beneficial interrelationships and connections between activities/services across the Eastern Bay of Plenty;
- 3 Mitigation of adverse cross boundary effects of decisions, planning and activities on other regions, cities and districts;
- 4 Resolution of differences and conflicts, and ensuring no surprises, where activities in one district may affect another;
- 5 Sharing of information, expertise, databases and research where there is a mutual interest and benefit;

- 6 Encouraging integration and consistency of planning across the Eastern Bay of Plenty;
- 7 Developing agreed positions as appropriate on matters of importance and major government initiatives and, through each respective council, communicate these positions to central government and relevant national organisations;
- 8 Investigating opportunities for achieving cost efficiencies by sharing responsibilities and services.
- 9 Where appropriate and applicable, recommendations must be supported by cost-benefit analyses.
- 10 Each Council participating in a joint initiative will fund its own proportion of that joint initiative as determined by EBOPJC.

4 **Meetings**

- 1 EBOPJC meetings will be held in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- 2 A meeting is duly constituted if a quorum is present, whether or not all of the members are voting or entitled to vote.
- 3 Business may not be transacted at any meeting unless at least a quorum of members is present during the whole of the time at which the business is transacted.
- 4 The quorum at a meeting of EBOPJC is half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.
- 5 The members of EBOPJC will engage with their respective councils on strategic issues under discussion and all councils will maintain their own operational inter-council relationships as normal.
- 6 The Chief Executive, or the Chief Executive's representative, of each partner council shall attend meetings and will act as advisors to the EBOPJC.
- 7 Meetings will be coordinated and recorded by staff from the partner council as scheduled by EBOPJC.
- 8 Meetings may be attended by further staff support as considered appropriate by their Chief Executive.
- 9 External speakers and participants, including mayors from territorial authorities who are not parties to EBOPJC, with specific interests in the items under discussion, may be invited to attend meetings.
- 10 Meetings will be held at times and in places set out in an agreed schedule.
- 11 Any formal public communications from meetings will be approved by EBOPJC prior to release.

- 12 The Chairpersons of EBOPJC shall be determined, on an annual basis, by the process as set out at clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 13 Each Chairperson will have a term of one year.
- 14 A member cannot be appointed as the Chairperson, if either of the previous two Chairpersons were representatives of that member's constituent council.
- 15 Decisions on recommendations of the Committee shall be made in accordance with Clause 24 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 – by vote of majority of members that are present and voting.
- 16 The Chairperson will have a deliberative vote.
- 17 In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson of EBOPJC does not have a casting vote and the status quo is preserved.
- 18 A Deputy Chair shall be determined by the process as set out at clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 19 The Deputy Chair shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.
- 20 If a Chairperson resigns from their position before the end of their term, the Deputy Chair shall take their place and will serve out the remainder of the term as Chairperson.
- 21 If a Chairperson resigns and the Deputy Chair becomes Chairperson, clause 25 does not apply.
- 22 Nothing in this Terms of Reference precludes EBOPJC from appointing an independent chairperson.
- 23 If an independent chairperson is appointed they will also be appointed as a member and will continue to be a member until the end of their term.

5 Establishment Provisions

- 1 For the initial period of establishment (until the first meeting of the next triennium – late 2013) an interim chairperson shall be appointed.
- 2 The interim chairperson's term shall end at the next meeting of EBOPJC after elected members have been sworn in (October 2013).
- 3 The interim chairperson shall be determined by EBOPJC at its first meeting in accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 4 If the interim chairperson is appointed, clause 25 of this Terms of Reference does not apply.

Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Membership

Chairperson:	Deputy Mayor L Riesterer (Ōpōtiki District Council)
Deputy Chairperson:	Mayor M Campbell
Appointees:	Mayor A Bonne, Deputy Mayor J Turner (Whakatāne District Council); Mayor J Forbes, Deputy Mayor L Riesterer (Ōpōtiki District Council); Mayor M Campbell, Councillor David Sparks (Kawerau District Council); Chairman D Leeder, Councillor N Bruning, Councillor Bill Clark (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)
Secretary:	Gae Newell

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE OPOTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
108 ST JOHN STREET, COMMENCING AT 10.04AM**

PRESENT: Councillor L. Riesterer – Chairperson and Mayor J. Forbes (Ōpōtiki District Council), Mayor T. Bonne and Deputy Mayor J. Turner (Whakatāne District Council), Mayor M. Campbell and Deputy Mayor A. Holmes (Kawerau District Council), Chair D. Leeder and Councillor N. Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: From Ōpōtiki District Council – A. Lawrie (Chief Executive Officer), B. Dempsey (Planning and Regulatory Manager), From Whakatāne District Council – M. Grenfell (Chief Executive Officer) and J Gardyne (General Manager Strategy), From Kawerau District Council – R. George (Chief Executive Officer) and C Jensen (Manager Regulatory and Planning), From Bay of Plenty Regional Council – M.A. Macleod (Chief Executive Officer), R. Feist (Senior Planner), S. Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager) and D. Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager).

