



Bay of Plenty Regional Council
**A guide to your
Regional Council**

About us

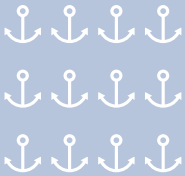
Our region

21,836 square kilometres
of land and sea

(12,253 land, 9,583 sea)

18 off-shore and inland islands

Including Matakana, Tuhua (Mayor), and Whakaari/White Island (an active volcano!)



Offshore boundary

Our offshore boundary extends to the **12 nautical mile limit**



8 major rivers

run through the bay: Wairoa, Kaituna, Tarawera, Rangitāiki, Whakatāne, Waioeka, Mōtū and Raukokore

The coastline stretches from the southern end of Homunga Bay (north of Waihī Beach) to Lottin Point (near Cape Runaway)

The furthest point from the coast is 139 km from the sea at the top of the Rangitāiki River catchment

We've got lots of prominent features including

12 lakes

Ōkāreka, Ōkaro, Ōkātaina, Rerewhakaaitu, Rotoehu, Rotoiti, Rotokakahi, Rotomā, Rotomahana, Rotorua, Tarawera, and Tikitapu

3 mountains

Tarawera, Pūtauaki (Mount Edgecumbe) and Mauāo (Mount Maunganui)

2 harbours

Tauranga and Ōhiwa

5 large estuaries

Maketū, Little Waihī, Whakatāne, Waiotahi and Waioeka/Otara

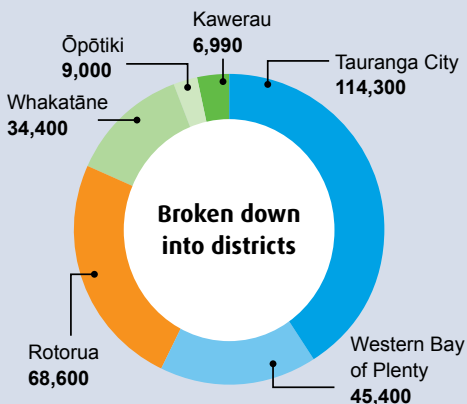
Population

About



275,000
people

choose to live in the Bay of Plenty



These are population estimates for June 2010, based on the 2006 census. Only parts of the Rotorua and Taupo districts are within our boundary.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- We're the Regional Council for the Bay of Plenty (there's only one of us).
- We look after the region's land, air, freshwater, coasts, passenger transport and regional development with a sustainable development focus.
- We have **13** Councillors, of which **10** are elected from general rolls and **3** from Māori constituency areas.
- We have **4** offices – in Whakatāne, Mount Maunganui, Tauranga and Rotorua.
- We have **2** depots – in Edgecumbe and Ōpōtiki.
- We employ about **275** staff.

Don't confuse us with

- The **7** territorial authorities in the region: Whakatāne, Ōpōtiki, Western Bay of Plenty, Kawerau, Rotorua and Taupo District Councils, and Tauranga City Council.

Their responsibilities include:

- Providing local infrastructure, including water, sewerage, stormwater, roads and footpaths.
- Community infrastructure including parks, museums, playgrounds and recreation centres etc.
- Regulating building controls, liquor licensing, public health inspections, animal control and many other local issues.
- Controlling the effects of land use through planning and resource consents (including natural hazards and indigenous biodiversity).
- Community and economic development, events such as summer programmes and community grants and funding.



Senior Biosecurity
Officer John
Mather inspects
Alligator weed at a
Tauranga wetland.

About us

Who works at Bay of Plenty Regional Council?

Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Chief Executive is the only staff member employed by the Council.

The Chief Executive is responsible for employing all other staff.

How can we help you?

We can help you with:

- Pest management
- Land management
- Riparian management
- Environmental education
- Resource consents
- Navigational safety
- Water management
- Water quality
- Air quality
- and lots more...

