

RUAPEHU DISTRICT MAORI COUNCIL
(TE KAUNIHERA MAORI A ROHE O RUAPEHU)

MINUTES

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 1.20PM

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Mayor:	Sue Morris	
Councillors:	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
Iwi Representatives:	Tame Tuwhangai	Maniapoto Maori Trust Board
	Donna Tuwhangai	Te Ihingārangi
	Mere McGee	Te Koura Putaroa
	Arthur Edmonds	Tamahaki Council of Hapu
Staff:	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Maurice Wikaira	Team Leader - IT/Iwi Liaison Officer
	Pauline Love	Team Leader – Strategic Development
	Tracy Wikaira	Governance Support Officer

Mayor Sue Morris welcomed the Iwi representatives. Tame Tuwhangai opened the meeting with a karakia, including a tribute to the late Sir Howard Morrison. Ruapehu District Staff introduced themselves to the representatives.

1 **APOLOGIES** M35-0072

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Wayne Hudson be received and Leave of Absence granted.

2 **CONFIRM MINUTES (PUBLIC BUSINESS): 31 MARCH 2009** M80-0057

RESOLVED

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu Maori Council meeting held on 31 March 2009 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

3 **RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNCIL**

M35-0072

Tame Tuwhangai advised that the word “District” was essential to be included in the proposed name of the Council to ensure representation is district-wide.

4 **REPRESENTATION: MANDATED IWI MEMBERS**

M35-0072

Maniapoto (3)	Tuwharetoa (3)	Awa/Ngati Rangī (3)
Donna Tuwhangai ➤ Teihi Ngā Rangī	Edwin Ashford ➤ Tutetawha	Arthur Edmonds ➤ Tamahaki Council of Hapu
Mere McGee ➤ Te Koura Putaroa	Wayne Hudson ➤ Tutetawha	➤ Awaiting nomination
Tame Tuwhangai ➤ Maniapoto Maori Trust Board	Katherine Webb ➤ Tutetawha	➤ Awaiting nomination

David Hammond, Chief Executive, will contact Wayne Hudson regarding involvement of Ngati Hikairo. Iwi representatives were informed that if they are unable to attend a meeting to send in their apologies. Substitutes would need a written mandate. Other interested parties are welcome to attend and sit in the public gallery.

5 **DRAFT PURPOSES AND ROLES**

M35-0072

Members reviewed 31 March 2009 meeting regarding the purposes and roles of the RDMC. Members advised they would need to further consult with their Iwi regarding purposes and roles of the Council. These purposes recognise the overarching position of the Treaty of Waitangi and other statutory acts.

6 **DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES**

M35-0072

Members discussed delegated authorities. The following was agreed.

The RDMC has the:

- a) Authority to represent to Council on all governance issues relating to the statutory functions, powers and duties within its terms of reference.
- b) Authority to recommend how Council should develop Maori capacity to contribute to its decision-making processes.
- c) Authority to review and determine how the steps that Council will take to develop Maori capacity to contribute to its decision-making processes should be described, planned and monitored in the draft and final Ten Year Plan.
- d) Authority to formally receive iwi/hapu management plans.
- e) Authority to recommend the establishment of working parties as the need arises.

It was recognised that there were difficulties in the RDMC making decisions on behalf of Iwi authorities, or the District Council authority. The RDMC would be able to represent to both Iwi and the Council authorities.

It was decided that the frequency of meetings will be six weekly. The day of the meeting will be a Friday. This is to be revised in six months.

It was decided that the meeting allowance will be set at \$150.00 plus mileage at \$0.70 per kilometre (taxable). It was agreed that the Chief Executive would investigate the appropriate funding source to reimburse Members for their attendance at meetings.

7 **SCOPE AND PRIORITIES OF WORK**

M35-0072

The next meeting will have an induction briefing for the Iwi representatives on:

- induction
- legislative requirements
- standing orders,
- powers and duties
- the Local Government Act
- Resource Management Act.

Council listed some of its priority topics for the RDMC as:

- the District Plan
- a joint approach to establish a Memorandum of Understanding for resource consents
- the discrete remedies process

Agenda items are to be received two weeks prior to the meeting.

8 **PROCESS FROM HERE**

M35-0072

Once the Terms of Reference are completed fully, endorsement and support is formally required by all parties. The RDMC is still in an exploratory phase.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.00pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 20th day of November 2009.

SUE MORRIS
MAYOR AND INTERIM CHAIRPERSON