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PRRA March 2024 Meeting

1. Treasurers Report \$6279.32

2. Chairmans Report

3. Keynote Speaker: Paula Naude TCC Emergency Response talking about Tsunamis and Papamoa

Questions after all the speakers

4. Raffle draw

5. Next Meeting & AGM Monday May 13 2024

Introduction from Chairman

Please look at the PRRA website for interesting articles and up to date information.

www.papamoaresidents.co.nz

There is (more and more) happening this year in the local democracy space Tauranga and some of it is very stupid and arrogant.

1. The Long Term Plan Version 2– this was released today at the Council Meeting and no chance for residents to comment.
2. It appears most of the expenditure is downtown and very little for the suburbs. Funding is incomplete. The commissioners want their vanity projects to be locked in.
3. What is in the Long Term Plan for Papamoa -- upgrade for Domain Rd, no Tsunami escape routes, no sports halls.

TAURANGA CITY - FACT SHEET 1

Council Facilities in City Centre - Capital Spend

City Centre ¹ Project	\$m	Years
Te Manawataki o Te Papa Civic Centre ²	\$306.3	2023-29
Memorial Aquatic Centre	\$148.8	2023-29
City Centre Development	\$125.0	2024-34
Tauranga Domain Stadium (incl. \$21m relocation costs)	\$111.0	2032-34
Waterfront projects excl. Memorial Pathway	\$ 77.8	2023-28
Marine Facilities Upgrades & Renewals	\$ 33.2	2023-34
Civic Administration Building ³	\$ 31.7	2023-25
Memorial Park-City Centre Pathway ⁴	\$ 15.9	2024-27
City Centre Bus Facility	\$ 15.7	2023-27
Te Papa Intensification	\$ 9.4	2023-27
Elizabeth St Upgrade (by Farmers) ⁵	\$ 7.4	2020-24
City Centre Streetscape Programme	\$ 5.7	2023-24
Carpark Buildings & Parking Infrastructure	\$ 5.7	2023-24
Total for City Centre Facilities	\$893.6 million	
Cameron Rd Stage 1	\$110.0	2022-24
GRAND TOTAL for Central City	\$1.004 billion	

i.e. \$1 billion on central city capital expenditure

By comparison, Matua-Otumoetai-Brookfield-Bethlehem is home to 26% of the city's residents, yet the 2024-34 Long Term Plan cuts the Otumoetai Multi-Modal transport project from \$107m to \$8m and plans to demolish Otumoetai Pool – the only major council facility in the western suburbs – because it might cost \$10 million to upgrade.

“debt is good, it can spread over many generations”

But

there is good debt and bad debt

From Dec 2023 Commissioners Report to Minister

The financial results for Tauranga City Council and Group are as follows:

Key Metric	27 November Final	30 October SFR update	4 September SFR Update
Total operating revenue	\$358m	\$354m	\$354m
Total operating expenditure	\$404m	\$401m	\$400m
Capital & operating subsidies	\$118m	\$118m	\$108m
Net debt	\$833m	\$833m	\$832m
Capital expenditure	\$293m	\$293m	\$293m
Debt to revenue ratio	180%	192%	190%
Total assets	\$7.2bn	\$7.2bn	\$6.8bn

NOT MUCH FREE CASH

The Stupid....

Harrington St Carparking Building Court Decision

- **Tauranga City Council wants to recoup \$25 million it lost when it pulled the plug on a parking building**
- **It sold the building to a lead contractor for \$1 after seismic issues were discovered.**
- **Council claimed the millions was lost because two businesses involved in the building's design had breached a number of laws.**

A High Court judge has rejected Tauranga City Council's bid to recoup \$25million over a failed car park building that the council sold for a dollar when serious defects were discovered.



Carparking Building cont

Harrison Grierson Holdings Ltd, who designed the carpark building, and Constructure Auckland Ltd who was engaged to review the structural design refuted the council's claims it was in "breach of a duty of care (negligence); breach of a statutory duty under the [Building Act 2004](#); breach of a duty of care (negligent misstatement); breach of the [Fair Trading Act 1986](#) and breach of contract.

The companies argued that a clause in the contract they signed with the council limit the amount they are liable for and the judge agreed.

There is a report on this fiasco from the Auditor General Offices which criticises the contractor selection processes used by Tauranga City Council. What an expensive lesson in poor management and governance and no senior heads have rolled!!!!

Link from the PRRA website [Tauranga City Council car park building project — Office of the Auditor-General New Zealand \(oag.parliament.nz\)](#)

REMINDER:

Elections for Mayor and Councillors finish on the 20th July 2024. Postal voting.