G. Newell (PA to CEO and Mayor, Ōpōtiki District Council)

VISITORS: Fiona Hennessey (Emergency Management Advisor), Jono Meldrum (Manager Operational Readiness) and Craig Morris (Group Recovery Manager)

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS IN RELATION TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Nil.

1.0 MINUTES – EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 JUNE 2016

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee minutes – 8 June 2016.**

Forbes/Bruning

Carried

Matters Arising

Bay of Plenty District Health Board

Mayor Forbes noted the importance of continuing discussion with the District Health Board.

Ruth Feist advised that there have been discussions regarding an implementation plan – a health analysis has been done – and the engagement process of Eastern Bay - Beyond Today.

Mayor Bonne entered the meeting at 10.08am.

2.0 EASTERN BAY – BEYOND TODAY

Ruth Feist gave a powerpoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Principals, Outcomes and Key Opportunities
- Implementation Plan – What is already happening or planned; Collaborative Actions
- Priorities for 2016-2021
- Timeline to implementation

David Phizacklea acknowledged the work done by the sub-committee together with Councillor Bruning and Ruth Feist.

Councillor Bruning thanked all staff for the work put into this project. It has been three years in the making, starting from a zero base. He suggested that communicating the plan out to the likes of Federated Farmers and the Chamber of Commerce would make it more meaningful.

Ruth Feist noted that this is a living document and will be refreshed over time.

The Chairperson stated that the project has reflected each Council's similarities as well as differences.

In response to a suggestion from the Chairperson that either a time line for refreshing the plan be incorporated into the document or it be kept as an item in ongoing agendas, Ruth Feist reiterated that it is a living document and would likely be refreshed about every three years.

There were queries if the plan would be put on a website and/or each Council's website. Ruth Feist advised that consideration was being given to having a dedicated website.

It was acknowledged that the plan needs to be circulated through the whole region.

The Chairperson mentioned that some consideration needs to be given as to who should attend the launch.

Aileen Lawrie acknowledged the work of the sub-committee and staff. In three years we have a Spatial Plan. There would not be any sub-region who could do this on the small budget our team had.

Mayor Forbes stated this is good for the Eastern Bay of Plenty and echoed other comments made on the work which has been put in. As a region, he was not sure if there was connectivity. The region was collaborative and it was whatever was best for the Bay but there has been some fragmentation in recent times. Mayor Forbes would like to see the region working as collaboratively as possible – if we fragment as a region, it is to our cost. The challenge is there for the region; it is about believing in the interconnectivity of our areas and economies.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report “Eastern Bay – Beyond Today”.**
- 2. Approves Eastern Bay – Beyond Today and the Implementation Plan.**
- 3. Recommends that the partner Councils adopt Eastern Bay – Beyond Today and the Implementation Plan.**

Riesterer/Bonne

Carried

3.0 BAY OF PLENTY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Fiona Hennessey introduced Jono Meldrum (Manager Operational Readiness) and Craig Morris (Group Recovery Manager).

Jono Meldrum advised that the Exercise Tangaroa, a national exercise, took place last Wednesday. Each territorial authority established their EOC, with most activating fairly quickly. Communications proved to be an area where some work will need to be done.

Mayor Campbell agreed that communications were not good throughout the exercise. When there is an exercise everyone is involved and notifications need to go right down the pecking order.

Fiona Hennessey gave a powerpoint presentation titled “Eastern Bay Beyond Today – Civil Defence Emergency Management Linkages”. The presentation covered the following:

- What are our challenges?
- Natural hazard risks and extreme weather events
- Climate change
- Physical and social impacts
- The role of Civil Defence Emergency Management
- Eastern Bay Beyond Today linkages
- Caring for our communities and environment

Mayor Forbes stated that there needs to be a lot more ongoing community conversations around risk. Communities which understand that will be more resilient. He commended Minister Kaye, adding that she has

done a good job for Civil Defence. The Minister is facing a health issue at present and he suggested a letter of thoughts be sent to her. Jono Meldrum offered to facilitate a letter to Minister Kaye.

