



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 15th August 2024
VENUE:	OceanaGold
TIME START:	10:30am
TIME FINISH:	12:10pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten, Paul Anderson
INVITED:	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator, Campbell Moore - HDC (10am -10.45am)
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2024-08-15

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Rangi Honey, Paul Anderson, Kyle Welton

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 13-06-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-06-13
BB and AMS confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Request for support of pedestrian crossing on Kenny Street (attached).

ACTION: PB to write letter for BB to sign, then BR will pass it to the right person.

4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

4.1 WCF and Media

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

ACTION: AMS will do a FB post re basketball courts linings

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1. OceanaGold Update

Correnso Narrow Vein Mining

'Narrow Vein' mining has resumed in our Correnso operations. As the name suggests, narrow vein mining is much smaller in scope than our standard underground operations. While the techniques used are the same, the tunnels are half the size (typically 2.5m wide by 2.5m high), the cuts made by the drilling jumbos are smaller, and the stopes (the areas we blast and extract the ore from) are smaller too.

The AEP will continue to be paid to qualifying residents in the area, however, the narrow vein mining is planned to take place in the lower levels of the Correnso area and also utilises smaller charge weights when blasting, so blast vibrations are anticipated to be low at the surface.

As always however, residents are encouraged to contact us on 0800 924 444 if they have any concerns or queries.

Proposed Change to the Martha Mine Mineral Zone: *Call for Further Submissions*

Public notification of the proposed change to the Martha Mineral Zone occurred on 15 February with the submission period running until 28 March 2024.

In total 78 submissions were received. The chart below shows where HDC are currently at with processing the application.



Council have now summarised the submissions, and put a public notice calling for further submissions; these were able to be made until 30 May 2024.

More information on the proposed plan change can be found here: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/hauraki-district-plan/dp-changes-6>

Waihi North Project

The Waihi North Project was first announced in June 2021, with a resource consent application lodged a year later in June 2022. Since that time, we have been undertaking work to answer a Request for Information (RFI) that was subsequently received from the Hauraki District and Waikato Regional councils. With the announcement of the Fast-track Approvals Bill by the New Zealand Government, OceanaGold has now decided to pause the existing RFI process for the Waihi North while we learn more about Fast-track.

More detail on the proposed Waihi North Project: <https://www.waihinorth.info/>.

MMZ Plan Change

Public notification of Proposed Plan Change 6 occurred on 15 February with the submission period running until 28 March 2024. In total 78 submissions were received.

A Summary of the Decisions Requested in submissions was prepared and further submissions were called for from 16 May 2024. By the close of the further submission period (on 30 May 2024) three further submissions had been received.

Council staff are now working to assess what is being proposed by the Company in light of the matters raised in submissions and further submissions. A Planning Report will likely be prepared in the coming months, with a hearing expected to be held in October/November 2024.

<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/hauraki-district-plan/dp-changes-6>

Amenity Effects Programme

Calculations for the period January – June are nearly finalised, and we will be completing property checks and sign ups in the next couple of weeks.

Ask the Experts

Kirsty Hollis, a principal metallurgist and expert in her field, has made herself available to talk to any members of the community about the Chemistry of Mineral Processing.

She will be available from 10am – 2pm on Wednesday 21 August at the Project Information Office in town, bookings are essential, and this can be done by phoning the Community Engagement Line on 0800 924 444 or online at waihi.info@oceanagold.com

Staff Engagement in Sustainable Initiatives

Recently, OceanaGold staff were able to assist members of Habitat Enhancement and Landcare Partnership (HELP) Waihi with some tree and shrub planting, general weeding, and rubbish cleanup at Gilmour Lake in Waihi. With a supply of Kōwhai trees and mountain flaxes grown at the nearby HELP Waihi Native Plants Nursery and a few eager helpers, it didn't take long to get stuck in. The flaxes work to support soil stability and were planted along a main boundary drain for the park.

Kōwhai trees are a favourite of Tui, Bellbird, Kererū, and bees. 33 Kōwhai were originally planted around the Miner's Memorial Walk, with each one marking a memorial plaque to one of the 29

miners who died at the Pike River mine and the four miners at Waihi since modern mining began. Unfortunately, since those trees were planted, some of them had been damaged by high wind, mowers, theft, and vandalism, resulting in 10 of the plaques no longer having Kōwhai trees marking them. These were replaced with new Kōwhai trees, and HELP Waihi is now working with Hauraki District Council to add some extra protection for the trees while they are establishing themselves.

With the planned plantings completed, it was on to some removal of honeysuckle, broom, and other pest plants in the park, as well as a quick rubbish collection in the area. Thanks to Warwick, Krishna, and Sue from HELP Waihi for providing the trees, equipment, and knowledge of how best to get these new plantings on their way to enhancing Gilmour Lake.

A team of employees also collected rubbish off Waihi Beach, filling the back of a Ute. This was done to celebrate World Ocean Day.

6 Monthly Community Meeting

This meeting will be held on the evening of Thursday 12 September at 5.30pm at the Education Centre located on the corner of Moresby Avenue and Savage Road.

