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# Howick Local Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Howick Local Board held in the Howick Local Board Meeting Room, Pakuranga Library Complex, 7 Aylesbury Street, Pakuranga on Thursday, 17 April 2025 at 12.14pm.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

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|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Chairperson</b>        | Damian Light    |                     |
| <b>Deputy Chairperson</b> | Bo Burns        | Via electronic link |
| <b>Members</b>            | David Collings  |                     |
|                           | Bruce Kendall   | Via electronic link |
|                           | John Spiller    |                     |
|                           | Mike Turinsky   |                     |
|                           | Adele White, JP |                     |
|                           | Peter Young, JP |                     |

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

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| <b>Member</b> | Katrina Bungard |
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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

### 1.1 Electronic Attendance

Resolution number HW/2025/41

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note and confirm the requests from Deputy Chairperson Bo Burns and Member Bruce Kendall to attend the meeting via electronic link to accommodate the Members being at a place that makes their physical presence impossible.**

**CARRIED**

Note: The Chair gave permission to Chris Harrowell of The Times to record the meeting for journalistic purposes.

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number HW/2025/42

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Member Katrina Bungard for absence.**

**CARRIED**

## 3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number HW/2025/43

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 20 March 2025, as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## 5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

## 6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

### 6.1 Acknowledgement - Subash Chandar K on winning Local Hero of the Year

Resolution number HW/2025/44

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **āhukahuka / acknowledge and congratulate Subash Chandar K on being named the Local Hero of the Year at the 2025 Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards. A mathematics teacher at Ormiston Junior College in Flat Bush, he has been described as “a game-changing mathematics educator who has made a significant impact on students across Aotearoa New Zealand since 2013”. “His dedication to making maths approachable and engaging has been life-changing for many learners, leading to improved exam results and a deeper appreciation for the subject. Through his innovative and selfless efforts, Subash has become a vital educational resource for students across the country.”**

**CARRIED**

## 7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

## 8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

### 8.1 Deputation - Pakuranga Early Learning Centre

Resolution number HW/2025/45

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / thank Hanin Taqieh and Susanne Fraser for their deputation and attendance.**

**CARRIED**

### 8.2 Deputation - New Zealand Ethnic Social Services, (NZESS)

Resolution number HW/2025/46

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / thank Mehdi Shahbazzpour for his deputation and attendance.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Attachments**

- A 17 April 2025, Howick Local Board - Deputation - New Zealand Ethnic Social Services, (NZESS) - Mehdi's Presentation

## 9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

**9.1 Public Forum - Janet Dickson and Peter Bankers of the Howick Residents and Ratepayers Association**

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) whakamihi / thank Janet Dickson and Peter Bankers for their presentation and attendance

Resolution number HW/2025/47

Member D Collings moved an amendment to the original motion, as follows:

MOVED by Member D Collings, seconded by Member P Young:

That the Howick Local Board:

- b) tono / request staff to provide an update or information around the heritage listing for Stockade Hill.

**CARRIED**

Resolution number HW/2025/48

The substantive motion was put:

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / thank Janet Dickson and Peter Bankers for their presentation and attendance**
- b) **tono / request staff to provide an update or information around the heritage listing for Stockade Hill.**

**CARRIED**

*The Board adjourned at 1.07pm*

*The Board reconvened at 1.27pm*

*Note: The Chair accorded precedence to Item 17 - Kōkiri: Local Board Transport Capital Fund Projects at this time.*

**17 Kōkiri: Local Board Transport Capital Fund Projects**

*Lorna Stewart – Elected Member Relationship Advisor (AT) and Raman Singh – Senior Traffic Engineer (AT) were in attendance to speak to this item.*

Resolution number HW/2025/49

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tono / request Auckland Transport to:**
  - i) **continue with the Site 1b - #23 The Parade crossing near Devon Road and Site 2 - #41 The Parade pram crossing with the remaining budget (\$155,319) for the Parade traffic calming project Stage 2; and**
  - ii) **allocate an additional \$350,000 to design and deliver the remaining sites of the Parade traffic calming project Stage 2:**

- A) Site New - #54 The Parade pram crossing - \$70,000.
  - B) Site 3 - Wharf Road intersection zebra and lighting - \$90,000.
  - C) Site 1a - Devon Road crossing - \$180,000.
  - D) Site 5 - Laings Road marking and splitter island - \$27,000.
- b) toha / allocate the new cost savings of \$150,000 to:
- i) Cook Street (\$150,000 out of the \$200,000 estimate) pedestrian facility; and
  - ii) Kilimanjaro Drive pedestrian improvements - Option 1: Pedestrian refuge island at the playground – as a contingency project.

