



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Wednesday 15th May 2024
VENUE:	OceanaGold
TIME START:	10:30am
TIME FINISH:	1:00pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten, Paul Anderson
INVITED:	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator, Rob Corkill (joining 11.30am)
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2024-05-15

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Donna Fisher, Paul Anderson, Bhavesh Ranchhod

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 18-04-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-04-18
BB and KW confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Email from Jill Proudfoot (attached)

- Request for support for fenced dog walking area for her submission to HDC's LTP on Tuesday 14th May.

ACTION: PB to write Letter of support, BB to confirm and forward to Jill

4. MEDIA & WEBSITE

4.1. Get individual and group photos of all Forum members for website

- TBC

4.2 WCF and Media

- Review generic media statement.

ACTION: KW to review.

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

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5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1. OceanaGold Update

Proposed Change to the Martha Mine Mineral Zone: *Submission Period Ended*
Public notification of the proposed change to the Martha Mineral Zone occurred on 15 February with the submission period running until 28 March 2024.

In total 77 submissions were received. The chart below shows where HDC are currently at with processing the application.



Council are currently summarising the submissions and we expect they will call for further submissions later this month, with a hearing to take place in around August.

The Waihi North Project

With the recent announcement of the Fast-track Approvals Bill by the New Zealand Government, OceanaGold has now decided to pause the existing approvals process for the Waihi North Project while we learn more about Fast-track.

More detail on this decision was included in our *Update*:

https://www.waihiGold.co.nz/uploads/documents/updates/2024/OceanaGold-Waihi-Update-28-March-2024.pdf?_cchid=addbb91a75e4c8e172f6f4ebf1e916fb

Ask the Experts: The Amenity Effects Programme and Blast Vibration

On Wednesday the 15th of May, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Russell Squire from our Environmental Team will be available in our Project Information Office at 86 Seddon Street, Waihi, to answer any questions people might have on the AEP and Blast Vibration.

Russell is a Senior Environmental Advisor at our Waihi Operations and holds a Bachelors of Science. With over 20 years of experience in the mining industry, the majority in the local area, Russell is responsible for overseeing the AEP and the ongoing monitoring of blast vibrations.

Bookings can be made via 0800 924 444, waihi.info@oceanagold.com or by visiting the Project Information Office. 86 Seddon Street, Waihi.

Crest Raise at Tailings Storage Facility 1A

Since November 2023, CnR have been onsite construction a crest raise on Tailings Storage Facility 1A. This work is was recently completed, with the storage facility now 1.8 m higher, providing additional tailings capacity for our existing mining operations.

Martha Pit Portal Works

Shortly, you may notice additional equipment and works occurring in the lower area of the Martha Open Pit. We will be beginning works inside one of the two active "portals" (tunnel entrances) we maintain in the base of the Martha Open Pit. These portals link to our existing underground operations and also form part of the air ventilation circuit in those operations.

As such, while these works are taking place, additional temporary ventilation ducting and machinery will be routed between the two active portals, at the base of the pit.

Activities will be confined to the lower levels of the open pit only and would take place under our existing consent conditions for noise, dust, traffic, and other amenity considerations. Like previous stockpiling works in the Martha Open Pit, the Pit Rim Walkway is unaffected, as are any other uses of the land around the Martha Open Pit.

These works are expected to take approximately four months to complete, and will operate 24/7.

Waihi College 'Pre-Start' Programme (Skills Development and Training)

OceanaGold's 'Pre-Start' Programme kicked off recently with twelve students heading underground at our Waihi operation. Students are given the opportunity to see what the underground environment looks like and hear from people working for OceanaGold, enabling them to consider local vocational opportunities in the future.

As part of the Skills Development programme, OceanaGold is putting students through a First Aid course and an introduction to manual driving training as part of developing skills for employment.

After their visit, some of the comments from Waihi students included: "Ten out of ten trip, but I couldn't believe how hot it was". " If I worked in the mine, I would like to drive trucks," said another. Our second underground trip is organised for the coming week.

Summary of Sponsorships and Donations from the Previous Month**SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS APPROVED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH**

Hauraki Waka Ama Club	Travel costs to Hawaii	\$2,000.00
Innovation Garden Club	Prize money for competition	\$300.00
Waihi Boxing Club	Boxing bags, mats, and swivels	\$2,854.48
Goldfields Railway Inc	Flammable Goods Cupboard	\$2,235.00
Whangamata Amateur Swimming Club	Medals for prize giving	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$8,389.48

Complaints Summary

A summary of the Complaints received in April is provided below: Complaint by Topic	Number
Vibration	8
Helicopter Activity	1
Noise (Blasting)	1
Property	1
TOTAL	11

6. STREETS AHEAD

Bank balance \$216479.36 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$205,000 (\$10k VO Trust, \$45k WCF, \$150k OG)
- Resident Withholding Tax Deduction Certificate received

ACTION: BR to apply to the bank to cease deduction of resident withholding tax as per charity status.

