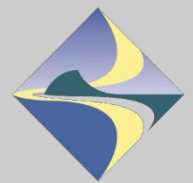




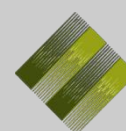
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District Council**

2019 - 2022 BAY OF PLENTY MAYORAL FORUM

Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting)

Friday 12 June 2020

9.30am - 12.00 pm

**Chairperson for the Meeting:
Mayor Malcolm Campbell
Kawerau District Council**

This meeting is open to the public through live streaming on the BOPRC website. To watch the meeting live please go to www.boprc.govt.nz/livestream

Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum

Membership

Chairperson	On a rotational basis
Members	
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	Chairman Doug Leeder Chief Executive Fiona McTavish
Kawerau District Council	Mayor Malcolm Campbell Chief Executive Russell George
Ōpōtiki District Council	Mayor Lyn Riesterer Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie
Rotorua Lakes Council	Mayor Steve Chadwick Chief Executive Geoff Williams
Taupō District Council	Mayor David Trewavas Chief Executive Gareth Green
Tauranga City Council	Mayor Tenby Powell Chief Executive Marty Grenfell
Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Mayor Garry Webber Chief Executive Miriam Taris
Whakatāne District Council	Mayor Judy Turner Chief Executive Stephanie O'Sullivan
Quorum	N/A
Frequency	4-monthly

Triennial Agreement 2019 - 2022

The Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum is guided by the Triennial Agreement, which is entered into after each local government election as a requirement under Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Triennial Agreement 2019-2022 was agreed to by each partner council at the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum meeting on 14 February 2020.

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5 Consideration of Late Items

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Extraordinary Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum held via Zoom Audio Visual Meeting on Tuesday, 14 April 2020 commencing at 10.04 am

Present:

Chairman: Chairman Doug Leeder - Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Present: Mayor Malcolm Campbell - Kawerau District Council; Mayor Steve Chadwick - Rotorua Lakes Council; Mayor Tenby Powell - Tauranga City Council; Mayor Lyn Riesterer - Ōpōtiki District Council; Mayor Garry Webber - Western Bay of Plenty District Council; Mayor Judy Turner - Whakatāne District Council; Mayor David Trewavas – Taupō District Council

Chief Executive Russell George - Kawerau District Council; Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie - Ōpōtiki District Council; Chief Executive Geoff Williams - Rotorua Lakes Council; Chief Executive Stephanie O’Sullivan - Whakatāne District Council; Chief Executive Fiona McTavish - Bay of Plenty Regional Council; Gareth Green – Taupō District Council; Chief Executive Marty Grenfell – Tauranga City Council; Miriam Taris – Western Bay of Plenty District Council; General Manager: Strategy and Growth Christine Jones – Tauranga City Council

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council:
Yvonne Tatton – Governance Manager; Merinda Pansegrouw – Committee Advisor

1 Welcome

Chairman Leeder welcomed members and thanked them for their commitment to working collaboratively as a region to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic: a collaborative and unified regional development plan would be critical to ensure a strong and sustainable recovery from COVID-19.

2 Reports

2.1 Assisting the Bay of Plenty Region to recover from COVID-19 and delivering lasting benefits for regional communities

The following presentations were provided from each Council on their respective Crown Infrastructure Projects (CIPs) to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC):

BOPRC CIPs List – Refer Page 14 of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Agenda for 14 April 2020 - Objective Link A3517558

Key Points: Chairman Leeder

- Challenges of COVID-19, both today and in the time to come, were of an unprecedented scale: by meeting these challenges as a region we could ensure we were best placed to help our economy and our communities to recover and prosper
- This was an opportunity to consider where the region was headed, what our future would look like and the role of everyone in this to achieve better outcomes for our communities
- Significant work was already underway to plan for our region's economic and social recovery in the short, medium and long term; but to be successful, we needed a unified approach across national, regional and local authorities, Maori, industry and community groups
- BOPRC was well positioned to assist with a regional role to support recovery, and was investing itself in key projects to stimulate community and economic recovery
- The 4 areas BOPRC was progressing to support its communities to recover from COVID-19 were:
 - Bay of Connections
 - Proposals for three Crown Infrastructure Projects:
 - Rangitāiki Floodway (completion of capital works improvements for the Rangitāiki Tarawera Flood Protection Scheme)
 - Flood Protection Resilience Projects (across all four Bay of Plenty river schemes - Ngongotahā flood protection works/Whakatāne River and Waioeka River)
 - Improvement of drainage schemes
 - Green Work' projects:
 - Could include pest control, biodiversity enhancement and wetland development. Further work would scope out potential partnerships with Iwi and community groups
 - Regional Transport Projects:
 - Still to be considered by the Public Transport Committee but could include park and ride facilities, transport hubs and rail.