**CARRIED**

*Note: The Chair accorded precedence to Item 14 - Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house at this time*

#### **14 Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house**

*John Nash – Programme Manager Planning and Operations was in attendance to speak to this item.*

Resolution number HW/2025/50

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member D Collings:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide feedback on staff proposals relating to the allocation of decision-making responsibility for:**
  - i) **the urban regeneration and property management activities currently governed by the Eke Panuku board:**
    - A) **tuhi tīpoka / note our previous feedback (HW/2024/209) opposing the “the transfer of urban regeneration to Auckland Council on the basis that the CCO Model provides valuable independence.” while supporting “the consolidation of property management under Auckland Council”.**
    - B) **tautoko / support the proposed allocations and encourage staff to progress the potential future allocations that are consistent with empowered local board as soon as possible.**
  - ii) **the economic development activities currently governed by the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited board to either the Governing Body or local boards in accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009:**
    - A) **tuhi tīpoka / note our previous feedback (HW/2024/209) to “support the transfer of economic development into Auckland Council and encourage greater investment to deliver returns for Auckland.”**
    - B) **tuhi tīpoka / note that Auckland Council has not delivered on economic development which will require additional focus and resources.**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note that staff recommendations and feedback from local boards will be considered at the Governing Body meeting on 29 May 2025 and associated changes to the allocation of decision-making table will be implemented as part of Annual Plan 2025/2026 decisions**
- c) **tuhi tīpoka / note that further work is required in relation to determining the future decision-making allocation on:**

- i) funding of new priority urban regeneration or development locations as additional programmes are identified
  - ii) how anticipated demand from local boards for local economic development and urban regeneration advice is to be addressed
  - iii) property management decisions (undertaken as part of the Group Property Review)
- d) **tuku / provide feedback on any other matters requiring review.**
- i) request that council provides sufficient resources to support the increased local board decision-making including access to quality advice in a timely manner.

**CARRIED**

*Note: The Chair accorded precedence to Item 13 - Proposed changes to the draft Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy at this time*

### **13 Proposed changes to the draft Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy**

*Aubrey Bloomfield – Principal Policy Advisor Community Investment and Carole Canler – Senior Policy Manager Community Investment were in attendance virtually to speak to this item.*

Resolution number HW/2025/51

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **ohia / endorse the final amended Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy in Attachment B**
- b) **ohia / endorse updating the open space provision standards in the strategy with Option package two – capacity-focused approach: provide more open space than currently enabled in high- and medium-density areas where residents have low or moderate levels of provision.**

**CARRIED**

### **10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

### **11 Governing Body Members' Update**

There was no Governing Body Members' Update

Secretarial Note: At the start of the term, it was agreed that reports from the ward Councillors will be provided when there are board-specific updates to share. No report was received for this meeting.

### **12 Chairperson's Report**

Resolution number HW/2025/52

MOVED by Member A White, seconded by Member J Spiller:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Chairperson’s verbal update and updated written report that includes the 4 April Pest Free Howick Ward Festival.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 17 April 2025, Howick Local Board: Chairperson's Report - Chair Light's Updated Written Report

*Note : item 13 – Proposed changes to the draft Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy and item 14 – Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house were considered prior to item 10 – Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business*

**15 Howick Local Board Grant Programme 2025/2026**

Resolution number HW/2025/53

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **adopt the Howick Grants Programme 2025/2026 included as Attachment A to the agenda report.**

**CARRIED**

**16 Howick Local Grant Round Two 2024/2025 grant allocations**

*Note: The Chair accorded precedence to part c) of Item 16 at this time*

Resolution number HW/2025/54

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

That the Howick Local Board:

- c) **agree to fund, part-fund, or decline each application in Howick Local Grants round two 2024/2025 listed in the following table:**

**Table One: Howick Local Grant round two 2024/2025 grant applications**

| Application ID | Organisation                      | Main focus | Requesting funding for   | Amount requested  | Amount approved   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| LG2507-254     | Business East Tamaki Incorporated | Events     | Towards the cost of a speaker, transport costs, catering and venue hire at the Pakuranga United Rugby Club | \$9,865.00        | \$8,615.00        |
| <b>Total</b>   |                                   |            |  | <b>\$9,865.00</b> | <b>\$8,615.00</b> |

