



CEO Management Report

23rd May – 31st July 2015

Tena koutou,

CEO Board report for May – July 2015

The work activities for this period continue to progress our POST SETTLEMENT transition into an asset receiving role and how we continue to progress those business requirements with the Crown and again linking that work into our PSGE strategy, and further as previous, with the Te Hiku (Social Accord / Korowai / Beach Board) and with other Iwi groups locally and regionally (Maori Economic Strategy). This work also brings us closer to settlement legislation, and its subsequent post signing requirements also, for 2015.

Work Task One: CROWN

The crown has since our last Board meeting, completed the **Second Reading** of the Te Hiku Settlement Bill (Settlement legislation) and I was in attendance with Rick Witana (Aupouri) at Parliament on 01 July 2015 for that event. I was able to catch up with the Office of Treaty Settlements on others matters regarding NgaiTakoto whilst there as well. The date for a possible 3rd and Final Reading of the legislation and settlement is potentially scheduled for **10 September 2015, at Parliament**. Final dates have yet to be confirmed.

The Select Committee hearings that were held in Kaitia on the 02 March 2015 and where representations were made by the x3 NgaiTakoto Marae Chairpersons to that select committee hearing, produced no recommendations, nor any responses to seeking legislative changes to the current bill as sought by those Marae committee Chairpersons. It was clear from my discussions with Select committee members and OTS, that NgaiTakoto are able to demonstrate consistency and fairness in our desires to make change for the better.

The only change to the Te Hiku legislation was the removal of the Kohukohu Police station from the Te Rarawa Settlement, in order for Te Ihutai (hapu) to seek the return of the Police station via their claim to be Ngapuhi, and to have the Police station returned to them in the Ngapuhi Settlement. Te Rarawa has already said they will give the police station over to Te Ihutai, as a part of the Te Rarawa Settlement.

The High Court action pending on behalf of Ngati Kahu, against the Waitangi Tribunal, was held on the 22 – 23 June in Wellington, has been completed, and all parties are awaiting a Judges report (Reserved Decision) as to his determinations.

Ngati Kahu Runanga were also unsuccessful in their submissions to the Select Committee hearing in Kaitaia, about getting the Te Hiku Settlement Legislation stopped.

Aupouri at present are having internal issues around the merging of the Trust Board into the Runanga and they were seeking Ministerial support into getting the matter sorted.

Work Task 2 PSGE

As previously indicated, further follow up Road show's are being potentially planned for November 2015 to continue progress on our Framework for Change discussion document.

Charitable Trust Deed – Work is progressing on redrafting the Charitable Trust Deed to ensure its functions and criteria are relevant to the overall PSGE Operations. Further scrutiny and input as (previously mentioned) from the Board members will contribute to improvements in, and of, the deed draft.

Commercial Entity Update: Members: Heta Hudson (Crowe Howorth), Craig Wells (Sumpter Baugher), Hugh Karena (Members), Mark Marino, (NgaiTakoto) and Sam Johnson (BNZ).

- **Commercial Entity Management Agreement** - In the process of being developed to draft form (Heta Hudson / Craig Wells).
- **Investment Policy / Strategy** - In the process of being developed to draft form (Hugh Karena / Sam Johnson) and encapsulating a project management role from MyFiduciary Consultants – David Cairns to building the overall Investment SIPO for settlement assets.

Attached:

- Introductory Letter, David Cairns, (MyFiduciary Consultants).
- Letter of Response (Rangitane – NgaiTakoto)
- Terms / Scope of services Agreement (MyFiduciary Consultants)

Work Task 4: OPERATIONS

Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 (In Draft)
Requires approval from Board.

Financial Audit – GST Update Accounts and Sumpter Baugher are continuing and are progressing this for IRD and GST purposes. Awhirangi is working directly with Sarah Kessell in this space. To date the GST component has been completed.

Administration / Communication's Position.

- Drew Sloane contract has been renewed until January 2016 The role entails co working with Awhirangi on registrations, typing and filing, and the office administration support role in reception.
- A job description and contract has been completed and signed.
- Lau'rell Pratt has also sought to reduce her work hours and her contract is currently being reviewed and re-drafted.