6. STREETS AHEAD

Bank balance \$227,217.95 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$215,000 (of which \$45k WCF, \$10k VO Trust, \$150k OG, \$10k Lions Club)

ACTION: BR to apply to the bank to cease deduction of resident withholding tax as per charity status.

ACTION: End of financial year, BR apply for return of deductions.

ACTION: BR to prepare financial statement for PB to add to Charities Services registration.

6.1. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Awaiting resource consent from HDC for the pump track build. Campbell confirms that this is for the whole hub, not just the pump track, and that amendments may be required for the skatepark section at a later date.
- Awaiting further confirmation of Geo Tech requirements from HDC.
- Awaiting confirmation from HDC if external planner will be required.
- Campbell confirms HDC are working on drainage design.
- Campbell confirms VeloSolutions are happy to go ahead with the pump track, but as per best practice, cannot guarantee results until they start the build.
- AMS requested a quote for hours and costs for the HDC works that are currently happening.
- Lotteries Community Facilities Fund grant of \$200,000 is dependent on receiving resource consent and forwarding it to them by 5th December 2024.
- Sketch received from Outer Spaces (attached), awaiting quote for central hub landscape design.
- Lion Foundation grant application for \$30,000 made by HDC on behalf of WCF was successful. This funding is in HDC's bank account and must be spent and an audit provided to Lion Foundation before 29 January 2025.
- Invoice received from HDC for project manager costs of \$8895. (At 12noon, meeting moved into a charitable trust meeting and this account was approved for payment by BB and MH)
- Discuss supplier of concrete pathway from car park to pump track.

ACTION: Donna following up concrete pathway quote.

ACTION: BB to set up payment for HDC Invoice

Dates for future meetings

Next Meeting: Thursday 12 September 2024

Future Meeting: Thursday 16 October 2024

Request for support of pedestrian crossing on Kenny Street

Bhavesh Ranchhod

Aug 1, 2024, 2:44 PM (1 day ago)

to me


Hi,

I group of residents have made application to NZTA requesting a pedestrian crossing on Kenny, by where the new pump track is going. They have ask for our support also.

Can you please add this to the agenda.

Thanks

Bhavesh

www.nzta.govt.nz

Dear Mrs Root

Thank you for your letter received on 18 April 2024 to request a pedestrian crossing on Kenny Street (State Highway 25) at Waihi.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is committed to ensuring the safety of everyone using our roads and we appreciate you raising concerns about safety on this road.


The draft 2024 Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport is currently out for consultation. The GPS outlines the government's plan for investing in land transport over the next ten years and the direction of the \$7 billion annual expenditure of the National Land Transport Fund. This document guides the development of the NZTA work programme, including the direction of road safety and efficiency improvements on the state highway network.

We are currently working through the draft GPS, and once consultation has concluded on the draft GPS, a final will then be issued. Regional Land Transport Plans will then be revised to reflect the priorities of the new GPS, with the National Land Transport Programme ultimately confirming later this year how funding will be spent over the next three years. Any improvements to State Highway 25 at Waihi cannot be confirmed until the National Land Transport Programme is confirmed later this year. However, this request has been added to our Safety Improvements Database for prioritisation and funding as it becomes available.

In your letter, you have also enquired about a speed reduction. Changing speed limits is a legal process and there are steps that the NZTA must follow as the road controlling authority for state highways. Late last year, the Government announced its intention to develop a new Setting of Speed Limits Rule. As this will likely change the rules that govern how speed limits are set, the NZTA is waiting to get confirmation of the new Rule so that the implications for future speed changes on our state highways can be considered.

Thank you again for contacting us to report your road safety concerns. If you would like to discuss this matter further, you are welcome to contact me by email to mark.lilley@nzta.govt.nz.

Regards
Mark Lilley
Senior Safety Engineer



**DRIVE SAFELY
THROUGH ROADWORKS**

Slow down - take it easy.

Outer Spaces Landscaping Sketch - Morgan Park Outdoor Recreation Hub



Invoice from HDC for Project Manager Costs



HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
William St Paeroa 3600 PO Box 17 Paeroa 3640

TAX INVOICE

GST NO 050-779-696

AREA OFFICES
Orchard Rd Ngatea
Rosemont Rd Waihi
PH :07 862 8609 Fax 07 862 8607
info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

To: Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust
no address allocated

Invoice No. 40750
Debtor Acc. 4757.01
Date: 30/07/2024

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Project Management for Outdoor Recreation Hub	
Invoice reissued GST exempt	
TAX INVOICE TOTAL	8,895.00
Payment due on the 20th of the month following the date of this invoice.	
<i>Total Value non-taxable supply(s)</i>	8,895.00
<i>Total Value taxable supply(s) excluding GST</i>	0.00
<i>Total GST Payable</i>	0.00
TOTAL	8,895.00



HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL- REMITTANCE ADVICE SLIP
(Please return this slip with your payment to PO Box 17, Paeroa 3640)

To:

Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust
no address allocated

Amount Due: **8,895.00**

Account No. 4757.01

Invoice No. 40750

Billing Ref : 12-475701

Account number: 02-0396-0064018-004

Reference: 40750

Code: 4757.01