**CARRIED**

Resolution number HW/2025/55



MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) agree to fund, part-fund, or decline each application in Howick Local Grants round two 2024/2025 listed in the following table:

**Table One: Howick Local Grant round two 2024/2025 grant applications**

| Application ID | Organisation   | Main focus           | Requesting funding for  | Amount requested | Amount approved        |
|----------------|--|----------------------|---|------------------|------------------------|
| LG2507-257     | Action Education Incorporated                          | Community            | Towards the cost of travel, administration, supervision, equipment and resources                        | \$5,000.00       | Declined<br>Ineligible |
| LG2507-239     | Allegro Ice Dance Club Incorporated                    | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of ice hire and coaching costs from the 3 June 2025 to the 29 July 2025                | \$39,974.75      | \$10,000.00            |
| LG2507-255     | Amy Wang   | Arts and culture     | Towards the cost of advertising, instructor fees and venue hire at the Uxbridge                         | \$1,000.00       | \$1,000.00             |
| LG2507-263     | Auckland Hockey Association Incorporated               | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of fence remeshing at Lloyd Elsmore Park Hockey Stadium                                | \$10,000.00      | Declined<br>Ineligible |
| LG2507-208     | Auckland Seniors Support And Caring Group Incorporated | Arts and culture     | Towards the cost of venue hire  | \$5,000.00       | Declined<br>Ineligible |
| LG2507-261     | Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust                        | Community            | Towards the cost of venue hire, videography and photography   | \$3,000.00       | Declined<br>Ineligible |
| LG2507-234     | Big Buddy Mentoring Trust                              | Community            | Towards the cost of rent in Greenlane psychiatric assessments in Herne Bay, advertising costs and wages | \$5,000.00       | \$1,500.00             |

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| LG2507-247 | BirdCare Aotearoa                                    | Community            | Towards the operational costs of Birdcare Aotearoa  | \$6,390.00  | \$6,390.00             |
| LG2507-258 | Botany Chinese Association Incorporated              | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of venue hire at Te Tuhi, Glen House and Papakura Baptist Church from May 2025 to April 2026 | \$14,144.00 | \$5,000.00             |
| LG2507-266 | Brain Play Limited                                   | Community            | Towards the cost of laptop hire and 3D printer hire   | \$3,013.00  | \$3,013.00             |
| LG2507-250 | Connect the Dots Charitable Trust                    | Community            | Towards the cost of artist educator fees and art materials  | \$6,839.73  | \$6,839.73             |
| LG2507-202 | East Skate Club Incorporated                         | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of skate ramps   | \$11,732.75 | \$5,000.00             |
| LG2507-248 | The Brain Injury Association (Auckland) Incorporated | Community            | Towards operational costs for brain injury workshops  | \$3,425.00  | \$1,000.00             |
| LG2507-265 | Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre Incorporated         | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of upgrading the audio sound system  | \$9,493.85  | Declined<br>Ineligible |
| LG2507-241 | Howick Squash Club Incorporated                      | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of squash balls, squash ball box, soft grip box and squash rackets                           | \$5,040.00  | \$5,040.00             |
| LG2507-206 | Howick Village Association Incorporated              | Community            | Towards the cost of replacing three CCTV cameras  | \$9,199.00  | \$5,000.00             |

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| LG2507-262 | iSpeak Trust Board  | Community            | Towards workshops costs and facilitator wages for the "Launch Pad" speaking skills project  | \$5,800.00  | \$3,000.00                                   |
| LG2507-212 | Kila's Style Trust  | Arts and culture     | Towards operational costs for the "Dressed in Confidence" project including various salaries, administration costs, venue hire, cash, t-shirts, evaluations, reporting costs and catering costs | \$10,000.00 | Declined<br>Low priority – operational costs |
| LG2507-213 | Kiwiora Community Trust                                     | Community            | Towards the cost of Thai, Indian, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese cooking workshops   | \$3,800.00  | \$1,400.00                                   |
| LG2507-238 | Life Education Trust Counties Manukau                       | Community            | Towards the cost of programme delivery  | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00                                   |
| LG2507-270 | LifeKids Trust  | Community            | Towards the cost of wages   | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00                                   |
| LG2507-209 | New Zealand Multicultural Arts & Sports Centre Incorporated | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of venue hire and tickets to the NBL   | \$3,141.84  | Declined<br>Ineligible                       |
| LG2507-211 | New Zealand Multicultural Arts Association Incorporated     | Community            | Towards the cost of rent, new sound equipment, musical instruments, music teacher fee and Microsoft Office Personal Edition   | \$6,629.00  | \$3,000.00                                   |

