



EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS GIVEN

that the next meeting of the **Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee** will be held in the **Kawerau District Council Chambers, 21 – 23 Islington Street, Kawerau** on

Tuesday 23 November, commencing at 1.00pm

Russell George
Chief Executive Officer
Kawerau District Council

Membership

Chairperson:	Mayor Malcolm Campbell (Kawerau District Council)
Deputy Chairperson:	Mayor Lyn Riesterer (Ōpōtiki District Council)
Appointees:	Mayor Judy Turner, Deputy Mayor Andrew Iles (Whakatāne District Council); Mayor Malcolm Campbell, Deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui (Kawerau District Council); Mayor Lyn Riesterer, Councillor Steve Nelson (Ōpōtiki District Council); Councillor Bill Clark, Councillor Toi Kai Rakau Iti, Councillor Norm Bruning – Alternate (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)
Committee Advisor:	Theresa Barnett (Kawerau District Council)

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REPORT

(Simon Appleton, CEO Eastern Bridge Ltd)

ITEM 03 NON AGENDA ITEMS:
- **Review of the EBOP Local Alcohol Policy**
 Steven Perdia (GM Strategy and Transformation)
- **Mayoral updates on Covid-19 responses**
- **Spatial Plan update** (verbal from CE's)
- **Housing Acceleration Fund** – were there any recipients in the EBOP
- **Reform Programmes. 3 Waters / RMA / Local Govt -**
 How are we responding to these and what benefit would there be to sharing what we are doing?

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EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership

<p>Chairperson Elected by the Joint Committee at its first meeting each Triennium</p>	<p>Mayor Malcolm Campbell</p>
<p>Deputy Chairperson</p>	<p>Mayor Lyn Riesterer Mayor Malcolm Campbell</p>
<p>Members Two representatives from each:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Bay of Plenty Regional Council</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kawerau District Council</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ōpōtiki District Council</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Whakatāne District Council</p>	<p>Cr Bill Clark Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti Cr Norm Bruning (Alternate) Mayor Malcolm Campbell Deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui Mayor Lyn Riesterer Cr Steve Nelson Mayor Judy Turner Deputy Mayor Andrew Iles</p>
<p>Quorum</p>	<p>Four members, being half the number of members</p>
<p>Meeting frequency</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>

Purpose

To form, explore and make recommendations for strategic collaborative initiatives between the partner councils of Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC), Kawerau District Council (KDC), Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC) and Whakatāne District Council (WDC) for responding to and managing a range of Eastern Bay of Plenty issues.

For the purposes of the Joint Committee, “Eastern Bay of Plenty” is defined as the Territorial Authority areas of Kawerau District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council and Whakatāne District Council.

Role

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee is guided by the Terms of Reference and the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as agreed by the partner councils.

To make recommendations on the following:

Opportunities for joint collaboration on initiatives that support the needs of Eastern Bay of Plenty communities;

Coordination of and encouragement of beneficial interrelationships and connections between activities/services across the Eastern Bay of Plenty;

Mitigation of adverse cross boundary effects of decisions, planning and activities on other regions, cities and districts;

Resolution of differences and conflicts, and ensuring no surprises, where activities in one district may affect another;

Sharing of information, expertise, databases and research where there is a mutual interest and benefit;

Encouraging integration and consistency of planning across the Eastern Bay of Plenty;

Developing agreed positions as appropriate on matters of importance and major Government initiatives and, through each respective council, communicate these positions to Central Government and relevant national organisations;

Investigating opportunities for achieving cost efficiencies by sharing responsibilities and services;

Where appropriate and applicable, recommendations must be supported by cost-benefit analyses.

Joint Committee Procedures

Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee is established under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and is therefore obligated to the requirements of the LGA and the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

A meeting is duly constituted if a quorum is present, whether or not all of the members are voting or entitled to vote.

Business may not be transacted at any meeting unless at least a quorum of members is present during the whole of the time at which the business is transacted.

The quorum at a meeting of EBOPJC is half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

The members of the joint committee will engage with their respective councils on strategic issues under discussion and all councils will maintain their own operational inter-council relationships as normal.

The Chief Executive, or the Chief Executive's representative, of each partner Council shall attend meetings and will act as advisors to the Joint Committee.

Meetings will be coordinated and recorded by staff from the partner Council as scheduled by the Joint Committee.