2.2 **Taupō District Council - Crown Infrastructure Projects to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group**

Taupō District Council CIPs – Refer Page 20 of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Agenda for 14 April 2020 - Objective Link A3517558

Key Points: Mayor David Trewavas

- Focus would be on 16 projects to the value of \$320 million, potentially creating 2200 jobs
- Project activities mainly concentrated on water/waste water projects as well as a civic administration building/service/welfare centre that were shovel ready
- Other projects included the Taupō Events Centre building upgrades/Turangi Indoor Recreation Centre and upgrades to sportsgrounds
- Have recently received confirmation regarding earlier provisions from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) and the New Zealand Upgrade Programme which would enable upgrades at the Taupō Airport (including a new terminal, car park extension, and extended runway apron to be built).

2.3 **Western Bay of Plenty District Council - Crown Infrastructure Projects to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group**

Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) CIPs – Refer Page 16 of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Agenda for 14 April 2020 - Objective Link A3517558

Key Points: Mayor Garry Webber

- Total of 15 projects to the value of \$436m – mostly from the WBOPDC long term plan
- Focus would be on two major projects:
 - Rangioru Business Park Public Infrastructure – joint venture with Quayside Holdings
 - Public Infrastructure to support development of marae and papakainga housing mainly installation of water and waste water services.

2.4 **Eastern Bay of Plenty - Crown Infrastructure Projects to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group**

Eastern Bay of Plenty CIPs – Refer Page 19 of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Agenda for 14 April 2020 - Objective Link A3517558

The Eastern Bay of Plenty CIPs List included a suite of projects identified by three Territorial Local Authorities; Kawerau District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council and Whakatāne District Council.

Accelerating the right infrastructure projects would enable the productive sectors, the Māori economy and the Eastern Bay communities to be positioned to recover and build resilience from both the Whakaari eruption and COVID-19 in a timely, sustainable manner.

Key Points: Mayor Judy Turner, Whakatāne District Council (WDC)

- WDC's portion of the Eastern Bay of Plenty CIPs suite of shovel ready projects totalled \$146m
- Great opportunity to progress shovel ready projects and stimulate economic activity in the district
- Projects mainly focussed on strategic areas: urban regeneration, three waters, Transport and connectivity (as signalled in the long term plan and PGF application)
- Proposed projects were economically, socially and environmentally sound – benefits of these projects would also extend past the boundaries of the district and complemented approved PGF funded projects

Key Points: Mayor Lyn Riesterer, Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC)

- ODC's portion of the Eastern Bay of Plenty CIPs suite of shovel ready projects included a mix of old and new projects totalling \$58m
- Focus would be on the Hikutaia expansion / infrastructure upgrades / surface flooding mitigation – as it would open a number of other opportunities
- Thanked Eastern Bay of Plenty Mayors for the collaboration on this important matter.

Key Points: Mayor Malcolm Campbell, Kawerau District Council (KDC)

- KDC's portion of the Eastern Bay of Plenty CIPs suite totalled 10 shovel ready projects to the value of \$17.7m – overarching with the PGF Funding application
- Focus would be on the following:

- Infrastructure upgrades / storm water improvements
- Roads: seal extensions / new road / bridge replacement
- With the huge task ahead, it was important to stay positive and look after our communities.

2.5 Rotorua Lakes Council - Crown Infrastructure Projects to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group

Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) CIPs – Refer Page 31 of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Agenda for 14 April 2020 - Objective Link A3517558

Key Points: Mayor Steve Chadwick

- Emphasised the significant economic impact on Rotorua due to the change in tourism (both overseas and domestic) as well as the forestry industry
- Shovel ready projects that would support Rotorua's economic recovery post COVID-19 were as follows:
 - Infrastructure to enable urban land development (State Highway 30 (Te Ngae Rd) roading upgrades, stormwater infrastructure development and Ngāti Whakaeue Tribal Lands capability investment)
 - Rotorua waste water treatment plant upgrades and Rotoehu/Ngamotu reticulation (significant upgrades and growth capacity for Rotorua city and lake water quality at Rotoehu)
 - Rotorua Airport Business Park development (Land development investment to support airport / aeronautical business development)
- Proposed projects that would leveraging existing tourism investment to create greater value and strengthen domestic visitation were:
 - Rotorua aquatic centre redevelopment - geothermally heated regional quality facility
 - Rotorua Lakefront - Development of new jetties for commercial operators and new building
 - Whakarewarewa forest & trail development – Hub development on Tarawera Road including core buildings, tree planting and track developments.