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| LG2507-214 | New Zealand Council of Victim Support Groups Incorporated | Community            | Towards the operational costs of NZ Council of Victim Support Groups in Ormiston Police Station | \$7,000.00  | Declined<br>Ineligible                        |
| LG2507-264 | Pakuranga Athletic Club Incorporated                      | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of a water blaster and fence   | \$7,690.00  | Declined<br>Ineligible                        |
| LG2507-226 | Pakuranga Chinese Association Incorporated                | Community            | Towards the cost of venue hire at Te Tuhi, Glen House and Pakuranga Leisure Centre              | \$18,500.00 | \$5,000.00                                    |
| LG2507-244 | Pakuranga Tennis Club Incorporated                        | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of rent  | \$7,900.00  | \$6,000.00                                    |
| LG2507-205 | PHAB Association (Auckland) Incorporated                  | Community            | Towards the cost of wages and taxi fares  | \$5,000.00  | \$5,000.00                                    |
| LG2507-246 | Pregnancy Help Incorporated                               | Community            | Towards the cost of rent at 10 Aylesbury Street inside Pakuranga Plaza                          | \$6,908.25  | Declined<br>Low priority – operational costs. |
| LG2507-215 | Re-Creators Charitable Trust                              | Community            | Towards tutor costs   | \$5,060.00  | Declined<br>Low priority – operational costs. |
| LG2507-252 | Roskill Together Trust                                    | Environment          | Towards the operating costs of the EcoPlay Challenge  | \$9,990.00  | Declined<br>Low priority – operational costs  |
| LG2507-236 | Sowers Trust  | Community            | Towards salary costs  | \$13,500.00 | \$6,000.00                                    |
| LG2507-218 | Special Olympics Howick-Pakuranga                         | Sport and recreation | Towards the cost of taxi fares  | \$9,400.00  | \$9,400.00                                    |

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| LG2507-242   | The Howick & Districts Historical Society Incorporated | Arts and culture | Towards payment cost to Tim Walker Associates for a new strategic plan  | \$4,500.00          | \$4,500.00                                     |
| LG2507-251   | Korea-NZ Cultural Association                          | Arts and culture | Towards instructor fees, sewing kits, prep time, marketing and promotional costs  | \$3,000.00          | \$1,500.00                                     |
| LG2507-228   | The Toy Library Howick and Pakuranga Incorporated      | Community        | Towards the cost of one years rent from July 2025 to June 2026  | \$7,200.00          | \$7,000.00                                     |
| LG2507-268   | Tread Lightly Charitable Trust                         | Environment      | Towards the cost of wages and towing costs for the Tread Lightly caravan  | \$11,553.00         | Declined<br>Low priority – operational costs.  |
| LG2507-235   | Warrior Wrestling Entertainment Limited                | Events           | Towards the cost of venue hire of the Michael Williams Sports Centre in Pakuranga, 400 chairs, production costs, videography and photography, graphic design costs and media campaign costs | \$3,457.00          | \$980.00                                       |
| LG2507-253   | Youthline Auckland Charitable Trust                    | Community        | Towards the cost of volunteer clinical supervision and telecommunication costs  | \$10,000.00         | Declined<br>Low priority – regional, not local |
| <b>Total</b> |  |                  |   | <b>\$318,281.17</b> | <b>\$112,562.73</b>                            |

**CARRIED**

Resolution number HW/2025/56

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- b) agree to fund, part-fund, or decline each application in Howick Local Grants round two 2024/2025 listed in the following table:

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| Application ID | Organisation | Main focus | Requesting funding for | Amount requested | Amount approved |
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| LG2507-245   | Auckland East Chinese Society Incorporated | Arts and culture | Towards the cost of venue hire at St Johns and Pakuranga Community Hall, a new karaoke machine a new projector and an amplifier | \$8,385.76        | \$3,000.00<br>For the venue hire of Pakuranga Community Hall only. |
| <b>Total</b> |  |                  |   | <b>\$8,385.76</b> | <b>\$3,000.00</b>  |