Jobs at Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Some of the jobs at Bay of Plenty Regional Council include:

- Accounting and finance officers
- Application analyst programmers
- Biosecurity officers
- Cartographers
- Coast Care and Estuary Care officers
- Consents officers
- Committee administrators
- Communications advisors
- Community engagement officers
- Customer services officers
- Engineers
- Environmental scientists
- Graphic designers
- Harbourmasters
- Heritage coordinators
- Human resource officers
- Land management officers
- Nutrient assessment officers
- Planners (resource, environmental, transport, strategic policy)
- Pollution prevention officers.



Staff take part in a civil defence exercise

What we do and why we do it

What we do

Our work guides and supports the sustainable development of the Bay of Plenty. We want to make sure our region grows and develops in a way that keeps its values safe for future generations.

A major focus of our work involves looking after the environment. We manage the effects of people's use of freshwater, land, air and coastal water. However, we also have a broader responsibility with others for the economic, social and cultural well-being of the regional community.

Our other work includes:

- Managing the risks posed by our major rivers, including the region's major flood control schemes.
- Planning and prioritising the region's land transport needs, including major roading improvements.
- Organising passenger transport services, including Tauranga's Bay Hopper and Rotorua's Cityride.
- Navigation and safety on our harbours and lakes.
- Supporting sustainable economic development.
- Strategic thinking for our region's future.

What guides us?

The three key pieces of government legislation that set out what we do are the:

- Local Government Act 2002
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Local Government Rating Act 2002

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out the purpose of local government in New Zealand. It gives us a framework and powers for us to decide which activities we do and how we do them, and makes us accountable to our communities.

It states that our overall role is to ensure democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities. We must promote the social, cultural, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities – and do this with a sustainable development approach.

Some of our documents fall directly out of the Local Government Act 2002, including:

- Ten Year Plans
- Annual Plans
- Annual Reports
- Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

The Resource Management Act 1991 (usually called the RMA) is the main piece of legislation that sets out how we should manage our environment. It's based on

the idea of sustainable management of our resources, and it encourages us (as communities and as individuals) to plan for the future of our environment.

Because of this, we've created a number of regional plans and a policy statement to help us manage our environment better. These are the:

- Regional Policy Statement
- Regional Coastal Environment Plan
- Regional On-site Effluent Treatment Plan
- Rotorua Geothermal Regional Plan
- River Gravel Management Plan
- Regional Air Plan
- Regional Plan for the Tarawera River Catchment
- Regional Water and Land Plan.

We've also created some other plans, strategies and bylaws to help us manage the environment in other areas. These are the:

- Regional Land Transport Strategy
- Regional Passenger Transport Plan
- Regional Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan
- Regional Pest Management Strategy
- River and Drainage Scheme Asset Management Plans
- Tier II Oil Spill Response Plan
- Navigation Safety Bylaw
- Floodway and Drainage Bylaw
- Rotorua Air Quality Control Bylaw.

All these documents are statutory documents. This means once they've been adopted by Council they're a legal document and become law.

Non-statutory documents may not be 'law', but we use them to guide us in the decisions we make and in our actions. They include other strategies and our policies, environmental publications and guidelines.

Strategies and policies

- Strategy for the lakes of the Rotorua district
- Bay of Plenty Regional Waste Strategy
- Policy on Regional Parks
- Ōhiwa Harbour Strategy
- Kaituna/Maketū Management Strategy
- Regional Waste Strategy
- Tauranga Harbour Strategy, and the Tauranga Harbour Recreation Strategy.

Environmental publications

- Compliance monitoring reports
- Environmental impact monitoring reports
- Natural Environmental Regional Monitoring Network (NERMN) Reports
- Community Outcomes/State of the Environment progress reports.

Guidelines

- Coast Care
- Dairy shed effluent
- Farmers guide to regional plans
- Earthworks
- Erosion and sediment control for land disturbing activities
- Erosion protection for Tauranga Harbour
- Forestry operations
- Hydrological and hydraulic
- Iwi consultation
- Land management/ biodiversity protection
- On-site effluent treatment
- Plant and animal pest control
- Quarry operations
- Resource consent consultation guidelines
- River gravel management
- Small flood detention dams.

Accord

- Clean Streams Accord.