2.6 Tauranga City Council - Crown Infrastructure Projects to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group

Tauranga City Council (TCC) CIPs – Refer Documents circulated under separate cover: (1) Mayoral Forum Paper - Objective Link A3520918 (2) CIP Project Summary - Objective Link A3520919

Key Points: Mayor Tenby Powell

- TCC's CIP application would focus on maintaining a viable economy in Tauranga and the Western Bay Region, creating capacity for future growth, with a clear focus on two priority areas: creating communities and housing for all and employing our people
- The construction sector represented 12% of total employment in Tauranga – hence the need to retain the construction sector pipeline of work
- Rebooting infrastructure projects in Tauranga would also provide a major catalyst to the wider New Zealand economy
- Key projects included the Waiari Water Supply Scheme; Te Tumu Urban Growth Area and Wairakei Town Centre Infrastructure and the Western Corridor, which included the Tauriko Business Estate and Urban Growth Area

- Councils working together as partners would be critical for success
- Proposed projects would aim to support individuals, families and communities that needed it most.

Key Points Members

- Noted that there would be an emphasis on construction in all councils' CIPs - yet many people who had lost their jobs would not have a construction background. Accordingly, the re-skilling of people, possibly via partnerships with EDAs/the apprenticeship regime/redeployment, would require further attention
- Consideration should also be given to potentially having to share the workforce regionally until more people had been trained
- The biggest limit on all councils' projects might be the lack of resources available
- All mayors recognised and congratulated their staff who worked over the Easter weekend to ensure all proposals were ready to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group by close of business 14 April 2020.

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum:

- 1 Notes that Local Government is collectively working to ensure communities in the Bay of Plenty region recover quickly and well from Covid-19.**
- 2 Notes that there are a series of papers that will be presented to the Mayoral Forum on the Crown Infrastructure Projects that are to be submitted by 14 April 2020 to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group.**
- 3 Notes that all councils are working with key partners, stakeholders and moving at pace to progress other recovery responses and updates on this progress will be presented to future Mayoral Forums.**
- 4 Agree to an overarching cover letter from the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group.**

**Chairman Leeder/Mayor Riesterer
CARRIED**

Items for Staff Follow-up

- Joint press release co-ordinated by BOPRC to be updated to express the Mayors' appreciation towards all staff for working over the Easter weekend to ensure all proposals were ready to be submitted to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group
- Overarching cover letter from the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group to be circulated to all Mayors for sign-off prior to submission
- All Councils to submit their individual proposals to the Crown Infrastructure Partnerships Group by close of business 14 April 2020.

The meeting closed at 11.08 am.

Confirmed DATE

Doug Leeder
Chairman Bay of Plenty Regional Council

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Working towards a Region-Wide Financial Strategy

Executive Summary

So much of what local councils do, and so many of the options we consider and decisions we have to make, requires a clear, robust, and sustainable financial strategy.

By working together and having a joint approach, we can help to ensure that our individual financial plans and financial strategies are underpinned by a stronger link to, and understanding of, the financial challenges we are all facing.

The Regional Council has started a wide ranging review of our financial frameworks. We want this work to be informed by our local government partners.

The Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) in the region have been meeting to discuss taking a *region-wide* approach to preparing a financial strategy.

The CFOs will provide a brief presentation to the Forum on this work so far, and will be requesting a mandate from the Forum for this joint work to continue.

Recommendations

That Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Working Towards a Region-Wide Financial Strategy;**
- 2 Agree that the Chief Financial Officers of the local authorities in the Bay of Plenty work together towards preparing a Region-Wide Financial Strategy.**

1 Next Steps

If there is approval to continue this work, the next steps are for the CFO group to meet with a view to:

- Preparing a clear terms reference for this work,
- working together on a set of jointly agreed *Principles* to underpin our Financial Strategies leading into the development of Long Term Plans,
- setting timelines that incorporates opportunities to feed into the Regional Council's review of its Financial Framework.

Fiona McTavish
Chief Executive, BOPRC