**CARRIED**

Note: part c) of Item 16 was considered prior to part a)

Resolution number HW/2025/57

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member J Spiller:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- d) agree to fund, part-fund, or decline each application in Howick Local Grants round two 2024/2025 listed in the following table:

**Table One: Howick Local Grant round two 2024/2025 grant applications**

| Application ID | Organisation            | Main focus | Requesting funding for  | Amount requested   | Amount approved   |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| LG2507-256     | Digital Seniors Limited | Community  | Towards the cost of wages, advertising, coaching costs, hub costs, phone and wifi costs | \$10,000.00        | \$2,000.00        |
| <b>Total</b>   |                         |            |   | <b>\$10,000.00</b> | <b>\$2,000.00</b> |

**CARRIED**

Note: Under Standing Order 1.9.7, Member P Young requested that their dissenting vote be recorded

Resolution number HW/2025/58

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- e) agree to fund, part-fund, or decline each application in Howick Local Grants round two 2024/2025 listed in the following table:

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| Application ID | Organisation                               | Main focus | Requesting funding for  | Amount requested   | Amount approved                              |
|----------------|--|------------|---|--------------------|--|
| LG2507-210     | Guardians of Our Children Charitable Trust | Community  | Towards the operational costs of Guardians of our Children Charitable Trust | \$15,000.00        | Declined<br>Low priority – operational costs |
| <b>Total</b>   |  |            |   | <b>\$15,000.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>                                |

**CARRIED**

*Note: item 17 - Kōkiri: Local Board Transport Capital Fund Projects was considered prior to item 14 – Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house*

## **18 Howick Play Plan 2025**

*Jacquelyn Collins – Play Portfolio Lead Sport and Recreation was in attendance virtually to speak to this item.*

Resolution number HW/2025/59

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whai / adopt the Howick Play Plan 2025 set out in Attachment A to this report.**

**CARRIED**

## **19 Howick Local Board views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025**

Resolution number HW/2025/60

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025 for inclusion in the Governing Body decision report on 1 May 2025. The Board:**
- i) **acknowledge that any development contributions approach needs to work for council, residents, and developers, balancing the needs of all parties to achieve the best outcomes for all.**
    - A) **the development contributions policy should take into account growth, works to attract investment, and make sure we have the funding to build the infrastructure Auckland needs. It needs to be fair and sustainable for the long haul. It is positive that the policy is taking a long-term viewpoint.**
    - B) **the Board therefore request absolute surety that the development contribution levies are applied to the purpose for which they are collected, and a means provided so that this can be monitored by all relevant parties should they wish to do so.**
  - ii) **support a periodic review and adjustment of the policy so that it continues to be relevant and applicable to changing conditions. Continue to prioritise community engagement, ensuring that Local Boards and the public have opportunities to provide feedback on the policy and its implementation.**
  - iii) **note that the timing and delivery of infrastructure projects needs to be taken into account. Unnecessary delays or poorly planned infrastructure can have a negative impact on developments and create additional costs for developers that will be passed onto residents.**
  - iv) **support the prioritisation of infrastructure projects that support planned growth areas and ensure that they are delivered on time. Communities**

should not have to wait for infrastructure; it should be done before or in conjunction with the developments.

- A) the Board also note that, to prioritise local community engagement projects especially in the Botany & Flat Bush areas, we need to consider public-private partnerships to speed up the completion of projects.
- v) request increased visibility and reporting on infrastructure projects funded by development contributions, including timelines and progress, for community and local boards.
- vi) request certainty that the way contributions are calculated is robust and can accommodate changes in factors such as growth and costs. And, that there is transparency in the way development contributions are calculated, allocated, and spent.
  - A) provide clear reasons for the allocation of costs to different types of development and funding areas.
  - B) ensure that the policy application is based on good data and analysis. This could be assisted with an independent input and review to inform the implementation of the policy.
- vii) support, in cases of a large development proposal (either as a whole or in a staged development manner), a system wherein the developer may pay only a proportion of the levy up front and then be able to make progressive payments over time as sales are achieved in the development.
  - A) this softens the up-front cost to developers and may enable developments to occur that otherwise may not.
  - B) the Board note that there is reference to staged developments in the proposal but this needs to be worked up in more detail to provide certainty to developers.