Meetings may be attended by further staff support as considered appropriate by their Chief Executive.

External speakers and participants, including mayors from territorial authorities who are not parties to EBOPJC, with specific interests in the items under discussion, may be invited to attend meetings.

Meetings will be held at times and in places set out in an agreed schedule.

Any formal public communications from meetings will be approved by the Joint Committee prior to release.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be determined, on an annual basis, by the process as set out at clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Each Chairperson will have a term of one year.

A member cannot be appointed as the Chairperson, if either of the previous two Chairpersons were representatives of that member's constituent Council.

Decisions on recommendations of the Committee shall be made in accordance with Clause 24 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 – by vote of majority of members that are present and voting.

The Chairperson will have a deliberative vote.

In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson does not have a casting vote and the status quo is preserved.

A Deputy Chair shall be determined by the process as set out at clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Deputy Chair shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.

If a Chairperson resigns from their position before the end of their term, the Deputy Chair shall take their place and will serve out the remainder of the term as Chairperson.

If a Chairperson resigns and the Deputy Chair becomes Chairperson, cl 25 Schedule 7, LGA 2002 does not apply.

Nothing in this Terms of Reference precludes the Joint Committee from appointing an independent Chairperson.

If an independent Chairperson is appointed, they will also be appointed as a member and will continue to be a member until the end of their term.

Power to Act

To make all decisions necessary to fulfil the role of the Joint Committee subject to the limitations imposed.

Each Council participating in a joint initiative will fund its own proportion of that joint initiative as determined by the Joint Committee.

Power to Recommend

Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee is a joint committee of councils that make recommendations to the constituent councils.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forums are a defined period of time, usually at the start of a meeting, which, at the discretion of a meeting, is put aside for the purpose of public input. Public Forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring matters, not necessarily on the meeting's agenda, to the attention of the local authority.

Time Limits

A period of up to 30 minutes, or such longer time as the meeting may determine, will be available for the Public Forum at each scheduled meeting. Requests must be made to the Chief Executive (or their delegate) at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. No more than two speakers can speak on behalf of an organisation during a Public Forum. Where the number of speakers presenting in the Public Forum exceeds six in total, the Chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters.

Restrictions

The Chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear a speaker or to terminate a presentation at any time where:

- A speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same Public Forum;
- The speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff;
- The speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive;
- The speaker has previously spoken on the same issue;
- The matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- The matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

Questions at Public Forums

At the conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the Chairperson, elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

No Resolutions

Following the Public Forum no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda.

Minutes - Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Wednesday 29 March 2021

	Details of Meeting:	EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE ŌPŌTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM
	Present:	Mayor Malcolm Campbell – Chairperson, and Deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui (Kawerau District Council); Mayor Lyn Riesterer – Deputy Chairperson (Ōpōtiki District Council); Mayor Judy Turner, and Acting CE David Bewley (Whakatāne District Council); (Bay of Plenty Regional Council) Councillor Bill Clark; Councillor Toi Iti;
	In Attendance:	<u>Ōpōtiki District Council</u> – Gerard McCormack, Planning and Regulatory Manager; Garry Page Reserves Manager <u>Kawerau District Council</u> – Russell George, CEO and Theresa Barnett, Administration Officer <u>Whakatāne District Council</u> – Andrew Iles <u>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</u> – Stephen Lamb, Environmental Strategy Manager, Danae Lee
	Visitors:	Lisa Mulitalo – Vodafone NZ
	Apologies:	CEO Aliene Lawrie (Opotiki District Council); Councillor Toi Iti and Doug Leeder (Bay of Plenty Regional Council); Steph O’Sullivan (Whakatāne District Council); Simon Appleton;

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Steph O’Sullivan; Aliene Lawrie; Simon Appleton

RESOLVED:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Riesterer / Iles

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING 2
DECEMBER 2020**

Refer to pages 8-13 of the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1. Receives the minutes of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee meeting held on 2 December 2020.**

Tunui/Riesterer

CARRIED

2 EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY – JIANGXI UPDATE REPORT

Simon Appleton submitted the report, but was unable to attend meeting

DISCUSSION:

The Bay of Plenty Centre in Jiangxi is temporarily closed due to the Spring Festival and recent outbreak of Covid 19. It is expected the centre will re-open in March

Eastern Bridge arranged Chinese New Year Greetings for the Provincial, Xinyu, Fuzhou and Yingtan Foreign Affairs Offices.