Doug Leeder alerted the Committee to Biosecurity 2025, a discussion document launched by the Minister for Primary Industries, Hon. Nathan Guy. The chances of a biosecurity breach or incursion is quite high in the region.

Mary-Anne Macleod said the Regional Council has met with Minister Guy and made a submission to Biosecurity 2025. She is happy to share that submission and provide support to the other Councils to make their own submission.

The Chairperson thought it would be useful to have a report around biosecurity come to the Joint Committee.

Doug Leeder suggested each of the Bay of Plenty Territorial Authorities put in a submission, together with an Eastern Bay submission.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management".**

Forbes/Turner

Carried

Mayor Bonne left the meeting at 10.34am.

4.0 BAY OF PLENTY TREATY SETTLEMENT UPDATE

Stephen Lamb spoke to the report, updating and discussing Treaty Settlements and Treaty Claims which are occurring or progressing in the region.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Bay of Plenty Treaty Settlement Update".**

Bruning/Forbes

Carried

David Phizacklea left the meeting at 10.59am and returned at 11.01am

Judy Turner left the meeting at 11.05am.

Marty Grenfell left the meeting at 11.17am and returned at 11.20am.

5.0 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY SITE VISIT

The potential site visit itinerary in the report was discussed.

Although not on the itinerary, Mary-Anne Macleod suggested a visit to the Marine Centre run by Chris Battershill would be worthwhile.

The Chairperson was keen to see the site visit take place before Christmas.

Stephen Lamb will do some further work on the itinerary, taking into account the feedback from Committee members, with the aim of the site visit taking place before Christmas.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Western Bay of Plenty Site Visit".**
- 2. Provides feedback on the itinerary and possible dates.**

Forbes/Riesterer

Carried

6.0 TOURISM UPDATE

Julie Gardyne noted that the statistics and other information in the report focussed on the Whakatāne-Kawerau RTO.

Mayor Forbes acknowledged that Ōpōtiki is involved with Tourism Eastland which is a different RTO.

The Chairperson stated that she would like to see more collaboration around the Eastern Bay of Plenty and to know a little more about the cluster group for Māori tourism.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Tourism Update".**

Riesterer/Forbes

Carried

7.0 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Committee members gave some feedback on the Agenda Reports list attached to the report.

Deputy Mayor Holmes suggested drinking water be an item to discuss regularly.

Following a discussion on water issues, the Chairperson asked that a report around water be brought to the December meeting – there will need to be some discussion on how the report is approached.

Mayor Campbell asked the Committee to be mindful of what is happening in small town in relation to loss of services and the flow-on effect this has. MSD is downsizing and the Police are a big concern, along with doctors and ambulance staff.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Miscellaneous Items".**

Riesterer/Bruning

Carried

The Chairperson acknowledged Deputy Mayor Alistair Holmes and thanked him for his time on the Joint Committee.

In return, Deputy Mayor Holmes thanked the Chairperson, adding that he has enjoyed every minute of his time on the Committee and endorses the Joint Committee as the way to go forward.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.03PM

CONFIRMED:

COUNCILLOR LYN RIESTERER

CHAIRPERSON

Date: 10 October 2016



To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **14 DECEMBER 2016**

Written by: **STEPHEN LAMB, BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Subject: **GEOHERMAL PRESENTATION**

1. REASON FOR THE REPORT

To introduce a presentation to be made on the approach to regional geothermal planning and on the Kawerau geothermal resource.

2. COMMENTARY

Geothermal is an important asset for the Bay of Plenty. 12 geothermal fields are identified in the region and they are categorised according to their use and values.

- Development (eg. Kawerau, which is used for electricity generation and industrial processing)
- Low temperature (eg. Tauranga, which is used for horticulture and pools)
- Conditional development (eg. Taheke and Tikitere, which have development potential)
- Protection (eg. Waimungu)
- Special value (eg. Rotorua, which is managed to allow use, while protecting surface features).

Currently the Regional Council is undertaking a programme of works leading up to changes to the regional planning framework for geothermal.

Specifically in Kawerau the focus is on developing a system management plan to provide a framework for coordination of management decisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the report "Geothermal Presentation" be received.

Stephen Lamb
Natural Resources Policy Manager, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

7 December 2016



To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016**

Written by: **SENIOR PLANNER, BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Subject: **EASTERN BAY – BEYOND TODAY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

3. REASON FOR THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on implementation of the Priority Actions listed in the Eastern Bay – Beyond Today Implementation Plan.

