

Report to Board of Trustees meeting – Te Runanga-a-iwi-o- Ngapuhi

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Subject: Te Runanga-a-iwi-o-Ngapuhi Board Report

Tena koutou katoa

Farewell for Allen

I have discussed with Allen and his whanau that the Runanga would like to hold a farewell for him, given his years of service to Ngapuhi and the quality of service he carried out. Along with his wife they both have suggested that a evening dinner, with no expectations of speeches from him will be a good way forward, in Whangarei.

TRAIION Board Retreat

Held on the 30 May to review KPI's, review strategic direction over the period 2016-2017, consider key priorities for the Board, succession planning, board values and professional development for the board.

Key outcomes are:

1. KPI's are tracking well
2. Move from engagement with Crown/Government/NGO to MOU/Accords or Agreements
3. Top Board priorities for 2016-2017 are Education and Economic Development/specifically Employment
4. Education:
 - align Runanga Education strategy with schools strategy
 - appoint a Education sponsor or champion eg Te Ropu Poa, Jim Peters
 - appoint a candidate to apply for Governance vacancy at Northtec
5. Economic Development:
 - align Runanga economic development strategy with cradle to career Tai Tokerau Maori Economic Strategy, underpinned by education and employment
6. Succession Planning:
 - local schools appoint a student delegate to Takiwa
 - introduce Runanga kaupapa to schools
 - Explore how to include or involve scholarship recipients in Runanga business eg recipients to receive scholarships in Ngapuhi
 - Youth Council established
 - Transition iwi leaders to other roles

7. Professional Development:
- Financial literacy
 - Health & Safety Workshops
 - Communication and Media Training

Auckland South Corrections Facility (ASCF) meeting with Serco

At the invitation of Serco, who operate Auckland South Corrections Facility located in Wiri, a delegation from the Runanga comprising Matua Brian Joyce, Wane Wharerau and myself alongside Ngati Whatua Co-Chair Naida Glavish presented ourselves to the Prison.

The Department of Corrections has contracted securefuture to design, build, finance operate and maintain the new prison.

Securefuture has subcontracted Serco to operate the prison. The prison forms part of the Corrections prison estate, but is privately operated by Serco for 25 years.

ASCF has a strong focus on rehabilitation, prisoner outcomes will support Corrections efforts to reduce re-offending by 25percent by 2017, a focus that Ngapuhi shares and should work collaboratively to ensure success in the reduction of re-offending.

ASCF received the first of 950 prisoners in May 2015, a large number of the prison population are Ngapuhi.

A written report of the meeting by Acting Deputy Chair Wharerau is attached.

We would like to thank Therese Anders for organising and arranging the visit, and Serco Directors, CEO and Staff for sharing their vision, operation and the ongoing information sharing resulting from the visit.

Aotearoa NZ Maori Business Leaders Awards

Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi NAHC Director-Jason Witehira was awarded the Outstanding Maori Business Leader Award 2016.

This award was sponsored by the University of Auckland Business School, and recognises an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership characteristics including strong vision, inclusive management, governance skills, altruism, humility and making collaborative decisions for the common good.

Jason's award and acceptance speech was a popular choice from the many hundreds who attended. More than half of those in attendance rose to tautoko Jason through waiata, concluding the ceremony with a fierce haka performed by Ngapuhi, amidst resounding applause from all who attended. It was a very proud night for Jason, his wife and whanau and Ngapuhi katoa.

For the first time, I ensured representatives from each entity were invited to attend. It was great to have entity Chairs Leigh Auton and Hone Sadler present,

along with GM's from THOON and NISS. Both Raniera and Anaru were present invited by Auckland University. Making for a nice size presence spread across Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi.

Most Iwi Chairs throughout the country were present, alongside numerous Maori Dames and Knights, Directors and CEO's of most significant Maori Businesses including Ngai Tahu Holdings, Te Ohu Kaimoana to name a few.

Apart from the awards themselves, the focus of the night for us is to enable opportunities to network with Maori Business Leaders of the country and forge business relationships. This is a significant working event held annually.

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

A delegation representing NZTA met with a delegation from the Runanga to discuss NZ Transport agency and Northland Iwi 2016.

The purpose of the agency is to deliver transport solutions for a thriving new Zealand on behalf of the Government.

