

Kaipara Community Health Trust – Mayoral Appointments

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 16 December 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To publicly advise the appointments of Christine Herald as the West Coast ward representative and James Foster as the Dargaville ward representative to the Kaipara Community Health Trust (KCHT).

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

The Mayor of the Kaipara District is responsible for the appointments of ward representatives to the KCHT, based on historical ward boundaries. Appointments are for a three-year term, with trustees able to serve three terms only.

A vacancy has arisen due to the resignation from the West Coast representative. This role was advertised by Council with Christine Herald being recommended by the Chief Executive (CE) of the KCHT and subsequently appointed by the Mayor.

James Foster is the current representative of the Dargaville ward. His second term is due to expire at the end of November 2020. Mr. Foster signalled his desire to continue in the role for a further 3-year term, which was supported by the CE of the KCHT. The Mayor has re-appointed James Foster to that role.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes that the Mayor has appointed Christine Herald as the West Coast ward representative on the Kaipara Community Health Trust, effective 1 December 2020, for a 3-year term.
- b) Notes that the Mayor has re-appointed James Foster as the Dargaville Ward representative on the Kaipara Community Health Trust, effective 1 December 2020, for his final 3-year term.

Context/Horopaki

The KCHT is an independent, non-government organisation. It was formed in 1995 when local surgical services were greatly reduced and Dargaville hospital was under threat of closure. The Trust Deed requires that four of the 12 trustees be appointed by the Mayor or Commissioners in accordance with historic four ward boundaries (Otamatea, Central, West Coast and Dargaville).

West Coast ward representative

In 2019, Brenda Jackson was re-appointed to the KCHT for a maximum allowable third term as the West Coast Ward trustee. This year Brenda resigned, which created a vacancy. The role was advertised in the Kaipara Lifestyler and on Council's website from 20 October to 9 November 2020. The recruitment period was extended as there were no applications received during that period.

One application was received during the extended period from Christine Herald. The Chief Executive (CE) of the KCHT reviewed the application, recognised her experience in the health industry and recommended that she be appointed as the West Coast ward representative on the

KCHT. The Mayor subsequently appointed her to the role, effective 1 December 2020, for a three-year term.

Dargaville ward representative

James Foster is the representative on the KCHT from the Dargaville ward and is currently serving his second term. He indicated his willingness to remain on the KCHT for a third term. The CE of the KCHT supported him being re-appointed to his final three-year term. The Mayor subsequently re-appointed James Foster to the role, effective 1 December 2020.

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

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