WORK TASK 5: COMMUNICATIONS

June 2015 Panui

- Completed and mailed out to Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Registered members.

Board Member, Roles / Tasks.

- Building Profiles and relationships between Board members and Beneficiaries – Using registrations and data base Information. Feedback on role and support for future beneficiary communications by Board members. (Ongoing).

Website: Database and Social Media platform-within communication strategy.

WORK TASK 6: BENEFICIARIES / MARAE

Wharemaru Marae:

- Progressing discussions / plans associated with Wharemaru Marae building project – Renovation / Building cost budget \$35k. Deduct from settlement redress sum.

Waimanoni Marae Opening:

Completed – Total Budget sought \$36k. Total spend \$32k (Receipts and Invoices with Waimanoni marae committee)

Scholarship Applications –

Pending unallocated scholarships applications are still being considered subject to budget restraints, whilst the overall application process is currently subject to review, and amendments. Awhirangi is carrying out this work.

NgaiTakoto Festival 2015 – Planning is underway for this event which will be amended to be a one day event only, for 2015 encompassing sports activities and a lakeside (Lake Ngatu) music concert and dinner

Australian Representative Report. (Malcom Karipa - Verbal)

WORK TASK 7: ENVIRONMENTAL

- Environmental Strategy Management Plan – Ongoing work in progress.
- Nomination to Te Korowai - Department of Conservation / Iwi discussions.
- Nomination: Te Oneroa A Tohe Beach Board establishment Iwi discussions.
- Engagement has been had with Runanga / DoC and the regional council about the maintenance of the Motutangi drainage, its cleaning and the future maintenance of weed and other weeds. Discussions were had about the potential of a cycle - walkway trail from Houhora to Kaimaumau via this drain system across the beach (East) and into/through the Conservation area.

Tane Hikoi –

- Planning is underway to complete the last two legs of this trek within Te Hiku and consideration being given to extending too and building a connected up relationship with the Kaipara Iwi connection of Te Roroa and with Ngati Hine.

WORK TASK 8: PARTNERSHIP / ALLIANCES

Te Taitokerau Maori Economic Strategy:

He Tangata, He Whenua, He Oranga / Taitokerau Growth Study Report underpins:

- Key priorities for progressing Iwi / Maori economic development in Northland, Farming, Forestry, Horticulture, Honey, Tourism.
- Relationship established with Central Government Departments / Ministers and Iwi, to lead out the strategy in 2015.

Summary: Little if any real progress is being made in this area, as a result of having the wrong people at the table. A meeting was called for the 27th July for the purposes of bringing the respective Iwi / Hapu commercial entities to a round table discussion that focuses on:

- Collaboration, building the economy of scale and Influence within the Iwi / Maori space in relation to the key primary industries.
- Centralise the relationship between the Iwi / Maori, Crown and economic development onto that collaboration table, and invite others to participate.
- Alignment of the Education strategy into this collaboration.

Te Hiku Development Trust / Social Accord.

A review of the Te Hiku Development Trust has been completed and found to be wanting. A meeting of the Te Hiku Leadership (Te Kupenga) has been set down for the 21st August (Friday) to get an agreement for a re-focus and re-alignment of the Te Hiku leadership group and the strategic post settlement Te Hiku direction.

Issues that are outstanding and are requiring resolution also, are, mana whenua matters (NgaiTakoto), coastline dispute (Fisheries/Aupouri)

Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto are umbrellaring a number of contracts within the Accord / Te Hiku Make it happen. These being:

- Northland Regional Forestry Strategy: MBIE Funding \$75k - Ongoing
- Early Childhood Education: MOE Funding: \$35k Completed – progressing to stage 2 - Te Puni Kokiri funding received of: \$50k
- MSD funding 40k Administration / support services.

Te Hiku Make it Happen Projects: identified as priority community projects:

- Kaitaia Sports Hub-Sports Academy (Graham Lowe Foundation) Green light from Council for the Sports Hub and Aquatic Centre, Council has approved 2.5 million spread over the next 3 years @ 850,000 per year).
- Potential targeted rate for 33% of the cost of the Aquatic Centre/Hub building, which they will need if they cannot raise all \$8 million needed.
- Networks will be brought into the projects in an attempt to bring down the costs down further.
- Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs – No Report.

