

Community meeting

Meeting minutes

Port of Auckland, 27th November 2024, 5:30pm-7pm

TIMING	AGENDA ITEM	OWNER
5:30pm	Welcome	Julie Wagener
5:35pm	General business update	Roger Gray
6:00pm	Infrastructure update	Alistair Kirk
6:30pm	Any other business	Roger Gray
6:45pm	Close	Roger Gray

Name	Organisation
Roger Gray	Port of Auckland
Alistair Kirk	Port of Auckland
Phil Doak	Port of Auckland
Julie Wagener	Port of Auckland
Shelley Ashdown	Port of Auckland
Gayle Bennett	Local resident
Mike Blackburn	Local resident
Roz Knill	Local resident

Sally Giles	Local resident
Gayle Bennett	Local resident
Paul McLuckie	Local resident
Luke Niue	Local resident
Bob Tait	Friends of the Earth

General Business Update: Roger Gray, CEO

- At the end of month four of the FY, the port is \$7 million ahead of budget on profit and targeting to be close to \$10 million ahead at six month mark of the FY. Performance is good but second half of FY is looking to be a bit tougher.
- If we stay on target we could deliver about \$75 million NPAT and approx. \$52 million of dividend to Auckland Council. Thats \$1m a week to Council.
- We’re seeing the highest container volume through the container terminal in five years (September and October). Other trades are softer: car volumes down 40% YOY: structural steel/ cement down 20%; record amount of bulk-break (500,000 tonnes of bulk products in past four months).
- Auckland Council voting on 28 November on Future of the Waterfront Plan. Vote to endorse port building Bledisloe North Wharf and other works. \$450 million capital spend to set port up for next two generations.
- KiwiRail: Block of Line for month of January. Expect to see extra truck volume along The Strand and will back-up the logistics in upper North Island. Challenging time for everybody.
- Former CE, Tony Gibson, found guilty on charge under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Deloitte Top 200 Awards 2024: Port of Auckland finalist in four different categories.

Infrastructure update: Alistair Kirk, General Manager Infrastructure

- Consenting update: Fergusson North and Bledisloe North
 - Reached out to 140 different stakeholders to consult on plans. Feedback has generally been supportive or neutral.
 - Worked with Beca to refine design of Bledisloe North – brought back to 6.7 metres from 12-13 metres.

- Currently assessing potential wind shadowing of the wharf.
- Finalising all technical reports for the application and hope to lodge application early December (the government is yet to pass final Fast Track Legislation).
- Temporary engineering workshop is currently being constructed for the four-high straddles. It will be in use for at least two years while new workshop is being built.
- The Strand upgrade is being managed by Waka Kotahi. Significant resurfacing and rebuilding work through January. Traffic management will be in place. Will mean additional trucks down Tangihua Street.
- The port has concerns about the timing of the KiwiRail Block of Line and The Strand works, in particular during Auckland Anniversary Day Weekend due to significant closures over that weekend.
- Lumo Digital billboard: at previous CRG, have shown images of the billboard which was consented and now erected by Lumo.
- Car handling building:
 - Work underway on the solar installation on roof of the Bledisloe car handling building. Awarded contract to McKay and groundwork underway.
 - Will be installing solar panels on the roof in the coming months. The power will be used to supply 6-7% of port's yearly power consumption. Plans to install more solar across the port and hoping to get up to 20% onsite generation.

Other business

- Attendee Roz Knill raised concerns about the new Lumo Digital billboard and asked what mitigations can be made to lessen the impact of the billboard.
- Alistair Kirk response:
 - Trees removed due to safety concerns following cyclone damage
 - Billboard brightness is controlled by Lumo Digital.
 - Images of billboard shown as previous CRG meetings
 - Lumo Digital lodged the resource consent with Auckland Council, which was granted
 - Auckland Transport involved with consenting from a traffic safety perspective
 - The consent was deemed non-notifiable to public by Auckland Council; the port raised the billboard at CRG meetings and there was no significant pushback.

- Roger Gray suggests going back to the organisation responsible for seeking and granting consent for the billboard: Lumo Digital and Auckland Council.
- Roger Gray acknowledged that the port could have communicated better and that we will take the feedback on board.

Roger wishes everyone a very happy Christmas season.

Meeting closed.

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