

Murray Lobb – Mayoral Candidate

Economic Development

- 1. What is your understanding of the Kotahitanga Board and the role that they play? Should they be independent?** I understand the Kotahitanga Board to be an external advisory body to the Council. I believe that they should be a Council Controlled Organisation at arm's length from the Council as at the moment they are not a legal entity and can't contract with the Crown.
- 2. Kāpiti Chamber values town centres as vital contributors to our local economic system. What examples of benefits have you seen from town centres?** Town centres can provide a focus and identity to an area. We have an amazing opportunity to develop a town centre for Kāpiti on the area to the west of the council building and the library but it must be done in a planned approach rather than a piecemeal way.
- 3. How do you plan to support and grow town centres, and their relationship to the economic development team and wider business community?** The town centre should be a combination of shops, restaurants, high density housing and recreational areas and gardens. Council should be driving the concept and changing the district plan where necessary to facilitate this.
- 4. What is your understanding of the purpose of the Tourist Advisory Board and their relationship with Wellington NZ and KCDC?** To increase tourism activity and visitor numbers to the Kāpiti District by working with WellingtonNZ and KCDC.
- 5. What are the opportunities around tourism in Kāpiti?** Environment, outdoor activities, History and Culture.

Better Infrastructure

- 6. What role do you think KCDC plays in the Peka Peka Interchange?** KCDC should advocate strongly with Waka Kotahi to provide for the Peka Peka interchange
- 7. KCDC has been making strategic housing purchases. What are your thoughts on KCDC as a housing provider or facilitator? What does intensification mean to you, and how do you think it could change Kāpiti?** KCDC should not be a housing provider. It should limit its involvement to facilitation. Intensification should be well planned and close to the rail hubs and town centre.
- 8. As it stands, KCDC has funding to move forward with Te Uruhi. This has been a big talking point in our business community and membership. Assuming it goes ahead, what impact do you foresee the gateway having on business and community wellbeing in the Kāpiti region?** I do not support the Te Uruhi project in its current form.
- 9. What do you think are the opportunities for business if the Kāpiti Airport stays an airport, or if it gets developed?** Kāpiti Airport is not sustainable as a commercial

operation. I believe that KCDC should work with Templeton Group to ensure the best outcome for the district on any future development.

Future thinking

- 10. What actions should KCDC be taking to support businesses to become climate friendly?** KCDC must do more to prevent AND mitigate the impacts of climate change. A starting point is waste collection. Three companies chase each other around the district and then transport the waste out of the district. Reduce the Transport emissions. KCDC also needs to prevent the frequent flooding of the Waikanae estuary area, and parts of Peka Peka and Te Horo Beach. Once this has been achieved KCDC can look at helping businesses become climate friendly.
- 11. How do you envision the relationship between local iwi and KCDC operating in the future?**
- 12. Summarise your understanding of the following reforms: Three Waters Reform and Local Government Reform. How do you plan to keep Kāpiti's voice strong throughout these changes and advocate for our business community?** I believe that there needs to be more regulation on drinking water, storm water and sewage, but I am not convinced that centralisation of waters is the best way to achieve this. Kāpiti is in a good position on water because our ratepayers have invested heavily in it over many years. Three waters will not necessarily help our district.
- 13. What is your vision for Kāpiti, and how do you intend to implement it? Name three visionary actions you aspire to implement?** I look to a future where Kāpiti is seen as a premier destination to live in and to do business. I intend to ensure KCDC performs its core services efficiently. I will work to get an optimal outcome for the airport redevelopment. I will bring fiscal responsibility to the Council.
- 14. How do you plan on being a visible and accessible leader for our council and community?** I will bring my inclusive style of leadership to the Council and I will have more consultation with the community and less consultation with consultants.