Following the Spring Festival holiday, the Jiangxi Foreign Affairs Office wants to refocus on the Jiangxi-EBOP relationship.

Eastern Bridge has hired David Fielden to take an active role in supporting the New Zealand side of the Jiangxi-EBOP relationship.

HONGI UPDATE:

Development for the Hongi Information portal is continuing. As of March 1st, the Hongi Portal will be live. Local Government New Zealand has endorsed the platform and will be promoting it across their Network.

CONCLUSION:

The EBOP-Jiangxi relationship remains strong and continues to have the support of the Jiangxi Provincial Government.

RESOLVED

THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 2. Receives the Eastern Bay of Plenty – Jiangxi Update Report.**

Riesterer/Tunui

CARRIED

3 2021 UPDATE FROM MAYORS/CHAIRS ON “CYCLE TRAIL UPDATE”

Opotiki District Council submitted their report “Opotiki Cycle Trails – Current Status March 2021”

A verbal discussion was undertaken by all District Councils on the progress and future plans for the Cycle Trails in all areas.

RESOLVED

THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

3. Receives the 2021 Update from Mayors/Chairs on “Cycle Trail Update”

Riesterer / Iles

CARRIED

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

4 1. INVESTING IN CONNECTIVITY IN AOTEAROA EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Lisa Mulitalo and Paul Kinghan from Vodafone presented a Power Point presentation on improving their network coverage for the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

2. URBAN FORM AND TRANSPORT INITIATIVE AND WAKA KOTAHI UPDATE

Chair Malcolm Campbell shared an update from Cole O’Keefe (lead Strategic Planner, Waka Kotahi) following on from the report and Safe Network Programme Update that was tabled in December’s meeting of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee meeting.

3. DARK SKY – WHAKATANE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC.

Mayor Judy Turner shared an email from Norman Izett, President of the Whakatane Astronomical Society in regards to making a meeting date for all of our Councillors in the Eastern Bay of Plenty to hear a educational submission by Scientist Professor Emeritist John Hernshaw from Canterbury University on light pollution in support of their quest for having the Eastern Bay ultimately becoming an Internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve.

RESOLVED

THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

4. Non Agenda Items

Riesterer/Tunui

CARRIED

THE MEETING FINISHED AT 3.20PM

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2021.
Mayor Malcolm Campbell CHAIRPERSON



Subject: **EBOP – Jiangxi Update**

To: **EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday 23 November 2021**

Written by: **Simon Appleton, CEO, Eastern Bridge**

File Reference:

1 **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

- The provide an update on the Eastern Bay of Plenty – Jiangxi Relationship

2 **BACKGROUND**

The Eastern Bay of Plenty – Jiangxi Relationship was formally launched with the assistance of Eastern Bridge in 2019 to promote Economic and Community cooperation between the two regions.

3 **RELEVANCE TO EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY**

The Jiangxi relationship provides a conduit from the Eastern Bay of Plenty to China, New Zealand's biggest export education and export markets as well as New Zealand's second largest source of international tourism.

The three Eastern Bay of Plenty Districts are the foundation of the relationship and while other councils, businesses or organisations may be invited to join the relationship it is ultimately the Eastern Bay's relationship.

4 **DISCUSSION**

Digital Art Exchange

The Urban Arts Foundation, a Wellington-based society promoting art in public spaces, would like to work with the Eastern Bay of Plenty and Jiangxi Province to run an international art exhibition. Fifteen artists from the Eastern Bay of Plenty and 15 from Jiangxi will exhibit their art on public screens in each other's regions. There will be 150 pieces of art from each country. Art can include recorded performing arts, paintings and sculpture.

Commencing in early September 2022 and running for six weeks, the art will be showcased on approximately 300 [OMedia](#) screens, at Wellington Airport and Railway Station and on Parliamentary TV.

Jiangxi will present Eastern Bay of Plenty art on screens across its province, focusing on Nanchang, Xinyu, Fuzhou, and Yingtan. Xinhua news agency (China's national news service) and Jiangxi TV have been approached to cover the exchange.

