

PNotice of Motion

Submitted on 07th of March 2019-

Attention: Eric Perry, Relationship Manager, Local Board Services

In accordance with Standing Order 2.5.1, I hereby give notice that I wish to move the following motion at the 19th March 2019 meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

Recommendations

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) *Notes the Board's Chair was not included at a meeting outside the Ferry Terminal in Devonport of the Mayor, Ward Councillor and biosecurity officials on Sunday the 17th of February 2019.*
- b) *Request that the Mayor's Office advise what the Office's expected role of the Local Board or local board Chair, should be during issues of high community interest and concern such as the recent fruit fly outbreak in Devonport given the special role that the Local Board has in its local board area for the 4 Rs (of Reduction, Readiness, Response, and Recovery) in emergency management including biosecurity issues and in general to act in the best interests of its citizens now and in the future.*

Background

1. Notwithstanding this meeting relating to and the ramifications from the discovery of a fruit-fly on February the 13th down in Devonport as reported in The Devonport Flagstaff (22/02/2019) on page 5 with a photo of the Mayor, Ward Councillor Darby and biosecurity chief Catherine Duthie on Sunday the 17th of February 2019 was arranged at short notice, the Mayor's Office managed to invite a Ward Councillor, therefore equally there was an opportunity to invite the Local Government Chair (or his delegated representative) from the area that was directly impacted by the bio-security emergency
2. That as per the swearing in Declaration of elected representatives in the wider Auckland Council that in relationship to the Devonport-Takapuna area the DTLB members are the only ones specifically identified to be required to act in the best interests for this area. The Declaration the Chair and all members of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board in their swearing in make is:

" I...(Name)..... declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute and perform , in the best interests of Devonport-Takapuna the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon me as a member of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act."

3. No other swearing in of an elected representative in Auckland specifically states that the elected representative whether a Councillor or the Mayor states that they must specifically act solely in the best interests of Devonport-Takapuna.

4. Given that Devonport sees themselves as a chemical free area obviously there would be serious implications for the DTLB if it was necessary, as has occurred in the past in other areas of Auckland, when to get rid of the fruit-fly it was necessary to use planes to aerially chemically spray the area infested.
5. Auckland Civil Defence Emergency Group Plan 2016-2021

<https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/media/1054/19-pro-0212-resilient-auckland-online-doc-update-proof1.pdf>

Under the Heading Management and Governance (Part B)

Roles and responsibilities of Local Boards (page 97)

“The Auckland region is divided into 21 local boards, as presented in Figure 8. Auckland’s 21 local boards are a key part of Auckland Council governance. They represent and make decisions on local matters provide local leadership and support, strong local communities

(Page 98)..It is the responsibility of the 21 local boards to drive the 4 Rs framework with their communities at a grassroots level. CDEM Group works with the local boards to develop and implement strategies, plans and policies to create resilient communities.

Reduction

- Advocate and promote goals and priorities in the Group Plan
- Encourage increased investment in disaster risk reduction
- Promote disaster risk reduction to influence opinion and action for sustainable development

Readiness

- Work with local communities and businesses to increase understanding and participation in building resilience
- Participate in training and development

Response

- Two-way communication and information flow to ensure consistent and timely messaging
- **Leadership in local matters**

Recovery

- **Support impacted communities**
- **Contribute to strategic planning for recovery**

I would of thought the three bold points were very relevant to the role of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board relating to the fruit fly outbreak namely:

- **Leadership in local matters**
- **Support impacted communities**
- **Contribute to strategic planning for recovery**

6. National Disaster Resilience Strategy which includes biosecurity as a hazard and part of civil defence. (eg pages 1, 6 and 14)

https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/PAP_84937/5f64afb39838f03b43f943b88cb5d397e199b422

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Mike Cohen QSM JP

Member of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Grant Gillon

Deputy Chair of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board