The process for developing and reviewing our key policy and planning documents is usually laid down in general or specific legislation, or in the particular document itself. We follow this legislation, providing full opportunity for public consultation at all times.

There are also two pieces of local legislation that apply only to Bay of Plenty Regional Council. These are the:

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Māori Constituency Empowering) Act 2001
- Rangitāiki Land Drainage Act 1956.

For more information

For more information about these plans, visit our website
www.boprc.govt.nz



Regional Council staff and councillors joined iwi and community members to celebrate the opening of public access to Onekawa and Te Mawhai, near Opotiki.

What council does

How are our Councillors elected?

Every three years a postal vote is held. Our Councillors are elected by people who are registered to vote in the Bay of Plenty. We use the First Past the Post electoral system – where voters choose their most preferred candidate or candidates. The candidate or candidates with the most votes (depending on the number of seats to be filled by the election) are declared the winners. They do not have to receive a certain proportion of the votes to win.

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001 the Council can resolve to change the electoral system used. Once changed, an electoral system must be used for at least the next two elections, for example we cannot change our electoral system for one election and then change back for the next election.

Council's last review of electoral systems was in 2005. No change was made to the electoral system for the 2007 or 2010 elections.

The alternative electoral system is Single Transferable Vote (STV). In this electoral system voters rank the candidates in their order of preference. Votes are then re-allocated from the least successful candidates until all seats are filled.

STV can be introduced as an alternative to First Past the Post if Council resolves to, or if it conducts a binding poll of the electorate and the voters choose it in preference to First Past the Post.

How many Councillors?

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has 13 Councillors, elected from four general constituencies (Tauranga, Western Bay of Plenty, Rotorua and Eastern Bay of Plenty) and three Māori constituencies (Kōhi, Mauāo and Ōkurei).

A review of the representation took place in 2006 and resulted in the number of Councillors being reduced from 14 to 13. In the future, we must review the representation at least once every six years, to ensure it is a fair representation of population growth.

Māori constituencies

In the Bay of Plenty, Māori who are registered on the Māori Roll can vote for their own representatives. We are the only region in the country to have dedicated Māori seats on our council, a decision that was made after Council and the Local Government Commission reviewed the representation arrangements.

Councillors

Tauranga



John Cronin
Chairman
07 578 0001



Philip Sherry
Deputy Chairman
07 575 7868



Douglas Owens
0274 477 699



Paula Thompson
07 576 1373

Rotorua



Lyall Thurston
07 348 6768



Neil Oppatt
07 362 8424

Western Bay of Plenty



Jane Nees
07 579 5150



Ian Noble
07 552 0713

Eastern Bay of Plenty



Jim Mansell
07 315 4909

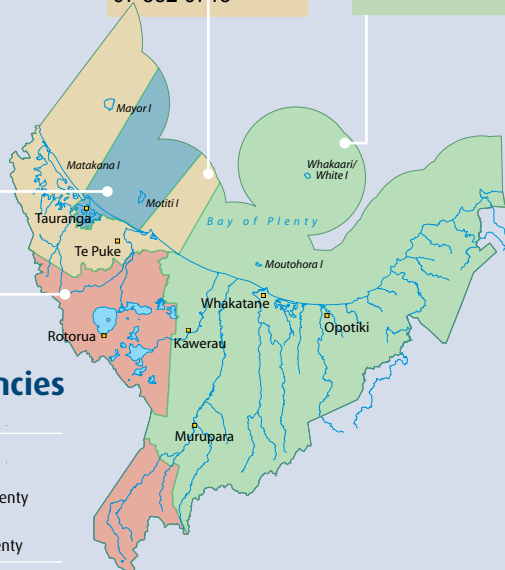


Malcolm Whitaker
07 312 4114

General Constituencies

Legend

- Tauranga
- Western Bay of Plenty
- Rotorua
- Eastern Bay of Plenty



Council

What's its role?

Bay of Plenty Regional Council's chairman and Councillors:

- Set the policy direction of Council.
- Employ the Chief Executive.
- Represent the interests of the Bay of Plenty's residents.
- Monitor Bay of Plenty Regional Council's performance as a whole.