Benefits for the Eastern Bay of Plenty:

The exchange will showcase the Eastern Bay of Plenty in New Zealand and China. The value of media attention in New Zealand alone is worth \$120,000.

The exchange will provide a platform for Eastern Bay of Plenty artists on an international stage. A website will also be set up to allow the participants to sell prints to China.

The exchange will deepen ties between the Eastern Bay of Plenty and Jiangxi.

Cost:

- The Eastern Bay of Plenty councils are not required to provide any additional funding.
- The Urban Art Foundation will approach sponsors in New Zealand. Jiangxi Provincial Government will cover costs incurred in China.

Role of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Councils

The Urban Art Foundation, Eastern Bridge and Jiangxi Provincial Government will be responsible for preparing the managing the exchange. The role of the three Eastern Bay of Plenty councils will be to:

- help identify appropriate artists from the Eastern Bay of Plenty.
- provide a venue for the launch event
- attend the launch event
- provide a public space (gallery, library etc.) for three large screens for the six-week exchange.

2021 Migrant Perceptions Survey Results

The Eastern Bridge annual Migrant Perception Survey results for 2021 are in. The survey seeks feedback from Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese migrants from 20 regions/subregions about their experience living in New Zealand. The Eastern Bay of Plenty received an above-average score of 78/100, 5 points above the national average. Access to news and information in their native languages continues to be the primary concern for migrants; this has been partially addressed in the Eastern Bay of Plenty by Hongi, the multilingual news and information portal. The 2021 Migrant Perceptions Survey received just under 14,000 responses and is the only nationwide survey looking at social well-being for migrant communities.

Jiangxi Governor Yi Lianhong's Promotion

Former Jiangxi Governor Yi Lianhong has been promoted to Party Secretary of the province. Secretary Yi was a driving force in forming the Bay of Plenty - Jiangxi relationship, including approving 200,000 NZD worth of scholarships in 2019 and establishing the Bay of Plenty Centre in Nanchang. Secretary Yi is still enthusiastic about the relationship and will continue to take an interest as it develops. Ye Jianchun has replaced Yi as Governor.

Eastern Bridge has sent congratulation letters to both Secretary Yu Lianhong and Governor Ye Jiangchuan on behalf of the Eastern Bay of Plenty. A response from Secretary Yu has been received and is attached.

Jiangxi Tourism and Social Media

In 2022 - 2025 the Jiangxi government will emphasise tourism as a key driver for their economic recovery and opening up after the pandemic. Jiangxi will focus on three main tourism sectors: ecological, cultural and red tourism. The government has committed to invest more in environmental protection, rejuvenation of natural areas and sustainable tourism. Jiangxi is keen to cooperate with overseas partners to promote tourism exchanges, and fund initiatives which promote their province as an international travel destination. Jiangxi is already a major domestic tourist destination, averaging around 40 million visitors a year.

Eastern Bridge and Jiangxi Foreign Affairs office discussed the establishment of Sister Province social media accounts. The accounts would showcase the two region's in both Chinese and English languages.

The benefits to the Eastern Bay of Plenty will include greater international exposure, in particular in the Chinese speaking market.

Jiangxi Centre Update

In 2021 the Jiangxi Foreign Affairs office established a Jiangxi Centre in the United States. The Center, which follows the concept proposed for the Eastern Bay of Plenty, cost around 7 million dollars with investment from the Jiangxi public and private sectors. Jiangxi remains committed to establishing a Jiangxi Centre in the Eastern Bay of Plenty and hopes to proceed with the investment in 2022.

Jiangxi – EBOP exchanges

The Jiangxi Education Bureau held a meeting to discuss cooperation with the Eastern Bay of Plenty region following border reopening. Jiangxi remains committed to funding Jiangxi students to study in the Eastern Bay of Plenty. However, this is not likely to commence until the latter half of 2022 or 2023.

Solar panels and lights.

The Jiangxi government wants to support their solar manufacturing industry to boost their exports. Currently Jiangxi solar panels and solar lights are exported to the EU however the government wants their manufactures to expand to other markets. The Jiangxi government would be willing to arrange for heavily discounted solar panels for Eastern Bay of Plenty partners.

It is proposed as a win-win, providing the Eastern Bay of Plenty with access to solar lights and panels below market rate while giving their industry an entry into Australasia.