4. EASTERN BAY – BEYOND TODAY PRIORITY ACTIONS

The Priority Actions for 2016-2021 in the Eastern Bay – Beyond Today Implementation Plan are:

Connecting the Eastern Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborative transport group to achieve resilient, safe and affordable transport infrastructure, and integrate road and rail transport.
Growing a high value economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opotiki Harbour development project.• Implement actions in the Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Economic Action Plan relevant to the Eastern Bay.
Education for living and working in the Eastern Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement the Tertiary Intentions Strategy.• Pathways to work for industries across the Eastern Bay.
Clean energy powering our future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geothermal System Management Plan for the Kawerau system.• Electricity reliability for the Eastern Bay.• Alternative sources of energy (solar and biofuels).
Caring for our communities and environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing for planned growth.• Understand impact of aging population.• Understand the impacts of climate change and flooding on the Eastern Bay.• Freshwater Futures project in Rangitaiki River Catchment.

5. IMPLEMENTING THE PRIORITY ACTIONS

The processes for implementing the Priority Actions, and next steps are provided in the table below.

Action	Implementation
<i>Connecting the Eastern Bay</i>	
Collaborative transport group to achieve resilient, safe and affordable transport infrastructure, and integrate road and rail transport	<p>The Triennium is discussing Local Government Futures in late 2016/early 2017. This includes a framework for transportation.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Staff will wait for wait until after the Triennium discussion to progress this action.</p>
<i>Growing a high value economy</i>	
Opotiki Harbour development project	<p>The Ōpōtiki Harbour development will progress under its existing management structure and processes.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Ongoing update reports to EBOPJC.</p>
Implement actions in the Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Economic Action Plan relevant to the Eastern Bay	<p>The implementation of actions in the Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Economic Action Plan will progress under its existing management structure and processes.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Ongoing update reports to EBOPJC.</p>
<i>Education for living and working in the Eastern Bay</i>	
Implement the Tertiary Intentions Strategy (TIS)	<p>Implementation of the TIS will continue under the existing Tertiary Intentions Leadership Group structure and process.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Recommend inviting a TIS representative to present an update to EBOPJC.</p>
Pathways to Work for industries across the Eastern Bay	<p>Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) is investigating the feasibility of a commercial transport and distribution training programme at Kawerau. The programme would be in partnership with Toi Ohomai, and service the Eastern Bay and Rotorua area. It is based on a successful initiative at Tokoroa. Toi-EDA is looking at driver licence opportunities to link into the programme.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Recommend inviting an ISK representative to present an update to EBOPJC when the training proposal is closer to realisation.</p>
<i>Clean energy powering our future</i>	
Geothermal System Management Plan for the Kawerau system	<p>A presentation will be given at the Joint Committee meeting.</p>
Electricity reliability for the Eastern Bay	<p>Gaining an accurate understanding of electricity issues across the Eastern Bay, and existing or planned work, is a key first step to addressing this matter.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Recommend inviting Horizon Networks to present on electricity reliability to EBOPJC.</p>

Action	Implementation
Alternative sources of energy (solar and biofuels)	Whakatāne District Council will be leading some work around a solar power initiative, and progress will be reported to EBOPJC.
<i>Caring for our communities and environment</i>	
Managing for planned growth	<p>Recommended implementation process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate information (e.g. Invest BOP reports, Bay of Connections, Toi-EDA, etc). • Develop realistic future scenarios for economy, people and communities, environment and infrastructure (includes roading). • Present the scenarios to EBOPJC for discussion. • Develop a good understanding of what could happen in the future, and the relationships between economy, people and communities, environment and infrastructure. • Develop a more accurate spatial understanding of the Eastern Bay. <p>This action links to other projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Bay - Beyond Today: 'Understanding the impact of ageing population', and 'Understanding the impacts of climate change and flooding on the Eastern Bay'. • Whakatāne District Council Urban Growth Strategy. • Rangitāiki River Forum: Landcare Research have funding to explore future options for the landscapes of the Rangitāiki catchment. This involves looking at different scenarios for future land use. <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Follow the process as identified above.</p>
Understand impact of ageing population	<p>BOPDHB are leading the implementation process to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate existing demographic and ageing population information. • Subject to support from EBOPJC, hold a workshop in early 2017 on ageing population. The workshop would involve Eastern Bay experts and advocates to produce a useful local application of actions for the Eastern Bay. <p>There may be also other discrete projects related to understanding the impact of ageing population that the partner councils will need to consider.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Hold an ageing population workshop in the Eastern Bay in early 2017.</p>
Understand the impacts of climate change and flooding	BOP Natural Hazards Forum charter re-established in 2016.

