



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 14th November 2024
VENUE:	OceanaGold
TIME START:	10:30am
TIME FINISH:	12 noon
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, Paula Trubshaw - OceanaGold
FILE REF:	WCFA2024-11-14

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Paul Anderson, Rangi Honey, Bhavesh Ranchhod

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 12-09-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-09-12
BB and AMS confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

4.1 WCF and Media

Send Al Williams Resource consent update and new photo

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

Resource consent post for FB and website

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1. OceanaGold Update

Public Hearing on the Martha Mineral Zone (Proposed Plan Change 6)

The hearing will take place between 10th & 12th December at the Presbyterian Community Hall, 76 Moresby Avenue Waihi.

Members of the public can attend to hear the submissions of various parties.

This is not to determine a consent to mine, that is a separate process as part of the proposed Martha Open Pit Project.

From the council

PPC6 does not authorise new mining activities or physical works to the Pit. The proposed changes to the provisions in the Martha Mineral Zone section of the District Plan (Section 5.17) will provide a suitable opportunity for the impacts on the Waihi residential and business activity to be assessed, relative to a future application for resource consent.

<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:2jpo4nuxg17q9srdjc4b/hierarchy/District-Plan/PC6-Hearing/Apx7-Summary-Submissions.pdf>

It is also not related to or connected with our Waihi North Project.

Further details and supporting documents are available on the Hauraki District Council's website: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/hauraki-district-plan/dp-changes-6>

Waihi North Project Update

In June 2021, OceanaGold announced our intention to develop the Waihi North Project, which includes an underground mine beneath Forest Park at Wharekirauponga and the related infrastructure to support it. Since then, we have successfully completed further technical and exploration studies, which have allowed us to refine and optimise the project.

Extending the life of mining in Waihi was a key commitment OceanaGold made to the New Zealand Government when the company acquired the Waihi Operation in 2015. The New Zealand Government has recently acknowledged the Waihi North Project's significant regional and national benefits by announcing its inclusion in the Fast-track Approvals Bill. We anticipate a formal lodgement of an application to be assessed under the Fast-track process once it is passed into law.

Overall, the Waihi North Project remains broadly the same as what was announced back in 2021, with some revisions incorporated.

Changes to the Waihi North Project Include:

1. A revised project start date, meaning a longer proposed life of mining in Waihi to 2042, and possibly beyond (subject to ongoing drilling). This means up to a further 18 years of surety and stability for local businesses, suppliers, and families; longer than any single previous outlook.
2. Revised project scheduling which allows for a smooth transition of our existing workforce from current mining operations to the Waihi North Project as it comes online. The project will also require a larger workforce, creating several hundred new, high-quality jobs, whilst continuing to engage a range of local and regional suppliers.
3. An increase in our current drilling activity in the Wharekirauponga area. This would gather the necessary exploration data to potentially grow the known ore body at a faster rate than under existing conditions, while also providing capacity for additional geotechnical drilling to further support data modelling and engineering design.
4. The introduction of temporary quarry activities within the proposed Tailings Storage Facility 3 (TSF 3) and Northern Rock Stack footprints, to provide the material for the construction of TSF 3.
5. The Gladstone Open Pit now begins construction later in the project timeline, moving to approximately year eight of the project.
6. Changes to the proposed location and construction method of the vent shafts necessary for air circulation within the mine and emergency egress. Our commitments to the final 'post-construction' surface area footprint, and the rehabilitation of the vent shafts during closure remain.
7. Moving the location of the Willows Road Portal (mine entrance tunnel) approximately 200 m to the northwest of its currently proposed location and adding a nearby helipad.

We are committed to ensuring the Waihi North Project delivers a biodiversity net gain, meaning we will leave the areas' biodiversity in a better condition than when we commenced operating.

For example, at the proposed Wharekirauponga Underground Mine we have proposed predator control over a 600-ha area to mitigate potential effects to Archey's frogs from mining related vibration.

Additionally, we are committing to a broad scale biodiversity enhancement programme in the Southern Coromandel out to at least 2050, designed in conjunction with Iwi, with a value of at least \$8.4 million. This will provide long-term (inter-generational) positive ecological outcomes and help ensure that species such as the Archey's frog are protected and have improved outcomes as a result of our work in the area.

