

# **MINUTES**

MEETING OF THE:	Waihī Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 10th April 2025
VENUE:	Oceana Gold
TIME START:	5:00pm
TIME FINISH:	7:10pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangipehi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Paula Trubshaw, Paul Anderson
INVITED:	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator,
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2025-04-10

## 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Rangipehi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo - MH moved apologies be accepted, BB seconded.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 26-03-2025, ref #WCFMOM2025-03-26 BB and BR confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

### 4. MEDIA & WEBSITE

- 4.1 WCF and Media
- 4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

#### 5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### 5.1. Administrator/Fundraiser required to replace PB

- PB will remain as administrator for the time being, hub fundraising will be put on hold until necessary preparation/paperwork has been arranged.
  - 5.2. Discuss Forum intentions going forward in preparation for Comms workshop
- The Forum agreed on the desire to continue supporting the community regards mining and to reinvigorate the group's visibility in the community.

### 5.4. OceanaGold Update

#### Martha Mineral Zone Decision

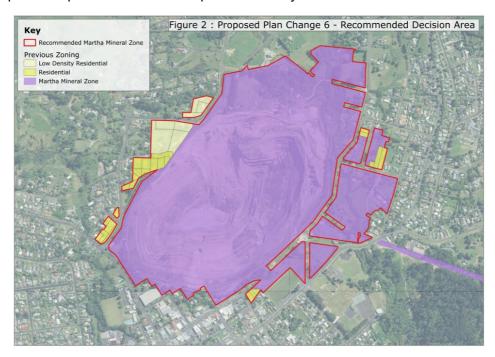
A hearing to consider and make recommendations on a proposed change to the Martha Mineral Zone (MMZ) – Plan Change 6 - was concluded in February.

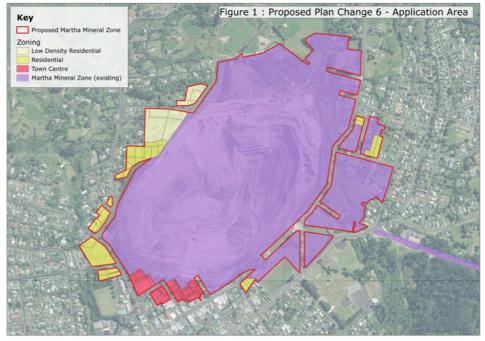
The MMZ expansion has been approved, however with modifications and reductions from what was originally proposed (see maps below). The company will now take the time to review its application and the relevant options. It is important to note that any change to the MMZ itself does not authorise new physical mining beyond that which is already approved. Resource consent applications would be required, to determine whether the grant of consents for mining was appropriate. While technical studies for any potential expansion of Martha Open Pit are ongoing, OceanaGold's current priority is the Waihi North Project and

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as such we do not currently have an indicative timeframe on next steps relating to the Martha Open Pit.

We will ensure that the community is kept up to date, including in-depth details of any proposed expansion of Martha Open Pit as they become available.





## Waihi North Project Update

The Waihi North Project Fast-track application submitted earlier this month was returned to OceanaGold on 28 March.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had confirmed as complete for processing all but one aspect of the application. The Company has now clarified this issue, and the complete application has been resubmitted so that it may advance to the selection of a decision-making panel.

## Farewell to our General Manager (Asset President)

In April, we will farewell Justin Johns, the Waihi General Manager. Justin has been the Waihi General Manager for the Past two years (and was the Waihi Process Manager before that) and will be sorely missed. Justin is staying within the OceanaGold operation however and will be moving to

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our Haile operation in South Carolina, where he will be taking up the Processing Manager role there. We wish Justin all the best in his new role.

## OceanaGold Beach Hop Warm Up Party

It was a gorgeous day for the Beach Hop Warm Up Party in Waihi. Celebrating its 25th year, Beach Hop is a fantastic blend of classic cars and rock and roll.

Huge thanks to GO Waihi for all their efforts putting the event together, Lions Club of Waihi, and Hauraki District Council for their support.

The Miner's Choice award was chosen by Angela Clark, our People & Culture Manager. She chose a 1936 Ford. Roadstar.





## **Complaints & Concerns for March**

	Number of Complaints	Number of Complainants
Helicopter Activity	2	1
Vibration	1	1
TOTAL	3	2

Topic	Number of Concerns	Number of stakeholders who raised Concerns
Helicopter Activity	1	1
Vibration	1	1
Property	1	1
TOTAL	3	3

# **Sponsorships & Donations for March**

Bowentown Boating & Sports Fishing Club	Junior Fishing Contest	\$500
Tu Slow Netball Club	Club Uniforms	\$2,035.50
Waihi Tennis Club	Cleaning Products for Courts	\$1,580
St John Waihi	KVA Genset to ensure continuous power supply	\$15,000
Luttrells White Pine Gardens & Museum	Samples of Crystals & rocks for museum	In Kind
Waihi Floral Art Club	Area Day hall hire & Expenses	\$630

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## 6. STREETS AHEAD

## 6.1 Bank balance \$380,472.79 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) \$367,168.32 (of which \$145,970.96 Lotteries, \$36,105 WCF, \$10k VO Trust, \$150k OG, \$10k Lions Club, \$2,592.36 Waihi Herb Society, \$1000 Waihi Beach RSA, \$11,500 One Foundation)
- Waiting for Westpac to process refund of resident withholding tax as per charity status.

# 6.2. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- HDC Update from PB the project to install the public toilet (consents, conversion from long drop, relocation, foundation design, and connection to services) has been handed over to Terri HDC Project Manager. This will be progressed over the next 6 or so months.
- Audit update from BR.
- Pump track opening event ETA for completion is 10 May Wait until Concrete path in before opening celebration.

ACTION: PB email Terri HDC to find out when concrete pathway will be completed.

ACTION: BR to contact Terri HDC regards request for necessary quotes to proceed with stage 2.

ACTION: BR and AMS to discuss stage 2 progression with HDC.

## **Dates for future meetings**

Next Meeting: Thursday 15 May 2025 Future Meeting: Thursday 12 June 2025