

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

From: Carol Dodd – Acting Chair

Date: 2nd September 2016

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

Tena koutou katoa

This month in particular has been a very busy and active month for us all, for the sake of brevity I will highlight the priority issues only as mostly the Acting CEO has reported on other workstreams in hand.

Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi Chief Executive appointed

It is with great pleasure that we have announced the appointment of Tony Rowling as the incoming TRAION CEO and welcome him to the Runanga whanui, and we also welcome him back home to Ngapuhi.

Tony comes highly recommended from previous roles and employers he's had in the past, in fact, his current employer has resisted releasing him earlier.

Tony will begin November 2nd, the induction process has already begun for him through the Acting CEO's office, and we will work towards the powhiri process to truly welcome him home

From the Board I'd like to thank Mike Kake and the Appointments Committee, including Trustees Allen and Young, alongside the support of Susan Huria for developing and implementing a very thorough and robust process enabling this selection and appointment to be made.

I continue to receive positive feedback from many who are Ngapuhi, MP's and others we work with, who, in turn have worked alongside Tony across various kaupapa.

We would also like to congratulate Donovan Clarke on his appointment to the PHO. No doubt we will be working with him at some stage in the future.

#The process used is attached for your information.

He Tohu naming and launch

On the 10th August at the invitation of Minister Dunne I attended the launch of the naming of the upcoming exhibition of He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Women's suffrage Petition, accompanied by Trustee Allen and

Whaea Winnie Leach, Matua Wiremu Wiremu was to attend but got called away to a Huimate.

When we arrived in Poneke we had no kaumatua to mihi for us, I contacted Hemi Pou who resides there, and who spoke on our behalf. Others on the taumata were Haami Piripi, Peeni Henare, Matiu Ihaka, with waiata tautoko from Whaea Winnie and Nicky Birch. We were joined by other Ngapuhi who reside in Poneke.

The launch was attended by a number of manawhenua representatives and other iwi Leaders.

From the outset TRAION has been involved in the exhibition development and will continue to be involved. Sonny was an inaugural member of the Minister's iwi leaders partner group, and Allen Wihongi gave expert guidance from a Ngapuhi tikanga and design perspective.

The Exhibition Maori Advisors, Hinerangi Himiona and Hugh Karena, met with Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi just last week to select a liaison person on their behalf to be the go between person between DIA and themselves. To keep them engaged, updated and informed as the relocation from one site to another occurs and up to the upcoming exhibition launch itself. Kaumatua and Kuia agreed that I remain there as that person.

There are yet to be more Hui throughout Tai Tokerau to appoint others to a small team to work alongside DIA and Poneke manawhenua representatives.

Negotiated Agreement Review

The Negotiated Agreement between Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi and the Chair was reviewed by the Board and a decision made that it was complete and final.

Following on from that decision, the Board further resolved that the Chair was to remain on leave for a further 6 months 11/8/16-11/2/17 to allow him the time to complete his sentence of 3months, and to integrate the CEO over the following 3months.

This decision has caused debate within some Takiwa and in particular the right of the Trustee to vote without firstly consulting with their Takiwa. While the Board has a view on this, I have sought legal advice on behalf of the Board to further clarify, and I recommend that the Takiwa are provided with this advice, to dispel any confusion or concern..

Te Ohu Kaimoana Special General Meeting

On Tuesday 30th August the TOKM SGM was held in Wellington to put the resolutions of the Iwi Working Group (IWG).

Sonny is Deputy Chair to the IWG, Paul Knight is the technical advisor to the Reviewers (Chapman Tripp Korda Menta).

The resolution was passed 23-28 votes that any surplus funds are to be distributed in equal proportions to MIO's as opposed to population. The impact of this resolution is that the allocation to Ngapuhi will drop from \$3.79m to \$420k, however the TOKM levy is still to be funded on population basis.

We recognise that the northern Iwi votes would have made the difference to allocating on the basis of population, however, the northern Iwi voted for allocation based on MIO's.

This issue has been placed on the agenda for the upcoming Te Kahu o Taonui meeting on the 13th and I expect that it will also be placed on the IWI CE's agenda.

I asked Paul Knight to develop a paper on the outcomes for this Board meeting, please find attached.

Recommendation:

- a. That, the Takiwa be provided with the legal advice on Trustees rights to vote
- b. That, the Acting Chairs report be received.