ACTION: End of financial year, BR apply for return of deductions.

ACTION: BR to prepare financial statement for PB to add to Charities Services registration.

6.1. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Decide which elements are to be included in stage 2 of the hub for funding purposes.
- Ruth Vivian (HDC) will apply to Lion Foundation for seed funding of \$30k for the hub in May (decision made 8 weeks from application). HDC resolution has been granted in April 2024 HDC meeting).

- Creative Waikato would like to support with helping create creative spaces when working on Morgan Park. (Email attached)
- Rob Corkill from Sport Waikato attended to discuss how they can provide support.
- Recreation Aotearoa offer advocacy for outdoor recreation projects, asking them for their assistance could be helpful with funding applications.

6.2. Bench seats around the pit rim.

- Update on sites chosen by OG

6.4. New Line Marking on the Basketball court

- Funding support - concept plan

Dates for future meetings

Next Meeting: Thursday 13 June 2024

Future Meeting: Thursday 11 July 2024

Gmail - Recreation Hub at Morgan Park, Waihi.

13/05/24, 18:56



Paula Blackman <wcfinformation@gmail.com>

Recreation Hub at Morgan Park, Waihi.

1 message

Jeremy Mayall <jeremy@creativewaikato.co.nz>
To: wcfinformation@gmail.com
Cc: annemarie.spicer@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Mon, May 13, 2024 at 12:36 PM

Kia ora,

This is a quick email to connect our organisations in alignment with the development of the Recreation Hub.

Creative Waikato is a regional arts organisation who support the activation and development of arts, culture and creativity in the Waikato region.

We have heard about the work that you are doing and if you would like any strategic support about ways to embed arts, culture and creativity in your project please let us know.

This is our regional strategy, which might provide some useful insight:

https://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/Waikato-Arts-Navigator-Regional-Strategy_2023.pdf

Looking forward to the possibility of talking more soon.

Ngaa mihi nui,

-J

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On Sunday, May 12, 2024, 2:56 PM, Jill Proudfoot <jillproudfoot@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Bindi,

I have been discussing with Mike Hayden a submission that I am making to the Hauraki District Council's Long Term Plan proposing the development of a Waihi Dog Park on the land in Consols Street currently designated Dog Exercise Area.

Mike suggested that this could be a proposal that the Forum may be interested in supporting. I have outlined the proposal briefly below:

We're a group of local dog walkers, and this is what we are requesting from Council:

Safe, secure fencing with double entry gates

A drinking water fountain

A fixed rubbish bin

Permission for our community to add amenities over the years eg agility equipment , seating, additional trees and shrubs

Why is the Dog Park necessary?

Firstly, it's a safety issue. Playing with dogs in an open field with easy street access is extremely risky. Even the best-behaved dogs can get over-excited when playing in groups

Secondly, it's an accessibility issue. Many retired people have settled in Waihi in recent years, and particularly during the Covid pandemic, many of them acquired dogs for companions. As we get older, or if people have a disability, it becomes increasingly difficult to access the lovely walks in the area.

Risks

Victoria Park, generally known as Rocket Park, is frequently used by locals and travellers to exercise their dogs. Many do this off lead, although it is not permitted. Dogs playing there off-lead have easy access to two major roads: State Highway 2 and Kenny Street. The same risk applies to young children.

Consols Street Dog Exercise Area is also on a very busy road, with many trucks, and there are no safety measures in place.

The risk of injury or death of a dog, owner, child, parent, driver or bystander is very real. Personal observations of near misses have been extremely frightening.

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This information will be supported by a concept drawing, which is not quite ready yet, and a list of groups that support the submission.

I have been allocated ten minutes on Tuesday 14th May to present an oral submission to Council. This is much sooner than anticipated, so my opportunity for consultations is limited. It would be very helpful if I were able to add the Forum to the list of organisations supporting this venture, with an email expressing support. No commitment of resources is requested or expected at this stage - although I would like to have that conversation at a later date!

Please excuse the random spacing above. I'm working with limited time and limited technical skills.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Jill