The NZTA is developing a number of projects relevant to Ngapuhi and identified in the current Regional Land transport programme. They include:

- Brynderwyn Improvement
- Loop Road
- Oakleigh to SH15
- Whangarei Corridor improvements
- Akerama improvements
- Inland Freight Route (New highway) Mangakahia Road

Discussions centred around planning and investment, access and use, highways and network operations.

The Transport Agency is also co-investing with Northland communities in many road safety initiatives. Improved safety is also a priority in projects being delivered across the region.

Including:

- Young drivers and keeping them safe.
- Commercial vehicle inspections
- Driver education
- SH1 Auckland to Whangarei
- Loop Road to Smeatons Hill
- SH1 Brynderwyn Hill
- Akerama Improvements
- Airfield to Lilypond

The Runanga and NZTA together will explore a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with terms of engagement and protocols to be considered.

NorthTec Iwi Leaders Meeting 23/5/16

As I reported on earlier, due to the situation NorthTec found themselves in with the proposed restructure, an Iwi Collective group came together with NorthTec leadership to discuss the same.

Following on from that the NorthTec CEO resigned. The leadership of NorthTec again called together the Iwi Leaders group to update them on the current situation.

NorthTec Council have chosen not to replace the CEO but instead a subcommittee comprising three senior managers will act as CEO who will carry out the tasks usually assigned to the CEO, the restructure has been retracted and change of roles have now been reversed back to the original roles. A “maori” role will be created to assist relationships for the whole team.

The NorthTec Council vacancy we were earlier informed of has been filled by a Ministerial appointment, however, another vacancy on the NorthTec council is now open closeoff date for applications is 30 June. The full Council make the final appointment.

NorthTec’s vision is to contribute to raising the region’s expectations and aspirations.

Because NorthTec is a region wide tertiary provider, and the largest tertiary education institution in the north, I suggest that a nominee endorsed by all the northern Iwi would carry weight and influence to this appointment.

In terms of planning and collaborating into the future, NorthTec favours regular meetings with the Iwi Leaders group.

Agreement was reached that NorthTec are committed to a strategic partnership Iwi/Northtec, studies at Northtec be aligned to the Tai Tokerau Maori Economic Strategy, where education and employment will underpin the strategy.

Rangitane Marsden, Phil Alexander and Walter Wells will further develop alignment of strategies with NorthTec.

Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi meet with the US Consul General

At the invitation of the US Consul General, Melanie Higgins, a delegation from Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi met with the Consul General in Whangarei. The delegation comprised Acting Deputy Chair Wane Wharerau, Trustee Mike kake and myself.

The Consul General was interested in the history, aspirations and economic opportunities for Ngapuhi, with a view to contributing to the economic space.

Our Team gave a historic and contemporary overview of Ngapuhi including He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o niu tireni me Te Tiriti o Waitangi, endorsing the view that Ngapuhi did not cede sovereignty.

An overview of the Runanga, subsidiaries and roles were espoused, the Takiwa reach alongside our local, regional and national tiers of involvement and engagement seemed to impress the Consul General.

Both sides mutually agreed that this meeting is the beginning of a longer conversation and partnership collaboration into the future.

Meanwhile, however, she has offered space for a young emerging leader to attend a international conference to gain global perspective across a number of issues. Costs to be shared. This to be further fleshed out in due course.

Further, a female emerging leader to attend a conference with other female emerging leaders to be held in Hawaii in the near future, this too to be further fleshed out.

The meeting was one of interactive conversation with input from everyone in attendance. Including the Maori TV reporter who said the karakia for us, Mike carrying out the mihimihi for haukainga, and Wane and Tio for the manuhiri side, as they had no speakers. Both the Consul General and her official were grateful for this awahi and support.

I want to thank our Acting Deputy Chair and Trustee Mike Kake for their contribution to a successful meeting, interspersed with strong facts and a few laughs, making for a productive and enjoyable meeting. It was great team work, and I believe the Consul General enjoyed the meeting too, as we went an hour over the allocated hour.

In terms of media coverage, while we attempted to show the early development of a positive and collaborative relationship between us, the media focus was more political and controversial. I take some responsibility for that by comments I made in the interview, which the media latched on to.

Upon discussing further with our Communications Manager any future media interviews held will begin with a briefing with consistent and key messages. As all Board members are advocates for our people all Board members will gain added skills by being included in future communications and media training, which I have added to our professional development package.

Mauri ora

Recommendation:

That, the Acting Chairs report be received and note the vacancy at NorthTec.

