

## NOTES TAKEN of ELECTION/CONFIRMATION HUI FOR HE TOA TAKITINI KORONGATA MARAE REP

Held 7 May 2016 at Korongata Marae, Bridge Pa Hastings

Hui started at 10.15am

- 1.0 Mihi by Kaupa Teariki to the Liz Graham (Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust/HTST Chair), Meihana Watson, Peter Paku (Ruahapia Marae Rep).
- 2.0 Time was then turned over to He Toa Takitini kaimahi to officiate and run today's election. Mihi returned by Meihana and purpose of today's election given. Apology given from David Tipene-Leach (HTT Chair) who will arrive late. Kevin Tamati acknowledged for mahi with HTST/HTT process. Further explanation and a brief update of current events was given in turn by Liz Graham. **This position is current until September 2016** – Re-election for marae representation will then be conducted for 12 marae (Korongata included), the remaining marae & entities election to be held in 2017. This will be a more formal process.

### 3.0 Election Process

Ruth Wong raised the query regarding **voting eligibility** as it is not stated in the advertised HTT criteria. Ideally those who are nominated, ought to be voted by whanau who whakapapa to Korongata. Ruth also asked if HTT have a database of members for registration purposes – Answer from Meihana: Kao, not for today's purpose, but is currently work in progress to be a functioning tool for use during the next election round.

In response to Ruth's patai, Liz Graham gave preference these patai be put to the hapu for discussion, with note, the ideal marae representative be an active marae participant, knowing the needs and aspirations of the marae, and have the confidence of the hapu. HTT rely on Marae reps to offer engaging feedback and discussion. It is also ideal the candidate show a commitment to the mahi of He Toa Takitini and the Post Settlement Group Entity by meeting regularly as a Board member each month. The Marae are to be mindful that the rep will be sitting with/on a multi-million \$ organisation.

***Discussion was open to whanau, eventually making a unified agreement, that:***

1. **Voting eligibility be by whanau who whakapapa to Korongata;**
2. **Voting be by ballot**

- 4.0 David Tipene-Leach arrived and gave mihi to the whanau, also acknowledging Kevin's mahi.
- 5.0 Tatiana Greening clarified today's voting process and supported Ruth's query about voting eligibility. Acknowledgement given toward the 3 candidates standing today.
- 6.0 David expressed how HTT will advocate for marae – how to represent, how to feedback. The PSGE and marae will collaborate together effectively.
- 7.0 Tatiana then asked for clarification of intent, vision and purpose of the PSGE.

David responded by saying the PSGE will develop structure, operations and phase planning longterm. Interim PSGE → followup. The negotiating/redress process is still ongoing with HTST. PSGE will be marae / hapu led – being the first Iwi to do so in NZ. HTTS will be a decentralised model, at marae level. PSGE is moving and settling relationships, working toward strategically positioning marae favourably to be capable for the next phase. Part of the vision is strategic planning through marae; to create positive change i.e Maturanga priority as part of planning.

### 8.0 Candidates were invited to come forward to korero to whanau.

1. Eugene Hutana
2. Laura Kele
3. Alayna Watene

**9.0 Ballots opened.** Monica Watson and Leanne Chase – Heretaunga Maori Wardens, are officiating as todays election scrutineers.

**10.0 Ballots closed, counted and the following results announced:**

Eugene Hutana 8 votes

Laura Kele 7 votes

Alayna Watene 16 votes

11.0 Nga mihi nui ki a koe Alayna 😊 Confirmation and thanks given to all standing candidates.

12.0 Confirmation / Election hui closed.