**CARRIED**

## 20 Local board feedback on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill

Resolution number HW/2025/61

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide the following feedback on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill.**
  - i) **tuhi tīpoka / note our previous feedback (HW/2024/190) in particular the desire to see a system that is effective, transparent, and does not unfairly punish those without alternative transport choice.**
  - ii) **do not support the implementation of Time of Use Charging until there are sufficient alternative transport options that provide real alternatives. Until we have a more reliable, better connected and faster transport system we cannot ask commuters to pay more via time of use charging.**

**CARRIED**

*Member P Young left the room at 3.01pm*



Member P Young returned to the room at 3.03pm

## 21 Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw

Resolution number HW/2025/62

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member J Spiller:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tūtohi / receive the public feedback from people in the local board area to the Governing Body proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the Auckland Council [Kaupapa mo ngā Kurī | Policy on Dogs 2019](#) and [Ture a Rohe Tiakina Kurī | Dog Management Bylaw 2019](#) in the agenda report.**
- b) **whakarato / provide its views on how the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel should address public feedback to the proposal in (a) to assist the Panel in its deliberations.**
  - i) **tuhi tīpoka / note that despite the strong response, the demographic breakdown suggests that the input is not representative of the entire population of Auckland or Howick. Higher responses by local board suggest participation has been driven by local dog access rules, which may skew the results.**
  - ii) **tautoko / support the request of the Professional Dog Walkers Association (supported by 3,456 signatures) to explore a license for professional dog walkers as a sensible compromise that will provide for greater control of dogs without making commercial operations impossible.**
  - iii) **Support the proposed changes for Te Arai and Pakiri regional parks.**
- c) **whakatuu / appoint Chairperson Damian Light to present the views in (b) to the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel.**
- d) **tuku mana / delegate authority to the local board chair to appoint a replacement to any appointed member in (c) who is unable to present to the Panel.**
- e) **toai / re-iterate the Board's previous feedback around enforcement and compliance per (HW/2024/177), as follows:**
  - i) ***“the Board believe that enforcement is critical to the success of any rule and continue to advocate for greater resources to enforce this and other bylaws.***
  - ii) ***in regard to proposed limit on the number of dogs that may be walked:***
    - A) ***acknowledge that under the current bylaw the default requires all dogs should be on leash in public parks and reserves unless otherwise specified.***
    - B) ***dogs may be off-leash on owners or carer's private properties if fully fenced; at designated 'off-leash' areas on public grounds/beaches, and in specifically established dog parks.***
    - C) ***the Board suggest greater consideration of the potential impact on commercial dog walkers and encourage further engagement with professional dog walker associations including potential regulations, but at this stage do not support a limit.***
    - D) ***all pack-walked dogs should be kept under control on a leash, irrespective of numbers.***
  - iii) ***in regard to the proposed changes for regional parks:***

- A) *there should be stronger controls and better signage to reflect these, restricting off leash dogs having free-running access to coastal areas that are known breeding areas for shorebirds and seabirds.*
- B) *the Board support the proposed more stringent controls for regional parks, with both these and other coastal locations both having coastal breeding sites. (Northern Dotterel are particularly vulnerable)."*

**CARRIED**

**22 Urgent Decision of the Howick Local Board to Formalise Input into Auckland Council's submission on the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards**

*Matt Fletcher – Democracy Advisor was in attendance to speak to this item.*

Resolution number HW/2025/63

MOVED by Member M Turinsky, seconded by Member J Spiller:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note the urgent decision made on 4 April 2025 to formalise the Howick Local Board's input into Auckland Council's submission on the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards by the Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai, as follows:**
  - i) **the Board request that the new wastewater environmental performance standards:**
    - A) **ensure that the percentage volume of discharge into a receiving environment is managed so that the receiving environment is not overwhelmed and kept below scientifically proven percentages ensuring native biodiversity is not degraded, and the ability to swim is maintained.**
    - B) **where the receiving environment is currently being overwhelmed by discharge (as a percentage), that urgency is given to ensuring that planning is done and made publicly available as to when water quality improvements will be seen.**

**CARRIED**

**23 Record of Howick Local Board Workshop Notes**

Resolution number HW/2025/64

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member P Young:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note the workshop record for the workshops held on 27 March and 3, 10 April.**

**CARRIED**

**24 Hōtaka Kaupapa | Governance Forward Work Calendar**

Resolution number HW/2025/65

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member P Young:

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) tuhi tīpoka / note the Hōtaka Kaupapa included as Attachment A of the agenda report.

**CARRIED**

**25 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.09 pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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