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Dear Property Owner,

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Update: Stage 1 of Tarawera sewerage scheme

Further to our update on 29 November 2024, work has concluded on the legal process involved in obtaining an injunction to allow the safe completion of Stage 1 of the Tarawera sewerage scheme.

The installation of pipework under Tarawera Road is 90% complete. Work paused on 30 August 2024 to address concerns from iwi and hapū regarding project information.

The injunction, granted by the Rotorua District Court last month, aims to ensure the safety of contractors, protestors and members of the public when work resumes.

Planning for the resumption of work is underway, but we can confirm there will be no disruption over the summer-holiday period.

Council has decided work on Stage 1 will resume in early 2025 to ensure residents and visitors can enjoy the festive season without work-zone traffic disruptions on Tarawera Road.

Elected members continue to explore a range of options to alleviate the cost burden for Tarawera ratepayers.

These options could be further considered and consulted on through the annual plan process and we will advise residents once decisions have been made.

Council has already voted to re-allocate \$2m previously tagged for the Aquatic Centre towards this project.

We would like to thank you for your support during Stage 1 of the project and for your collaboration on Stage 2, which involves the installation of sewerage assets on private properties.

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully



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