


Meeting Minutes		
Rotokākahi Cultural Monitoring – Meeting 2		
Date:	30/08/2024	
Time:	4:30pm – 6:00pm	
Purpose:	To discuss process and next steps for Cultural Monitoring of the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme pipeline along the Lake Rotokākahi area.	
Venue:	Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council, Civic Centre, 1061 Haupapa Street	
Facilitator:	Stavros Michael	
Attendees:	<p>Rotorua Lakes Council (Council) Andrew Moraes, Stavros Michael, Eric Cawte, Gerhard Mostert, Kahurangi White-Parsons, Simone Garcia (minute-taker)</p> <p>Fulton Hogan Ken McLeod, Daniel Snow, Ross Dallaway</p> <p>Rotokākahi Board of Control (RBOC) William Roach, Whata Skipwith, Michele Hawe, Kemp Winiata, Wally Lee, Peter Moke, Jonathan Mason, Jemma Hamiora-Smith</p>	
Apologies:	Paul Warbrick	

1. Agenda

1. Karakia timatanga by Kahurangi
2. Matters arising from previous minutes
3. Council's decision to pause the construction work – Stavros/Andrew
4. Access way to the other side of Tarawera road
5. Communication management
6. Fulton Hogan reports
7. Final comments
8. Karakia whakamutunga by Kahurangi

2. Meeting Notes and Actions

Ref.	Discussion Points
1	Karakia timatanga by Kahurangi
2	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jonathan received the information noted in Meeting 1 actions. Jonathan and Kahurangi will schedule a meeting on Monday to discuss the deficiencies in information. If Jonathan requires more information, Kahurangi can liaise with the appropriate Council staff. 2. The following corrections were requested by Jemma: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Persons from RBOC who were in attendance at Meeting 1 – William Roach, Michele Hawe, Kemp Winiata, Wally Lee, Peter Moke, Jonathan Mason. 2.2. Persons from RBOC who were not in attendance at Meeting 1 – Whata Skipwith. 3. The following post meeting notes and actions were discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Under section 4 'Culturally significant sites' point 1, Jonathan noted that Warena Morgan disputes giving any confirmation regarding the Lake Rotokākahi area limits. Kahurangi noted that there was previous email correspondence referencing this matter; Jonathan requested Kahurangi to share these emails with RBOC.

	<p>3.2. Under section 7 'Communication management' point 2, Wally noted that any terms of agreement regarding communication between RBOC and Council were in-principle and were not officially signed. Kahurangi noted that there was previous email correspondence referencing this matter; Jonathan requested Kahurangi to share these emails with RBOC.</p>
3	<p>Council's decision to pause the construction work – Stavros/Andrew</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Over the last 15 years, Council has an overarching objective with all iwi and mana whenua, to gradually address water quality issues around Te Arawa lakes. Council is still keen to peruse these objectives, as are all iwi, mana whenua and other partners. It is important to acknowledge that there has been tension in the last few days. Council wants to genuinely to help ease this tension and bridge the gaps in information. As such, Council has decided to pause the construction works for a period of time. During this pause, traffic management and security at the work site will remain operational for safety purposes, as it is still a controlled work site. Council is still dedicated to pursue the objectives of directing sewage away from Lake Tarawera, and is hoping that this pause will allow Council, RBOC and other partners time: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To exchange information, To ensure that the information is accurate and representing the facts of the project, To collectively identify objectives, and To collectively discuss the best approach to achieve these objectives. Wally enquired about the timeline for the pause. Andrew responded acknowledging the passing of Māori King, Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII, and that time is needed to pay respects. Andrew noted that the timeline is also dependent on meaningful conversations that need to happen. Jonathan acknowledged Council's decision to pause the work and noted that RBOC is aware that it is still an active work site.
4	<p>Access way to the other side of Tarawera road</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Whata noted that RBOC would like fencing removed, so people can access the other side of the road. Ken noted that, for the duration of the pause, Fulton Hogan can open up the fences to provide a corridor to the other side of the road, with safety considerations. Andrew noted that discussing this decision with RBOC was the first step in this process. Council will publish a statement regarding pausing the works tonight and will discuss the details with Police, Fulton Hogan and other stakeholders next week.
5	<p>Communication management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan requested Kahurangi to provide a list of RBOC members included on previous email correspondence. Stavros reiterated Jonathan's previous point about collectively resolving any communication issues that RBOC and Council may have had in the past. Whata noted that their iwi community have been in the Lake Rotokākahi area and will continue to remain in this area; Council has been around and will continue to remain; he agreed that Council and RBOC need to bridge the gap and build the relationship. Jonathan and Whata noted that other iwi groups (like TTA and TALT) are considered supportive. However, matters pertaining to the Lake Rotokākahi area need to be discussed directly with RBOC. Stavros agreed that the Lake Rotokākahi area is an area of interest to RBOC, but it is also part of wider interests. Council needs to work collaboratively and communicate with all parties of interest, to avoid unnecessary conflicts. Andrew noted that there are multiple conversations with multiple interested parties. His role as CEO of Council involves working for everyone in Te Arawa. He clarified that he will still continue to have other conversations.

6	<p>Fulton Hogan reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan commended Fulton Hogan's reports. He noted that the Cultural Engagement section of the reports consistently noted that there was no interaction with the cultural team. Gerhard clarified that this is in reference to onsite cultural interaction; most cultural interactions was dealt with in-house through Kahurangi. Stavros noted that, over the next few weeks, there is an opportunity for Jonathan and Kahurangi to discuss the scope of the Lake Rotokākahi Cultural Monitor, involvement, etc. 			
7	<p>Final comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stavros noted that Council represents all communities within the Rotorua district. Council will continue to interact in the interest of all Rotorua communities. It is not optional for Council not to talk with people. The key objective is to find balance in a respectful way, to move forward. Council hopes this is reciprocated and looking forward to working with RBOC in this direction. Andrew noted that Council and RBOC needs to keep the dialogue going, and Council is committed to having valuable and meaningful conversations with RBOC. Wally noted that RBOC looks forward to seeing no more surprises. 			
8	<p>Karakia whakamutunga by Kahurangi</p>			
Ref.	Actions	Assignee	Due Date	Action Taken
1*	<p>Kahurangi to email Jonathan and RBOC members the following, and leave printed copies at Council front desk for Jonathan to collect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All Fulton Hogan monthly reports; All DDL monthly reports; Heritage New Zealand Archaeological Authority; Archaeological Report; RBOC's Risk Register (sent previously in September 2023). <p>Note: Cultural Impact Assessment / Reports are available on Council project website: Tarawera Sewerage Scheme - Rotorua Lakes Council</p>	Kahurangi	30/08/24	Completed by 30/08/24
2*	Schedule a follow up meeting Friday 30 August 2024 between Council and RBOC	Kahurangi	30/08/24	Completed by 30/08/24
3	Council to issue publish a statement regarding pausing the works	Council	30/08/24	Completed by 30/08/24
4	<p>Jonathan requested Kahurangi to share the following with RBOC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emails regarding section 4 'Culturally significant sites' point 1. Emails regarding section 7 'Communication management' point 2. A list of RBOC members included on previous email correspondence. 	Kahurangi	Week of 02/09/24	
5	Meet to discuss deficiencies in information and discuss the scope of the Lake Rotokākahi Cultural Monitor, involvement, etc.	Kahurangi / Jonathan	Week of 02/09/24	
6	Discuss details with Police, Fulton Hogan and other stakeholders.	Council	Week of 02/09/24	

* Action item carried over from last meeting

Meeting concluded at 5:10pm