

MAKETU-TE PUKE WARD COMMUNITY FORUM

6 DECEMBER 2023

- DATE:** Wednesday 6 December, 7.00pm
- HELD:** Te Puke War Memorial Hall – Settlers Lounge, Te Puke
- TOPICS:**
- Part 1 – Planned Interaction
1. Draft Speed Management Plan
 2. Te Puke Spatial Plan
 3. Te Puke Recycling Centre
- Part 2 – Unplanned Interaction
1. No 1 Road Compliance Action
 2. No 1 Road Update
 3. Zoning Request in Maketu
 4. Water Meters in Maketu
 5. Manage, retreat submission.
 6. Newspaper doesn't have a police and other emergency reports.
 7. Levels of Service
- GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE:** R Davie (General Manager Strategy and Community)
- FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor R Crawford, Councillor G Dally, Councillor J Scrimgeour, Councillor A Wichers, Mayor J Denyer
- OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr D Thwaites, Cr M Murray-Benge, Dale Snell (Te Puke Community Board Member), and Stuart Whitaker (Te Puke Times)
- 11 members of the public.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: R Davie (General Manager Strategy and Community), N Rutland (Environmental Planning Manager), C McGirr (Policy Analyst), M Va'ai Matatia (Senior Environmental Planner), I Kruis (Resource Recovery and Wast Team Leader), C McLean (Director Transportation) and G Golding (Governance Manager).

INTRODUCTION:

The Convenor introduced all Councillors and staff present and welcomed all in attendance. A brief overview of the purpose of the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Community Forum was provided, noting this was an opportunity to have a free and frank discussion between Councillors and members of the public.

1. Draft Speed Management Plan

- The change in government had not given much detail, the proposal to retain speed limits only applied to State Highways.
- The Councillors would still need to confirm their proposal to central government.
- Speed limit changes would be phased in over 2-3 years.
- After 19 Dec Council would be finalising the speed management plan for adoption.
- Speed limits were reviewed every three years.
- Concerns were raised about the speed limit from Te Puke to Pāpāmoa being 80 km/h. Council could request it remain at 100kph, attendees felt that 100KPH was the most appropriate speed.
- Appropriate speed limits were determined by the physical features of the road. The Government put all of the information into a formula which identified what the appropriate speed limit was for that road.
- There was a query regarding monitoring of the new speed limits, Waka Kotahi would be managing speed cameras.
- Reducing speed reduce the amount of energy involved in a collision.
- The ideal speed for logging trucks was 80 km/h as this was the most efficient.

2. Te Puke Spatial Plan

- Spatial planning focused on the vision and planning process for the next 30-50 years for a place or region.
- Due to growth, there were associated impacts with housing and infrastructure.
- The Te Puke Spatial Plan process would work close with the community and obtain feedback about the vision for Te Puke.

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- The process for the Te Puke Spatial Plan would involve establishing a project plan, obtaining community input, developing issues and option papers, producing a draft and then adopting the final plan. Throughout the process there would be plenty opportunity to have input into the process.
 - A Subcommittee had been established and would provided guidance and steering with the Spatial Plan.
 - Next steps would involve facilitating community input, partnering with Tangata Whenua and working with community groups .
 - Staff would look at past data from previous consultations.
 - Plan Change 92 initiated the need for the Te Puke Spatial, Plan Change 92 enabled housing.
 - The project team was looking at the urban limits for Te Puke.
 - A query was raised about the 2019 Opus Consultants plans. SR28846 was raised for this query.

3. Te Puke Recycling Centre

- Council was required to have a Waste Minimisation Plan which guides solid waste activity.
- The community would like assistance with inorganic waste, greenwaste and more transfer stations in the District.
- By having a Waste Minimisation Plan, Council could receive government funding.
- A feasibility study was carried out on the resource recovery centre.
- Community groups of Te Puke got together and took the results to Council. Katikati and Te Puke were chosen by Council as best place to start for the Resource Recovery Centres.
- Tapuika is the community activator for the recovery centre and Kat D'Monchy (avid recycler) would be the person working to bring everything together.
- The Katikati resource recovery centre would be starting in March 2024. The resource recovery centre would be bespoke to the community.
- The Whakatane resource recovery centre, Thames 'Seagull Centre' and Raglan's Xtreme Zero Waste were also successful.
- Staff were not reinventing the wheel but sharing knowledge from other examples around the country.
- There would be nationwide standardisation for recycling.
- It was suggested there be a kerbside website page about what can go into the recycling and rubbish.

1. No 1 Road Compliance

- SR 28847 created to go to General Manager Regulatory Services for contact.

2. No 1 Road Update

- Consent was required from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for stormwater discharge.
- It was unlikely the works would be completed this summer.
- The maintenance for the road needed to be reported.
- There were concerns that the repairs being completed were not up to standard.

3. Zoning request in Maketu

- There was a request to rezone land in Maketu.
- Rural zoning should be rezoned to residential to create more housing opportunities.
- It was difficult for multiple owned māori land to be developed.
- Developing papakainga policy would be workshopped at Council.
- The Environmental Planning Manager advised that a private plan change could potentially rezone land.

4. Water meters in Maketu

- A query was raised about water meters in Maketu.
- Councillors confirmed that Ōmokoroa had water meters first.

5. Managed retreat submission

- The legislation affected māori by alienating them from their whenua.
- Concern was raised that there was a history with maps being drawn over whenua.
- Council had made a submission to Central Government's consultation process.
- There were concerns that residents in Maketu were blindsided by the submission and lack of information. Residents of Maketu requested the Mayor discuss the issue with residents.

6. Newspapers do not have a Police and other emergency reports

- Cr Crawford confirmed he would follow up this request.

7. Levels of Service

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- Staff would be considering the mowing and maintenance contracts.
 - Engineers were inspecting network at the moment and would pull together work programme.
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Actions taken tonight:

- SR 28846 was raised to answer Brendan Smith's query about the 2019 Opus Zoning Report to Environmental Planning team.
- SR 28847 to go to General Manager Regulatory Services was created in relation to the compliance action.

Commitments

- Cr Crawford committed to following up about the police report in the newspaper.
- Director Transportation to feedback to 69 No 2 Road, note taken for Robbie Johnson.
- Mayor to speak to Maketu residents.

The Convenor thanked all attendees for sharing their thoughts and concerns.

The forum closed at 9.00pm.