Purposes of Council:

- To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, Bay of Plenty communities.
- To promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Bay of Plenty communities, in the present and for the future.
- To set the overarching strategic direction for Bay of Plenty Regional Council as an organisation.
- To provide strategic oversight of the financial affairs of Council.

Mauāo



Raewyn Bennett
07 533 2373

Kōhi

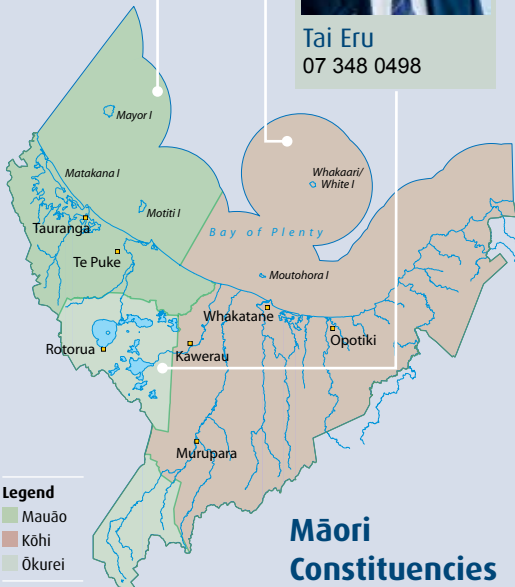


Tiipene Marr
07 348 5494

Ōkurei



Tai Eru
07 348 0498



What's the setup of Council and how often does it meet?

Council has a chairman, John Cronin, and Deputy Chairman, Philip Sherry. It meets as a full Council every six weeks, and has a number of committees and joint committees to help it make decisions.

The Chairman is responsible for maintaining order at meetings and may, at his discretion, order the removal of any member of the public for disorderly conduct or remove any member of Council who does not comply with standing orders.

For an ordinary meeting of Council at least 14 days notice of the time and place of the meeting must be given. Extraordinary meetings may be called at three working days' notice. Legal requirements for Council meetings are set down in the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. You can obtain a copy of the code of conduct and standing orders from any of Bay of Plenty Regional Council office.

Can I attend meetings?

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council and Committee meetings – unless there is reason to consider some items 'in committee' (confidential).

We strongly encourage people to attend our meetings.

Can I speak at meetings?

Time is set aside near the beginning of each meeting for a public forum. If, as a member of the public you wish to speak at a meeting, you must make arrangements with Council before the meeting. Up to three people can speak per meeting.

We encourage the Māori Committee to be a useful forum for Māori engagement. Meeting standing orders are relaxed to allow for presentations from Māori.

Agendas and minutes

The Council agenda is a public document that sets out what will be discussed at a meeting. It includes information about these topics – although parts of it may be withheld if the information is privileged or commercially sensitive.

Minutes of meetings must be kept and made publicly available, subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Copies of Bay of Plenty Regional Council's agendas and minutes are available on its website.

Most of these committees can make decisions without having to take them to the full Council. However there are some decisions that need to be made at full Council meetings. These are:

- Making rates and bylaws.
- Borrowing money or purchasing or disposing of assets, where not provided for in the long-term council community plan (Ten Year Plan).
- Adopting a Ten Year Plan, Annual Plan or Annual Report.
- Adopting policies in association with the Ten Year Plan or developed for the purposes of the local governance statement.
- Warranting enforcement officers.

The full Council can also consider issues that don't fall solely within the delegation of any one Council committee.

Code of conduct

The Chairman and Councillors must follow a code of conduct. This code has standards and expectations for their behaviour in relation to their official duties. The code is part of the Local Government Act 2002, (section 7).

If you would like a full copy of the Code of Conduct for Elected Members, contact us or visit our website at www.boprc.govt.nz to download it.



Coast Care is an important community partnership programme for the Bay of Plenty

Committees

Core committees of Council

Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee

Purposes

- Implements Council's strategic planning and policy documents.

- Oversees and fosters integrated Council and the community.

Membership: Chairman – Councillor Raewyn Bennett, Deputy Chairman – Councillor Philip Sherry, all councillors including Chairman John Cronin as ex-officio.

Operations, Monitoring and Regulation Committee

Purposes

- Implements Council's regional plans.
- Implements all Council policy, developed under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Regulates and monitors the use, development and protection of the Bay of Plenty's natural and physical resources.
- Oversees scientific investigations of natural resource management issues.

- Oversees Council's river and drainage schemes and scheme assets.
- Oversees navigation safety and oil pollution response in the Bay of Plenty.
- Guides the development of regional parks.

Membership: Chairman – Councillor Malcolm Whittaker, Deputy Chairman – Councillor Philip Sherry, all councillors including Chairman John Cronin as ex-officio.

Māori Committee

Purposes

- To consider governance issues relating to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and Council's legislative obligations to Māori.
- To oversee Council's work to build

the capacity of Māori to contribute to Council's decision making processes.

Membership: Chairman – Councillor Tai Eru, Deputy Chairman. Members: Chairman John Cronin as ex-officio, Councillors Raewyn Bennett, Jim Mansell, Tiipene Marr, Douglas Owens, Lyall Thurston.

Finance and Governance Committee

Purposes

- To provide strategic oversight of, and establish policy for, the financial affairs of Council.
- To overview Council's financial reports and annual financial statements, and to monitor Council's financial performance.

- To ensure the effective functioning of the organisation as a corporate body.

Membership: Chairman – Councillor Paula Thompson, Deputy Chairman – Councillor Philip Sherry, all councillors including Chairman John Cronin as *ex-officio*.

Statutory committees

Regional Transport Committee

Functions

- To prepare for approval by the Regional Council:
 - A Regional Land Transport Strategy for its region, any variations to it and any reports on it.
 - A regional land transport programme for its region and any variations to it.
 - Any advice and assistance the Regional Council may request in relation to its transport responsibilities generally.
 - Approve submissions to central government, local authorities and other agencies on Regional Transport Committee related matters.
- To adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of variations made to regional land transport programmes and regional land transport strategies.

Membership: Chairman – Councillor Jane Nees, Deputy Chairman – Councillor Douglas Owens (Bay of Plenty Regional Council). *Ex-officio* – Chairman John Cronin. Territorial authority appointees – Mayor John Forbes (Ōpōtiki District Council); Mayor Tony Bonne (Whakatāne District Council); Councillor Russell Chase (Kawerau District Council); Mayor Stuart Crosby (Tauranga City Council); Mayor Kevin Winters (Rotorua District Council); Mayor Ron Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council); NZ Transport Agency representative – Harry Wilson
New Zealand transport strategy objectives representatives – Tony Reynish, economic development; Kevin Taylor, safety and personal security; Brian Pointon, public health; Noel Pope, access and mobility; Timothy Richardson, environmental sustainability; Maru Tapsell, cultural interests.

Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group

- A joint committee with Rotorua District Council and Te Arawa Lakes Trust to give effect to the vision of preserving and protecting the lakes of the Rotorua district.

The purpose of the Group is to contribute to the promotion of the sustainable management of the Rotorua Lakes and their catchments, for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, while recognising and providing for the traditional relationship of Te Arawa with their ancestral lakes.

Members: Chairman – Mayor Kevin Winters (Rotorua District Council), Deputy Chairman – Chairman Toby Curtis (Te Arawa Lakes Trust), Chairman John Cronin (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Councillor Karen Hunt (Rotorua District Council), Willie Emery (Te Arawa Lakes Trust), Councillor Neil Oppatt (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Martyn Pinkcard (Ministry for the Environment).

Civil Defence and Emergency Management Coordinating Executive Group

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) is a statutory mandated committee made up of the CEOs (or their representative) of local authorities, Fire Service, Police, District Health Boards, Medical Officer of Health and Group Controller.

The CEG is responsible to the CDEM Group for:

- Providing advice to the CDEM Group and any subgroups or subcommittees of the Group.
- Implementing, as appropriate, the decisions of the CDEM Group.
- Overseeing the implementation, development, maintenance, monitoring and evaluation of the CDEM Group Plan.
- Monitoring the performance and effectiveness of any agreement or contract that the Group may enter into for the provision of goods and services.

For more information

See table on page 22 for membership to the full Council committees.

Joint committees

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

A permanent standing joint committee of all local authorities of the Bay of Plenty region. Established under Section 12 of the CDEM Act 2002. Provides for effective civil defence emergency management in the Bay of Plenty.

Members: Chairman – Mayor Ron Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council); Mayor Malcolm Campbell (Kawerau District Council); Mayor John Forbes (Ōpōtiki District Council); Mayor Kevin Winters (Rotorua District Council); Mayor Stuart Crosby (Tauranga City Council); Mayor Tony Bonne (Whakatāne District Council); Chairman John Cronin (Bay of Plenty Regional Council).

SmartGrowth Implementation Committee

A joint committee with Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council responsible for implementation of the western Bay of Plenty sub-regional growth management strategy.

Members: Chairman – Bill Wasley; Chairman John Cronin, Councillors, Jane Nees (Bay of Plenty Regional Council); Mayor Ross Paterson, Deputy Mayor Paul Thomas; Councillor, Mike Williams (Western Bay of Plenty District Council); Mayor Stuart Crosby, Councillors, Larry Baldock, Terry Molloy (Tauranga City Council); Purirake Ihaka, Karora Smith, Maru Tapsell (Tangata Whenua representatives).

Forum

Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum

Purpose

- To oversee and monitor the implementation of the Ōhiwa Harbour Strategy.

Members: Councillor Christine

Chambers (Whakatāne District Council), Maude Edwards (Member, Whakatohea Māori Trust Board), Councillor Selby Fisher (Ōpōtiki District Council), Maui Manuel (Member, Upokorehe), Kei Merito (Chairman, Te Runanga o Ngati Awa), Nika Rua (Member for Ngai Tuhoe), Councillor Malcolm Whitaker (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)



Councillors and senior managers, November 2010

Subcommittees

- Regional Policy Statement Subcommittee
- Public Transport Subcommittee
- Total Mobility Management Subcommittee
- Environmental Enhancement Fund Subcommittee
- Investment Subcommittee

Workshops

When needed, Council holds workshops for in-depth discussion on specific issues. The Council is unable to make decisions at a workshop, and any matters arising from a workshop must be considered at a later Council meeting for a decision to be made. The general public cannot attend these workshops.

For more information

Full copies of the Terms of Reference for all committees are available from our offices or on our website www.boprc.govt.nz

Membership

Councillor	Regional Council	Strategy, Policy and Planning	Finance and Corporate	Operations, Monitoring and Regulation	Māori	Chief Executive Employment Committee
John Cronin (Chairman)						
Philip Sherry (Deputy Chairman)						
Raewyn Bennett						
Tai Eru						
Jim Mansell						
Tiipene Marr						
Jane Nees						
Ian Noble						
Neil Oppatt						
Douglas Owens						
Paula Thompson						
Lyall Thurston						
Malcolm Whitaker						

Key Chairman Deputy Chairman Ex-officio Member

Details correct as at 1 April 2011. For more up-to-date information please visit Bay of Plenty Regional Council's website www.boprc.govt.nz

Consultation

Consultation – your chance to have a say

To make the best decisions about your environment and region, we need to know what you think about what we're doing or planning to do.

We consult with the community to get feedback from interested or affected people on certain decisions we make, or issues we're considering. Who we consult with is guided by the law and varies depending on the type of issue. The Council must act in the best interests of the region as a whole.

How we consult with you

There are lots of different ways we use to find out what the community thinks about a particular issue. These include (but aren't limited to) meetings, sending out questionnaires, doing public displays, putting information in newspapers and on our website and formal submissions.

Our commitments when consulting with you are to:

- Provide you with a range of ways to feedback to us, such as telephone, email, freepost forms, formal and informal submissions and hearings, and face-to-face conversations in every consultation.