Action	Implementation
on the Eastern Bay	<p>The Forum has discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal calculator (coastal inundation modelling tool). • Challenges of listing climate change related information on LIMS. <p>Eastern Bay work around climate change and flooding programmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whakatāne District flood management plan change 2017 (regulatory risk/hazard mitigation). • BOPRC flood modelling programme (Whakatāne-Waimana modelling currently underway, rest of the river schemes will be modelled over time). • Ōpōtiki township flood and coastal erosion modelling (1st stage) completed, with follow-up work expected in 2017. <p>Region-wide natural hazard work programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bay of Plenty natural hazard explorer (web-based viewer and information portal for natural hazards and sea level rise). Planned launch March 2017. • Coastal erosion hazard assessment in 2018 (includes sea level rise impacts on the open coast, harbours and estuaries). <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Recommend inviting BOPRC Natural Hazard Advisor to give a presentation to the EBOPJC to outline the natural hazard programme and expected outcomes.</p>
Freshwater Futures project in Rangitaiki River Catchment	<p>BOPRC's Freshwater Futures project will progress under its existing management structure and processes.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Recommend that there are ongoing update reports to EBOPJC.</p>

6. EASTERN BAY – BEYOND TODAY WEBSITE

Eastern Bay – Beyond Today documents are currently available on Bay of Plenty Regional Council's website. This is a 'holding area' while a spatial planning website is developed.

The spatial planning website is being designed to:

- Cover the entire Bay of Plenty region, but have a 'tab' for the Eastern Bay. The Eastern Bay tab would contain Eastern Bay – Beyond Today documents, and link to other relevant websites (e.g. Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau, Rangitāiki River Forum, etc).
- Use a map format, with the ability to zoom in and out to locations.
- Contain information gathered for spatial planning purposes, such as Eastern Bay – Beyond Today and Invest BOP.

- Be easily updated with new information over time (e.g. Census data, links to new developments, etc).

The website is due to be completed in early 2017.

7. RELEVANCE TO EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Eastern Bay – Beyond Today is spatial plan for the Eastern Bay. The spatial plan (or 'development plan') is to chart the 30-50 year vision for the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the report "Draft Eastern Bay – Beyond Today" be received.
2. **THAT** the Joint Committee notes the recommendations for future updates and presentations on:
 - Ōpōtiki Harbour Development
 - Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Economic Development Action Plan
 - Tertiary Intentions Strategy
 - ISK's training proposal
 - Electricity reliability in the Eastern Bay
 - Solar energy project
 - Climate change and flooding research and modelling
 - Freshwater Futures

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7 December 2016



To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016**

Written by: **GM, STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Subject: **UPDATE ON BROADBAND INITIATIVES**

8. REASON FOR THE REPORT

This report provides a background to two presentations on today's agenda from:

- Ernie Newman, Digital economy consultant
- Bevan Gray, Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager, Ōpōtiki District Council.

These presentations will provide an update to the Committee on the current broadband market, government decisions, and technology changes.

9. BACKGROUND

The Government has just released the tenders to complete the extension of the Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI2) and coverage of mobile black spots under the Mobile Black Spot Fund (MBSF).

As part of the tender process Crown Fibre Holdings is inviting Councils to participate and respond to any additional areas which they could fund themselves, other than those areas funded by Central Government.

The general feeling is that unlike the first rollout there seems to be a desire to work with smaller companies to complete this rollout. In particular, Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISPs) are being asked to submit to the tender as well as the larger companies.

The first contracts are expected to be announced by July 2017.

In relation to UFB2, Councils are still awaiting Government decisions from the expressions of interest documents submitted almost two years ago.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the report "Update on Broadband Initiatives" be received.

Julie Gardyne
GM STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY

7 December 2016



To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **14 DECEMBER 2016**

Written by: **EASTERN BOP CYCLE TRAIL WORKING GROUP**

Subject: **EASTERN BOP CYCLE TRAIL**

10. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee endorsed the EBOP Cycle Strategy in July 2015. The strategy was subsequently approved by each Council which supported that the Joint Committee undertakes a governance role for the project. In May the Government announced new funding 'to enhance and extend Great Rides'. A Stage 1 Concept Plan for the *Eastern BOP Cycle Journey* was submitted to MBIE on 18 November for a trail connecting two Great Rides – Te Ara Ahi in Rotorua to Mōtū Trails in Ōpōtiki. A response from MBIE as to whether the proposal will proceed to a Stage 2 Business Case assessment is expected in mid-January.

11. REASON FOR THE REPORT

To update the committee on the Eastern BOP Cycle Trail proposal.