Other news:

Jiangxi is China's largest producer of medium and heavy rare-earths and accounts for 70% of the country's output. Jiangxi residents have become increasingly concerned about the environmental damage mining is causing. In response, the Jiangxi government introduced regulations and funding packages for mines to move to sustainable production. The government has also funded a \$10 million

pilot programme to recycle rare earth, and if successful, the programme will be rolled out across the province.

Over the past 12 months, China has experienced a severe energy crisis. Jiangxi has responded by investing heavily in renewable energy. The government wants to move away from coal-fired power generation to a combination of solar, hydro, wind and geothermal.

The Jiangxi government has established several ecological reserves across the province, including Poyang lake, China's largest freshwater lake. The move also includes adding greater protections for the local wildlife. In December 2021 Jiangxi will hold the first of what will become an annual event to celebrate migratory birds nest within the province.

Jiangxi has become the first province in China to do away with the 'hukou' (household registration) system. The hukou system was introduced in the 1960s to control population movements and prevent overcrowding in China's eastern coastal cities. The rationale of removing the system is to encourage urbanisation and support free flows of labour. The move is significant and, if successful, could be replicated across the country.

CONCLUSION

After a very quiet 18 months Jiangxi has signalled it would like to actively progress with cooperation between the Eastern Bay of Plenty and Jiangxi.

Eastern Bridge and the Jiangxi Foreign Affairs office have held a number of discussions over the past two months to identify opportunities for cooperation.

I also welcome ideas from the Eastern Bay of Plenty councils on activities we can run between the two regions.

5 RECOMMENDATION

THAT The EBOP – Jiangxi Update

1. report be received.
2. **THAT** Eastern Bridge, the Urban Art Foundation and Jiangxi Foreign Affairs Office proceeds with the Eastern Bay of Plenty – Jiangxi Art Exchange.
3. **THAT** Eastern Bridge and Jiangxi Foreign Affairs Office establish joint social media accounts to promote the Eastern Bay of Plenty and Jiangxi Provincial relationship.
4. **THAT** the three Eastern Bay of Plenty District Councils and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council includes Eastern Bridge in its media mailing list, for articles and press releases to be translated and shared on Hongi.

Attached to this report:

- Appendix 1 – Jiangxi news and updates

Report Authorisation

Report writer:	Simon Appleton	CEO of Eastern Bridge
First Approval:	Russell George	CEO Kawerau District Council

中国共产党江西省委员会

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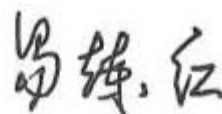
来信收悉。衷心感谢你们对我和江西工作的关心支持。

自2019年6月，江西与丰盛湾大区签署建立友好省区关系备忘录以来，双方开展了多层次交往，达成了许多合作意向。

当前，新冠肺炎疫情仍在全球蔓延。我们期待在携手应对疫情挑战的同时，持续深化双方在教育、文化和经贸等领域的全方位合作，不断提升两地友好关系。对来信中提到的三点建议，我都赞成，将督促有关部门积极对接并推动项目落地落实，实现互利共赢、共同发展。

衷心祝愿你们身体健康、工作顺利！

中共江西省委书记



2021年10月27日

Translation

Dear Ms. Lyn Riesterer, Mayor of Opotiki

Ms Judy Turner, Mayor of Whakatane

Mr. Malcolm Campbell, Mayor of Kawerau

Mr. Simon Appleton, Director of Foreign Affairs

Thank you for your letter. Hereby, I would like to express my gratitude to Your Excellency for your care and support for me and Jiangxi.

Since Jiangxi and the Eastern Bay of Plenty signed the Memorandum of Understanding in order to develop a formal Sister Province relationship in June 2019, our two sides have conducted multi-level exchanges and research consensus in many cooperative plans.

At present, the Covid19 pandemic is still wreaking havoc around the world. We look forward that we will maintain our solidarity in tackling the pandemic hand in hand, and in the meanwhile, we will continuously deepen the all-round cooperation in education, culture, economy and trade, and other areas between our two sides. I agree with all the three proposals mentioned in your letter, and I will supervise relevant departments in their active involvement and promotion for the implementation of those programs, with the purpose to realise mutual benefit, win-win outcome and common prosperity.

I sincerely wish all of you good health and success

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Mr. Yi Lianhong

Secretary of the CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee.