



# MINUTES

<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	Waihi Community Forum
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	Thursday 12th September 2024
<b>VENUE:</b>	OceanaGold
<b>TIME START:</b>	10:30am
<b>TIME FINISH:</b>	11:30pm
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangī Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten, Paul Anderson
<b>INVITED:</b>	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator
<b>FILE REF:</b>	WCFMOM2024-09-12

## 1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Paula Anderson, Rangī Honey, Nani de Ocampo

## 2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 15-08-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-08-15  
**BR and DF confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.**

## 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

## 4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

4.1 WCF and Media

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

## 5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1. OceanaGold Update

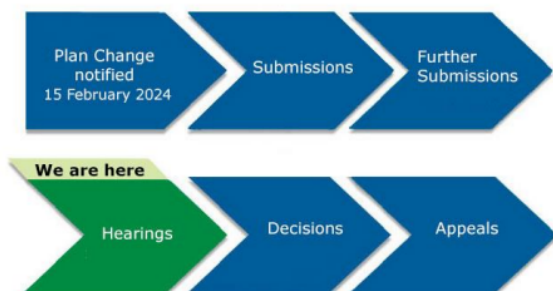
### **Correnso Narrow Vein Mining**

We have been preparing the area for mining, and blasting will commence within the next couple of weeks. The Amenity Effect Programme will continue to be paid to qualifying residents in the area. However, as the narrow vein mining is planned to take place in the lower levels of the Correnso area and also utilises smaller charge weights when blasting, blast vibrations are anticipated to be low at the surface.

### **Martha Mineral Zone**

Council staff anticipate that the Hearings Panel will be able to recommend a decision to the Council prior to Christmas 2024, with the appeal period (appeals on Council decisions are able to

be made to the Environment Court) to be advertised in the New Year.



More information on the proposed plan change can be found here:

<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/auraki-district-plan/dp-changes-6>

### **Waihi North Project**

We are continuing to progress the technical studies supporting our application for the Waihi North Project. A full consent documentation package was provided to both Hauraki District and Waikato Regional councils for their consideration and review in June 2022. This application was accepted as complete, and a Request for Information was subsequently received.

In complex applications like this, once the application has been formally accepted, regulators often request additional information in specific areas once their technical experts have had time to review the application. This includes questions around the potential noise, vibration, geochemistry, ecological assessments, and groundwater impacts of the project.

While the consent process continues, we have prepared a series of summary Fact Sheets about the project. Members of the public are also invited to call in to the Company's Project Office at 86 Seddon Street in Waihi.

More detail on the proposed Waihi North Project can be found: [www.waihinorth.info/](http://www.waihinorth.info/)

### **Amenity Effects Programme (AEP)**

All qualifying residents have now been contacted. 155 properties qualified for a payment totalling \$102,130.67. All properties were contained within the Project Martha (Martha Underground and Rex) mining areas.

Since 2007 when the scheme first began, 9334 payments have been made, totalling \$5,977,018.50.

### **6 Monthly Community Meeting**

Our next Correnso and Project Martha Community Meeting will be held on Thursday the 12th of September from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

This public meeting is designed to provide an update about works in the existing Correnso and Project Martha (including Rex) mining areas undertaken since the previous meeting. The meeting will be held in the OceanaGold Education Centre on the corner of Moresby Avenue and Savage Road.

This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

For queries on all other current or proposed projects, please visit or call the Project Information Office.

**Sponsorship and Donations for August 2024****6. STREETS AHEAD**

Bank balance \$218,567.99 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$206,105 (of which \$36,105.00 WCF, \$10k VO Trust, \$150k OG, \$10k Lions Club)
- Charities Services annual report due 30th September 2024

**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**

- Awaiting resource consent from HDC for the pump track build, Lotteries require this before 5 December to release the \$200k they have pledged.
- Sketch received from Outer Spaces (attached), awaiting quote for central hub landscape design.
- Discuss supplier of concrete pathway from car park to pump track.
- Terri HDC confirmed that the HDC PM rate for 2024/2025 is under review.
- Terri will put together costs for the next resource consent required so WCF can apply for funding.
- Council is looking into supplying toilets that are currently in storage for Morgan Park

**ACTION: Donna following up concrete pathway quote.**

**ACTION: AMS and MH will approach Greg Lions Club Waihi about Lions International funding.**

**ACTION: PB to ask Terri if the resource consent costs can come from the Capex fund, as grant applications are likely to be declined.**

**Dates for future meetings**

Next Meeting: Thursday 16 October 2024  
 Future Meeting: Thursday 14 November 2024  
 Christmas Meeting: Thursday 12 December 2024