OceanaGold will be hosting a Project Information Day for members of the public to attend on Saturday 30th November, from 10am to 2.00pm, downstairs at the OceanaGold Moresby admin building at 43 Moresby Avenue.

Staff with expertise in various elements of the project, detailed information brochure on specific project elements, and large format maps will be available.

Community Opinions About Mining Survey

The Community Opinions about Mining survey is still progressing. Each year we get an independent survey company to ask people chosen at random how they think we are doing, what we can improve on, and how things are in Waihi in general.

The surveyors aim to get a representative sampling of the area, in a similar proportion to the actual demographic make-up of Waihi.

This approach is to ensure the fairest possible representation of the area's opinions.

Results from the survey form part of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP), which is required as part of our consent conditions.

The survey is anonymous. OceanaGold gets a table of the results, but any identifying details are first removed, meaning we don't know who said what. How do survey companies get in touch? They call people in and around Waihi from listings with the numbers and the area in which the person lives. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to participate if selected. A survey like this is an important chance for you to "have your say".

Sponsorship & Donation Approved in October

Art Waikino Advertising, flags, EFTPOS machine hire, catering \$1,552.50.

Waihi Athletic Junior Rugby Tournament costs \$2,500.00

HELP Waihi Inc. Green waste disposal (in-kind) \$2,800.00.

TOTAL \$6,852.50

Complaints for the Month of October

Topic	Number of Complaints	Number of Complainants
Property	2	2
Helicopter Activity	7	1
Staff Behaviour	1	1
TOTAL	10	4

6. STREETS AHEAD

6.1 Bank balance \$221,558.06 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$206,105 (of which \$36,105.00 WCF, \$10k VO Trust, \$150k OG, \$10k Lions Club, \$2,592.36 Waihi Herb Society)
- Charities Services annual report was due 30th September 2024

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

ACTION: BR apply for return of deductions.

ACTION: BR to prepare financial statement and add it to Charities Services registration.

6.1 Waihi Herb Society

- Waihi Herb Society is closing down and has offered for their remaining funds to WCF for seed funding for native and other planting at the outdoor recreation hub. Amount transferred into WCF bank account \$2842.36.

- Approximately \$250 of these funds have been distributed from the WCF bank account to the organiser of the Butterfly Garden to help with maintenance there.

6.2. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Invoice for HDC Project Manager received - \$13,760. Funding for this will come from Capex fund. Invoice for WCF records only.
- Resource consent has been granted for the pump track. Lotteries will release the \$200k pledged as part of their next pay run (Friday 15 November).
- HDC have agreed that resource consent costs are to come from the Capex fund (email from HDC PM 17 September 2024).
- Concrete path from carpark to pump track - quotes required to apply for external funding. HDC PM is obtaining these
- AMS and MH have approached Greg Lions Club Waihi about Lions International funding. They require quotes for specific elements for the applications. This is on hold until entire hub resource consent is complete.
- Toilet location confirmed to be situated as in Rich Landscapes design.
- The Form resolves to apply to Akarana Community Trust, Waihi Beach RSA, Diprose Miller and One Foundation for pump track drainage costs, along with 10% contingency costs and project manager costs.

ACTION: PB work with HDC re: concrete path quotes and drainage quotes.

Dates for future meetings

Christmas Meeting: Thursday 12 December 2024
Next Meeting: Thursday 13 February 2025



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To: Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust
no address allocated

Invoice No. 41449
Debtor Acc. 4757.01
Date: 30/09/2024

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Morgan Park Recreation Space - Project Management	
Project Management Charges 1st July to 13th September 2024	13,760.00
TAX INVOICE TOTAL	13,760.00
Payment due on the 20th of the month following the date of this invoice.	
<i>Total Value non-taxable supply(s)</i>	13,760.00
<i>Total Value taxable supply(s) excluding GST</i>	0.00
<i>Total GST Payable</i>	0.00
TOTAL	13,760.00



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: **13,760.00**

Account No 4757.01

Invoice No 41449

Billing Ref 12-475701

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