12. BACKGROUND

During the drafting of the EBOP Cycle Trail Strategy it was not anticipated that there would be Government funding to extend and enhance Great Rides.

In May 2016 the Government announced that there would be \$25million funding available in the current year plus \$6million per year into the foreseeable future to enhance or extend existing Great Rides. This funding opportunity has considerable potential to support the EBOP initiative.

In October the strategy partners proceeded to develop an Investment Logic Map (ILM) to support the anticipated funding application. A Treasury approved facilitator was engaged to run this process. In response to the stated criteria of the fund – to extend existing Great Rides – Rotorua Lakes Council were invited to participate in the ILM process. Staff from five Councils, representatives from NZTA, Mōtū Trails Charitable Trust, Department of Conservation and Toi EDA attended the two ILM workshops.

Advice was received from MBIE in mid-October on the three stage application process. Stage one required a Concept Plan / Ten Year Vision be submitted by November 18. Timing of the application did not provide an opportunity to present to the Committee before submitting the Concept Plan.

As a result of the ILM workshops a proposal emerged for the *Eastern BOP Cycle Journey*; heading east from the Te Ara Ahi Trail in Rotorua; alongside lakes and Tarawera River to Kawerau; following the Rangitaiki River to Thornton; along the coast to Whakatāne / Ōhope; crossing Ōhiwa Harbour and; to Ōpōtiki / Mōtū Trails along Waiōtahe Beach.

The Concept Plan also included components to enhance the existing Mōtū Trails – specifically to improve the trail grade; install safety barriers; provide an alternate route and establish cell phone coverage.

Key attributes of the proposed Trail Extension include:

- Growing cycle tourism is identified in the economic growth strategy - Toi Moana Economic Action Plan
- It links two Great Rides
- MBIE/Tourism NZ promote ‘Regional Dispersal’ as a means to meet the forecast growth in tourism nationally – separately MBIE has signalled that they will invest in *emerging opportunities* that are linked to established ‘gateway destinations’
- There are numerous opportunities to develop tourism infrastructure at existing features en route. For example; lakes, geothermal, Tarawera Falls, White Island, Moutuhora Island, Dunes Trail, Opotiki Harbour.

Mōtū Trails Charitable Trust submitted a separate Concept Plan for a proposal to extend Mōtū Trails from Matawai to Gisborne.

13. RELEVANCE TO EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY

The Trail has considerable potential to contribute to improved recreation opportunities, access to the outdoors, growing the visitor industry, connecting communities, destination development and promotion of the region.

14. DISCUSSION

In discussions, MBIE have advised they are looking for ambitious ‘big picture’ proposals. They have indicated there will be \$6 million funding per year in addition to the current \$25million.

The indicative cost of the Eastern BOP Trail is over \$12 million.

MBIE is applying a three stage process – Concept Plan, Feasibility Assessment then Implementation. They have advised that selected proposals from Concept Plan Stage will be invited to a series of workshops before a decision is made on progressing to the feasibility stage.

There is some expectation of co-funding.

Effective partner agency support, collaboration and governance will be required to be demonstrated if the proposal proceeds to the Feasibility Stage. This is already evidenced through interagency support in the development of an EBOP Strategy; the ILM and; participation of Rotorua Lakes Council.

15. OPTIONS

No options are presented at this stage.

16. **CONCLUSION**

The Eastern BOP proposal would seem to be well positioned as follows;

- EBOP Cycle Strategy demonstrates collaboration between key agencies
- The EBOP Strategy has been adapted to fit MBIE criteria and include Rotorua Lakes Council and link Te Ara Ahi. Demonstrate a flexible positive relationship between agencies.
- ILM has been developed
- Cycle tourism is identified in the BOP Regional Growth Strategy
- *Eastern BOP Cycle Journey* links two Great Rides and;
- Taps into an existing tourist 'gateway destination' – ie Rotorua.

A response is expected from MBIE before the end of the year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the report "Eastern BOP Cycle Trail" be received.

Mike Houghton
COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER,
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On behalf of the
Eastern BOP Cycle Trail Working Group

7 December 2016



To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2016**

Written by: **GM, STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY, WHAKATANE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Subject: **ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PRICE CHANGES AND IMPACT ON THE EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY**

17. REASON FOR THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief background on the changes proposed for electricity transmission pricing and the impact on the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Mr Aaron Buist, General Manager, Norske Skog Tasman would like the opportunity to meet with the Mayors and Chair separately to present on these changes.

18. TRANSMISSION PRICING CHANGES

The Electricity Authority is an independent Crown entity responsible for the efficient operation of the New Zealand electricity market. The Authority is the electricity market regulator.