There are three wards on this side of the harbour, Mt Maunganui, Arataki and Papamoa. The boundaries are not where you would expect. Nominations close 25 May 2024.



If you are thinking of standing as a candidate for the Papamoa or Arataki Ward, or as Mayor, and would like to know more about the issues that affect and concern our residents, contact PRRA and we will have a chat with you. Our email address is chairprra@gmail.com.

Tuesday 30th April free candidate information session with the TCC Electoral Office. 7.15pm Baycourt X Space, 38 Durham St.

The Arrogant !!!!!

Tauranga city commissioners have (repeatedly) called on the Government to change the law to allow for a 'hybrid' governance arrangement with four commissioners and five councillors - instead of a fully elected council - after this year's election.

If the commissioners had governed with inclusivity and wisely then there would be no need to fear their decisions would be overturned. They do not believe in democracy!!!



Tauranga city commissioners Shadrach Rolleston, Bill Wasley, Stephen Selwood, and Anne Tolley. Photos / NZME

Tauranga election: Local Government Minister Simeon Brown says no hybrid council, no Crown observer.

The Arrogant ... excerpt from the letter!!!!

The Commission, after considered assessment, recommends that the incoming Government establishes a hybrid transitional governance approach with the following characteristics:

- July 2024 - A mix of elected councillors (five) and appointed commissioners (four), with one of the commissioners to be appointed Chair.
- October 2025 - Election of a full Council – in conjunction with the nationwide local government elections.

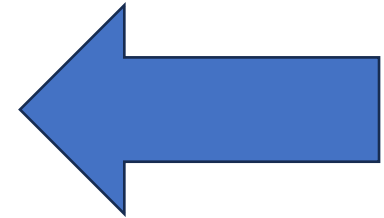
Note. Should the Government want greater surety with regard to the continuation of Council's work programme (as defined in the 2024-34 – LTP), the model set out in Attachment 3 (election of a Mayor in 2025 and full elections in 2028) could be implemented.

It is the Commission's view that a hybrid transition arrangement would secure the greatest benefits for the Tauranga community, the Council and the Government.

We recognise that such a hybrid arrangement would require legislative change, and to this point, we have recently sought advice and have a good understanding of what would be required to enact this change. This would be similar to the Environment Canterbury (Transitional



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Link to full “Hybrid” letter and report on the PRRA website. Read thru the full document.

“Working with the National Government on the CITY DEAL”



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5.1 Ministerial Briefing & City Deal Proposal

The Commission has prepared a Briefing for the Incoming Minister (BIM), which was supplied to you separately last week. Also under preparation is a proposal for a Subregional City Deal, which aims to set out areas for collaboration with central Government and defined funding pathways for our key priority work programmes.

When will the Ratepayers be briefed????

Reduced Speed limits in parts of Tauranga

“We’re looking to reduce speed limits to 30km/h in our city centre and near schools and some marae to make it easier for people to move around and stay safe.”

We’re also proposing speed limit reductions at the State Highway 2 interchange at Domain Road and Tara Road in Pāpāmoa, as well as nearby Parton Road, and between 370 Welcome Bay Road and the Tauranga City Council boundary with the Western Bay of Plenty District in Welcome Bay. These are intended to ensure safe, appropriate, and consistent speed limits are in place to cater for the additional traffic these roads now experience. Also on Te Okuroa Drive outside the school.

Why???? Show us the police accident records to back up these assumptions.

Interestingly the Government has told TCC that there is no reason to reduce the speed limit in downtown.

Please take part in the online survey which closes 3 May 2024. [Link.](#)



Papamoa and the Tsunami threat

Summary to Date

Over 30,000 people live in Papamoa and will need to evacuate by foot to the Papamoa Hills within an hour of any tsunami alert being issued, a distance of 3kms. The wave also arrives in one hour.

There are no direct pathways to the Papamoa Hills and Papamoa is also locked in by the motorway (Tauranga Eastern Link). Evacuation will only be on foot or cycle.

Papamoa Residents have pointed this out for many years but Tauranga City Council has ignored our presentations and requests. The Commissioners have been non supportive. Almost obstructive – maybe this is not essential infrastructure.

On appointment, Commissioner Tolley immediately cancelled the emergency sirens which had been approved. Note: 75% of New Zealand councils use sirens in conjunction with the cellphone alerts to connect with the people.