- Use publications that reach all households, such as community newspapers, when issues affect a whole community.
- Use our website to highlight matters under consultation and to allow downloading of proposals and documents.
- Ensure Māori are given the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.
- Provide opportunities for interested parties to present to Council during all major decision-making processes.
- Target consultation on specific issues or matters to groups and organisations that we know are interested in those issues or matters.

Whatever method or methods we choose, we have six principles we must follow.

- 1 Accessibility**, by providing people with background information.
- 2 Participation**, by encouraging people to present their views.
- 3 Clarity**, by informing people of the purpose of the consultation and decisions to be made.
- 4 Flexibility**, by giving people the opportunity to present their views in a way that suits them.
- 5 Openness**, by keeping an open mind to the views people present when we make a decision.
- 6 Responsiveness**, by giving people information about the decisions made and the reasons.

For more information

A full copy of Bay of Plenty Regional Council's policy on community consultation under the Local Government Act 2002 is included in the Ten Year Plan or contact one of our offices for a copy.

Consulting with Māori

In the Bay of Plenty, 28 percent of our residents identify as being Māori. To ensure we're meeting our consultation requirements, we've established a Māori Policy section and a Māori Committee.

Depending on different issues that we're working on, we'll also consult with Māori as required in accordance with tikanga Māori. This could be through tribal federations, iwi authorities, tribal runanga, hapu or whānau.

Council also has three Māori Councillors. They are elected by Māori electors in three constituency areas: Kōhi (Eastern Bay of Plenty), Mauāo (Tauranga and Te Puke) and Ōkurei (Rotorua district) to represent Māori who choose to be on the Māori parliamentary electoral rolls.

For Resource Management Act decisions, the Regional Policy Statement states that:

"Guidance on appropriate consultation with iwi may be obtained from iwi management plans but is likely to involve:

- a** the identification of the tangata whenua who may be affected; and
- b** the establishment of an agreed consultation process.

Such a process is likely to involve a number of meetings, with specific individual iwi authorities and tribal runanga if they request them, allowing for:

- The establishment of contact at rangatira level, between kaumatua and Councillors (in the case of statements or plans) or the applicant (with respect to resource consent applications).
- The exchange and explanation of information between Council staff or the applicant's representatives as the case may be and tangata whenua representatives.
- Time to appraise the information, and formulate and deliver useful responses.
- Opportunities for ongoing involvement as the statement, plan or proposal (the subject of an application) is drafted, considered and implemented."

Official information

You can request some information from us under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. However a decision can be made not to give the information if it would:

- a** Endanger the safety of any person.
- b** Prejudice maintenance of the law.
- c** Compromise the privacy of any person.
- d** Reveal confidential or commercially sensitive information.
- e** Cause offence to tikanga Māori or would disclose the location of waahi tapu.
- f** Prejudice public health or safety.
- g** Compromise legal professional privilege.
- h** Disadvantage the local authority while carrying out negotiations or commercial activities.
- i** Allow information to be used for improper gain or advantage.

We must answer your request within 20 working days (although depending on the circumstance this may vary).

There may be a charge for some information that's requested. There are guidelines for this which have been set out by the Ministry of Justice.

For more information

If you want to request information under the Act, you should address it to the Chief Executive, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, PO Box 364, Whakatāne 3158.

Management

Bay of Plenty Regional Council's management team

The senior management group is made up of the Chief Executive and six Group Managers.

- Mary-Anne Macleod, Chief Executive
- Vacant – Group Manager Strategic Development
- Eddie Grogan, Group Manager Water Management
- Miles McConway, Group Manager Technology and Economic Development
- Warwick Murray, Group Manager Land Management
- Brian Trott, Group Manager Corporate Services
- Ken Tarboton, Group Manager Environmental Hazards

Equal employment opportunities policy

The Chief Executive is responsible for implementing the council's equal employment policy.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer and has an EEO staff committee. The Council has a commitment to the principle of EEO and to appoint on merit. It regards the elimination of any discrimination and the provision of equal opportunities as essential principles in the management of its staff resources.

These principles are shown through all aspects of employment, including recruitment, selection and appointment, education, training and development, career path planning and promotions.

For more information

A copy of Bay of Plenty Regional Council's EEO programme is available from our offices.



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