The Electricity Authority is proposing to alter the way transmission charges are shared among transmission customers so that charges are linked to the transmission services delivered and the costs involved.

The proposal is that two of the key charges in the current transmission pricing methodology be replaced with two new charges which are designed to provide far better locational price signals. The Authority is also proposing a wider range of circumstances for which Transpower could discount its transmission charges to particular customers.

A key component of the Authority's proposal is an 'area-of-benefit' charge. This approach allocates the cost of a transmission investment to generators, distributors and industrial consumers located in areas of the country that benefit from the investment.

A 'residual' charge would cover Transpower's overhead costs and the cost of any grid assets not recovered by the area-of-benefit or other transmission charges. The residual charge would apply to

distributors and industrial consumers only. The cost of any replacement or refurbishment of existing grid assets would be subject to the area-of-benefit charge, reducing over time the number of grid assets recovered through the residual charge.

19. DISTRIBUTED GENERATION CHANGES

Alongside the transmission changes, the Electricity Authority is also reviewing pricing methodology for distributed generation. Distributed generation is generation connected to a local distribution network. There is about 1,000 MW of distributed generation capacity in NZ, including gas, wind, hydro, diesel and geothermal.

Southern Generation Partnership with shareholding partners, Pioneer Generation Investments and Roaring Forties recently completed a sale agreement with Nova Energy for the Aniwhenua hydro power station in the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Pioneer Energy also owns a number of distributed generation assets in the South Island.

Pioneer Energy Ltd Chief Executive Fraser Jonker has been quoted in the media as saying that the government was looking to "pull the plug" on small power stations across the country by reducing rebates and charging a new fee to send power across the local line network.

20. RELEVANCE TO EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Norske Skog has been quoted in the media as saying that it could end up with a transmission bill as least twice as much as last year's profit if the way NZ pays for its electricity is changed and might have to shut down.

Under one scenario, based on Electricity Authority modelling, Norske Skog transmission prices would rise from zero to \$6.8 million, more than twice its annual profit. Under another scenario, it would rise from \$0.1 million to \$14.3 million. The existing charges are low because it manufactures newsprint at times when the prices of electricity transmission are low.

While the impact on the mill is high because of electricity usage, the impact will also affect other businesses in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, depending on the decisions of the Electricity Authority.

Following consultation earlier this year, a report from the Electricity Authority is expected to be released around 13 December 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the report "Electricity Transmission Price Changes and Impact on the Eastern Bay of Plenty" be received; and
2. **THAT** the Committee note that a separate meeting will be arranged for the Mayors and Chair to discuss the proposed transmission pricing changes further with Mr Aaron Buist, General Manager, Norske Skog Tasman.

Julie Gardyne
GM, STRATEGY AND
COMMUNITY

7 December 2016



To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **14 DECEMBER 2016**

Written by: **STEPHEN LAMB, BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Subject: **WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY SITE VISIT - UPDATE**

21. REASON FOR THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the proposed site visit to the western Bay of Plenty.

22. BACKGROUND

At the June meeting of the Joint Committee it was suggested that a site visit should be held to provide an overview of western Bay of Plenty issues and opportunities that are of relevance to the eastern Bay of Plenty.

Staff explored potential points of interest reported these to the Joint Committee on 7 September 2016. The debate on the list of potential topics suggested an itinerary focussed on infrastructure connections between the eastern and western Bay of Plenty.

Staff made contact with the Port of Tauranga as a key site of interest and a number of dates in December were identified. Unfortunately these dates did not match with participant availability.

23. POTENTIAL ITINERARY

Following the previous discussion, the following sites will be elements of an itinerary. The timing will be designed around travel times/direction and timing for each stop.

A key site visit is to the Port of Tauranga to get a relatively in-depth understanding of this important piece of infrastructure that connects the Eastern Bay to overseas markets.

Priority Sites	
Site	Connection
Rangiuru Business Park	Future growth area - industry
Tauranga Eastern Link, Route K	Infrastructure, performance

Mangatawa/Pāpāmoa Papakainga	Use of Māori land for residential purposes
Port of Tauranga	Visit to Port operations, opportunity to get a greater understanding of the Port
Rail Linkages	Link to Port, infrastructure
New Tertiary Campus, Marine Park proposals	Sector development, innovation
Possible additions (depending on timing)	
Wastewater Treatment Plant at Te Maunga	Infrastructure challenges
Pyes Pa, The Lakes Development, Tauriko	Substantial growth areas – residential and industrial, “compact city”

Presenters will be asked to focus their commentary on how the particular infrastructure or activity connects to/with the eastern Bay of Plenty and what challenges and opportunities exist.