PRRA analysed the Tauranga City Council supplied Tsunami data last year and deduced that most of Papamoa would be inundated with water. PRRA also identified a network of paths that could be quickly built to aid evacuation. Cost around \$25 million. (which would save lives). The latest inundation maps agree with this analysis.



Papamoa and the Tsunami threat cont

Crossing the Tauranga Eastern Link (motorway) is very difficult, only 3 places with a potential 4th at the new Papamoa Eastern Interchange bridge. Developers are now building walls along the side of the TEL which will further hinder any crossing.

PRRA also suggested that the TEL (motorway) could be closed during a tsunami evacuation. Mixed replies but OK for a cycle race.

Papamoa Residents also asked for our organisation to be included in all planning meetings of any evacuation routes.

PRRA submission to the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan was asking for the Evacuation Paths to be included. It finished with .. **We hear about all the changes to downtown being the “Opportunity of a Lifetime”, here in Papamoa we want the “Opportunity of Life”.**

TO Date ----- nothing has been done. The safety of the population does not feature on the commissioners’ list of vanity projects.

Recently I was in Timaru where the council is rolling out more sirens ... more

Papamoa and the Tsunami threat Timaru Experience

Recently I was in Timaru on the day when they test their emergency sirens which also broadcast a spoken message depending on the threat. It is notable that all the Japanese tsunami videos have continuous sirens blaring.

Timaru District Council has launched a project to increase the coverage of its **Public Alert Siren System (PASS)** to increase resilience for communities not previously covered.

New sirens and evacuation zone boards for tsunami risk areas on Timaru's coastline

Rachael Comer
July 12, 2023, • 02:41pm

“The main communication tool in an emergency is now the emergency mobile alert system, but in areas near the coast the sirens are still an essential method of communication in an event of either a tsunami, flooding or coastal inundation,”



Timaru District Council

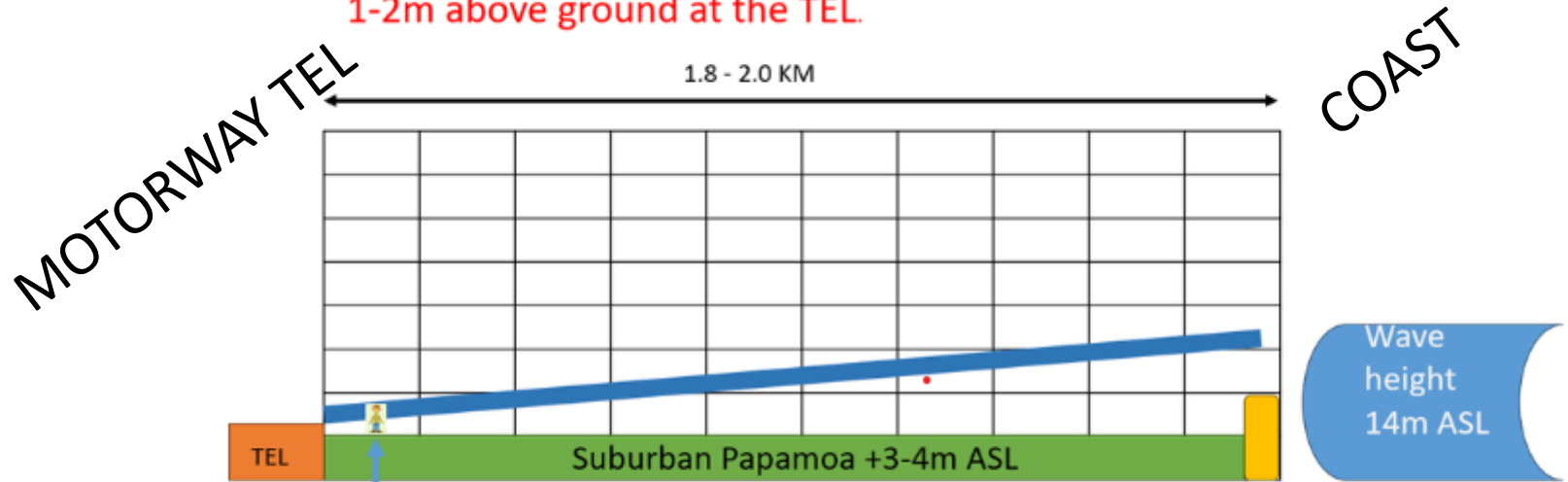
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**Don't Panic.
The sirens are just being tested.**

Shape of Tsunami Wave across Papamoa?