Kaimaumu / Mekerene Resin and Wax Proposal - Updates.

RWL- Sample testing project underway 2 tonnes extracted and bagged for testing and sampling in Christchurch. (Completed).

Meeting with Resin Wax members / Northland Regional Council / Environment Consultants for a site visit on the Mekerene Block. NgaiTakoto Vision presented to the group and the logistics' of the project discussed. It's clear that the Resin Wax extraction venture is highly possible and can be delivered within the ecological and cultural environments of the farm.

Next stages:

- Resource Consent applications / reports to council and relevant groups to be initiated with support from the Runanga o NgaiTakoto.
- Access agreement to land/ land use to be developed and drafted for approval by Board and Commercial Entity (critiqued).

Honey-Mekerene. There is currently a short-term (12 months) verbal agreement with Ian Broadhurst (King's Avocado) to maintain his hives on the Mekerene Block at \$55 per hive (x 500). Opportunity for further future discussions around an avocado and honey, partnership.

- Meeting held with Ian Broadhurst on 16th July and sites visits conducted on the Mekerene Block as to the placement of hives. Ian Broadhurst has mapped the current Mekerene area's that he has hives placed on. These are physically identified on maps and with physically placed blue markers at the hive sites. Further discussions had and to be progressed with Ian Broadhurst in relation to:
 - Increase in hive placements on Mekerene, Aupouri Forest.
 - Growing a potential business relationship in the honey space with, NgaiTakoto.
 - Plantation Manuka, (planting, cropping).

- Avocado's
- **Letter to Haines Honey Ltd** re concerns that Haines are actually placing their hives outside of their DoC concession contracts and within the Mekerene space and the Boards interim position on the placement of hives and access.
- **Notice given** to persons grazing cattle / horses within the Mekerene Block to contact me about their unauthorised activities.

Sweetwater (Te Make) Iwi JV with NgaiTakoto and Landcorp Farming Ltd

- Work in progress to developing a Partnership Agreement that all parties are agreeable with.
- Decisions / approvals required to enhance profit returns through the potential spend of \$1.25mil (each iwi) to purchase Fonterra share's
- Consideration being given to purchasing the Masters Farm (\$2.4 mil, to add to the Sweetwater farming platform)
- Sam Johnson (Farmer / BNZ) and Craig Wells (Sumpter Baughen) has been brought into this space to provide high level relevant advice and support to NgaiTakoto in these discussions.
- Sweetwater Farm Business proposal attached – for consideration by Commercial Entity and ultimately, Board approval.
- Kauri Log – Clean up. We are presently employing 3 people on a short term project to remove and clean up the Pine trees that were felled during the Kauri Log extraction process, these are Ivan Smith, Toka Tu Moana Awarau, and Tamahui Erstich. The trees are being cut up and split into firewood, some will be sold to recover costs and some being delivered to Kaumatua and Kuia homes for next winter, for free.
- A number of kauri logs havent yet been fully removed by NZFL from the farm and I am in email contact with Matt Tanui about progressing that.

Aupouri Forest:

The Aupouri forest is due for transfer back to the respective iwi and within that space we have a number of tasks required in order to complete our obligation with the Crown for transfer. This work has commenced with the drafting of:

- Forestry Management Agreement between the x4 iwi.
- Development of a limited Partnership Agreement Model.
- (Overview Information / Tasks attached).
- \$2.4mil of Crown Forest Rentals, (NgaiTakoto share) will be banked with NgaiTakoto on date of Deed signing.
- Again, a potential cycle trail has been proposed by CEBEC / MSD through the Aupouri forest however the issue over land use and ownership needs to be sorted as a priority. I am in conversation with Sumitt in this regard and also in respect of the land between lake Ngatu and lake Gem being returned to NgaiTakoto.

Overall, work tasks and operational activities are keeping staff busy in the office as well as the fields. This work should increase as we transition the settlement legislation and outcomes forward. My appreciation to staff / negotiators for their efforts in supporting this work.

Mauri ora,

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