24. NEXT STEPS

Governance and administration staff will be looking at calendars of the participants to identify a possible date for the site visit and then contact will be made with the people/organisations identified as presenters/hosts to check availability. As can be appreciated this is not an easy task to coordinate across multiple agencies/organisations.

It is likely that a date that provides sufficient lead time to organise diaries will be required – February/March. However, staff will be looking to find a date “as soon as possible”.

RECOMMENDATION:

2. **THAT** the report "Western Bay of Plenty Site Visit – Update" be received.
3. **THAT** the Joint Committee provides note the process for determining a date for the “infrastructure connections” site visit.

Stephen Lamb
Natural Resources Policy Manager, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

7 December 2016



To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **14 DECEMBER 2016**

Written by: **SANDRA HAINES, KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Subject: **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEETING DATES FOR 2017**

25. REASON FOR THE REPORT

Members are asked to elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee and agree to a meeting schedule for the 2017 year.

26. BACKGROUND

The Joint Committee's Terms of Reference require that the role of Chairperson is rotated each year between member Councils. Opotiki District Councillor (now Deputy Mayor) Lyn Riesterer has been Chairperson for the 2016 calendar year so an election for 2017 is therefore due.

The Committee's Deputy Chairperson is also elected annually and is now due. The Deputy Chairperson in 2016 is Kawerau District Mayor Malcolm Campbell.

The Terms of Reference also provide that meetings will be held at times and in places set out in an agreed schedule. A proposed schedule is set out in section 4.2 of this report.

27. DISCUSSION

Two points are pertinent in relation to the elections:

1. A member cannot be appointed as Chairperson if the Chairperson in either of the last two years was from the same member council. In 2015 the Chairperson was Councillor Norm Bruning from Bay of Plenty Regional Council and in 2014 Mayor Tony Bonne from Whakatane District Council held the position.
2. By convention the role of Deputy Chairperson, which is also elected annually, is a precursor to being Chairperson in the following year.

Members are reminded that the Joint Committee Memorandum of Understanding the secretariat for the Committee will move with the Chairperson.

28. OPTIONS

4.1 Elections

The Joint Committee Terms of Reference provide that members can determine whether to hold the elections according to System A or System B as set out in section 25, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (Appendix A).

It is recommended that System B is selected.

4.2 Meetings

It is proposed that meetings for the 2017 calendar year be held at Kawerau District Council, starting at 1.00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15 March
- Wednesday 5 July
- Wednesday 13 September
- Wednesday 6 December.

29. CONCLUSION

Following due consideration of sections 2.0 – 4.0 of this report it is in order that the Joint Committee now resolves to conduct the election of officers for the coming year and adopt a schedule of meeting dates.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the report "Election of Officers and Meeting Dates for 2017" be received.
1. **THAT** System B is chosen for the election of the new Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
2. **THAT** a new Chairperson is elected for 2017.
3. **THAT** a new Deputy Chairperson is elected for 2017.
4. **THAT** the Committee thanks outgoing Chairperson Deputy Mayor Lyn Riesterer from Opotiki District Council and outgoing Deputy Chairperson Mayor Malcolm Campbell from Kawerau District Council for their contributions during this term.
5. **THAT** the Committee agrees to the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2017 calendar year.

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POLICY ANALYST/STRATEGIC PLANNER

7 December 2016

Attached to this report: s25 Schedule 7 LGA 2002.

Appendix A

25 Voting systems for certain appointments

(1) This clause applies to—

- (a) the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a regional council; and
- (b) the election or appointment of the deputy mayor; and
- (c) the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a committee; and
- (d) the election or appointment of a representative of a local authority.

(2) If this clause applies, a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:

- (a) the voting system in subclause (3) (**system A**):
- (b) the voting system in subclause (4) (**system B**).

(3) System A—

- (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and
- (b) has the following characteristics:
 - (i) there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and
 - (ii) if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and
 - (iii) if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and
 - (iv) in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

(4) System B—

- (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and
- (b) has the following characteristics:
 - (i) there is only 1 round of voting; and

(ii) if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

Compare: 1974 No 66 s 114K

Schedule 7 clause 25(2): substituted, on 7 July 2004, by [section 26\(8\)](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 63).

Schedule 7 clause 25(3): substituted, on 7 July 2004, by [section 26\(8\)](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 63).

Schedule 7 clause 25(4): added, on 7 July 2004, by [section 26\(8\)](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 63).