1-2m above ground at the TEL



Distance from sand dunes to TEL is 1.8 – 2.0 km
Wave ht dissipates at 1m for every 300m.
Graph based on 6m residual wave after the sand dunes

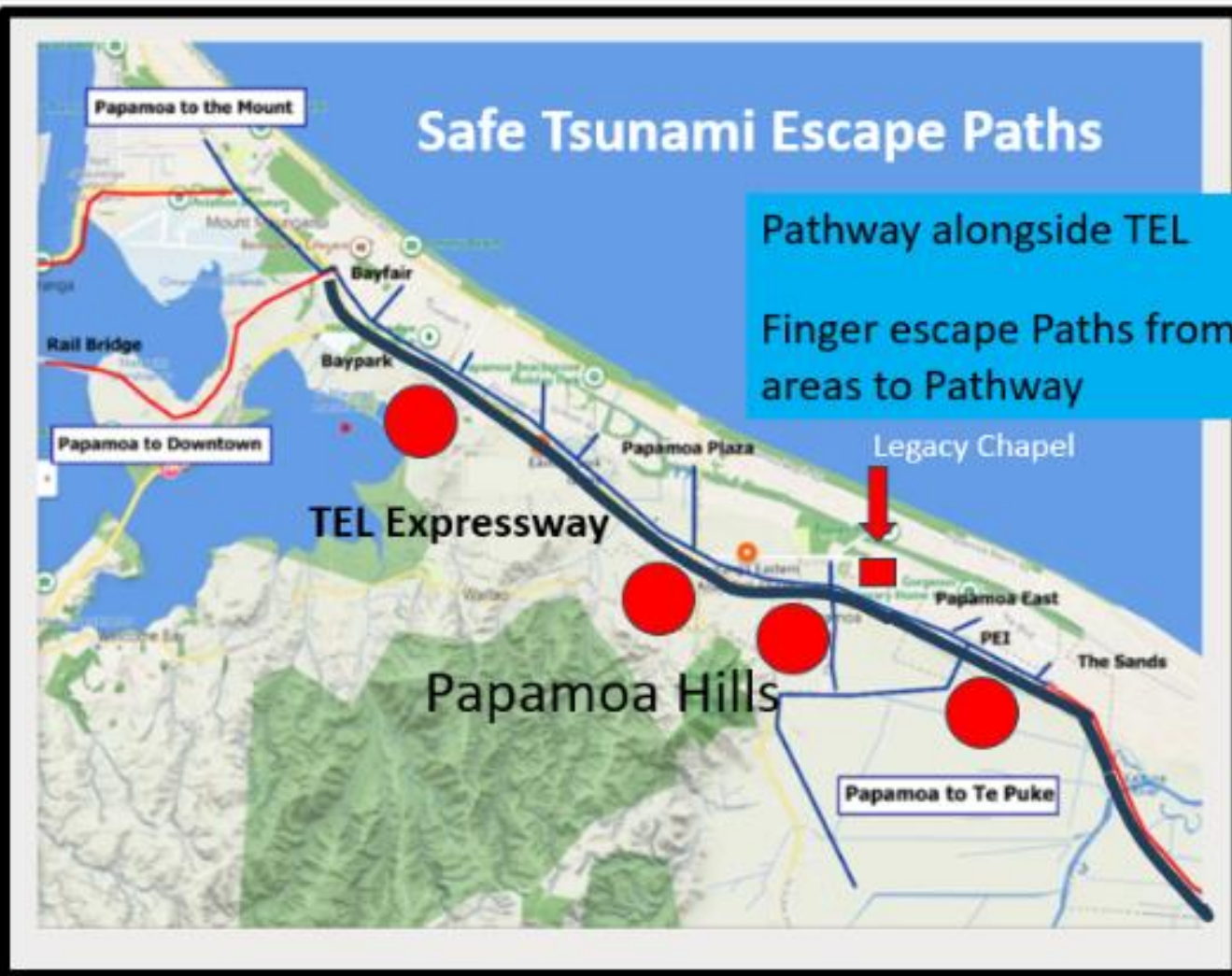
Sand dunes +8m ASL

Units Horizontal 1 unit=200m
Vertical 1 unit=4m

Safe Tsunami Escape Paths

Pathway alongside TEL
Finger escape Paths from housing areas to Pathway

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Cross the TEL



Welcome to our guest speaker from the
Tauranga Emergency Response Team

Paula Naude

Questions

Next Meeting & AGM 13 May 2024

1. If you would like to be involved please join the committee. With more members we can do more. And there is a lot to do with the return of local democracy.
2. June Meeting will be meet the Councillor candidates
3. July Meeting will be meet the Mayor candidates

Raffle Draw



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