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Economic Development

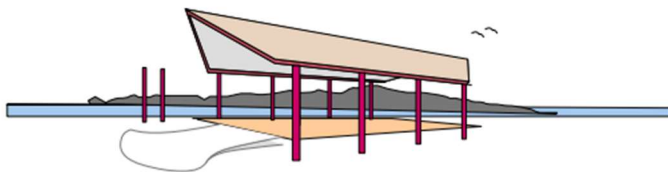
- 1. What is your understanding of the Kotahitanga Board and the role that they play? Should they be independent?** My understanding of the Kotahitanga Board is a KCDC appointed board of Maori to communicate with businesses and groups and see opportunities to engage. This is a wonderful opportunity as a partnership with iwi groups, council and all people on the Kapiti Coast to have a united working party for the Kapiti Coast.
- 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 benefit with Proximity to housing, work, Parks, Personal networking for business and recreation Proximity to transport hubs, arts and crafts (ie theatres galleries) Cafes Restaurants, Clubs, nightlife. Cycleways, walkways and linkages to open spaces. Kapiti Towns will show positive growth and the above components should be juxtapositioned in the planning.
- 3. How do you plan to support and grow town centres, and their relationship to the economic development team and wider business community?** Town Centres must have sensible infrastructure and good balance and linkages between built form and open space parks
- 4. What is your understanding of the purpose of the Tourist Advisory Board and their relationship with Wellington NZ and KCDC?** The Tourist Advisory board give advice to national and international bodies as to tourist features of interest and places to go. Their relationship With Wellington NZ and KCDC should be better enhanced
- 5. What are the opportunities around tourism in Kāpiti?** Kapiti Tourist Opportunities: Coastal Beach atmosphere Tararuas: Tramp or fly over, Horse riding, cycle ways, walkways with lakes, beach and cafes on the way Kapiti Island (visit) Seaside activities. Tramway Iwi Culture Scenic flights from Kapiti Airport All should be accommodated in the future town planning.

Better Infrastructure

- 6. What role do you think KCDC plays in the Peka Peka Interchange?** KCDC plays an appropriate role and should Support NZTA and the Government to provide an interchange at Peka Peka. Peka Peka and Waikanae are established settlements and should be facilitated with regard to transport infrastructure.
- 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 involved in housing purchases. Capital Costs are very high. The houses often require extensive maintenance as they are all in varying states of repair and it is too costly and unfair to the ratepayer. Council would be better of facilitating zoning for specialist companies to do carry this out. Intensification means more dense housing per area. This could change Kapiti's existing low scale and coastal character and spirit into a

high apartments and ghettos. Again juxtapositioning of the open spaces, the build forms and their linkages need consideration.

- 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?** The Gateway Project has displayed an awful cost overrun with consultants and building issues. Kapiti needs this facility but not in the way it has been mishandled to date. The development should be low key and have no impact on the neighbours. It should be an exciting facility for everyone. A coastal kiosk, Local business should engage with the planning and running of this important beach feature. I have sketched a simplified “inverted waka” form which is sympathetic to the landscape and easy to build. The Gateway project with its connection to Kapiti island will have a positive and exciting impact on the local community . Local catering and accommodation businesses, Craft Shops, and others will all benefit. The spirit of Kapiti is the Sea, Kapiti Island, the special open spaces, the mountains and the rivers. The linkage to Kapiti will indeed enhance the wellbeing of the kapiti region



Gateway

- 9. What do you think are the opportunities for business if the Kāpiti Airport stays an airport, or if it gets developed?** Kapiti Airport is one of the special open spaces and the heart of Kapiti. We must protect all the airport land as sacred open space. The Heart of Kapiti This will give better value to any carefully planned building forms. Business will flourish better with a landscaped reserve space. The airport runway should be retained as a cohesive component of this important space offering connections to other cities.

Future thinking

- 10. What actions should KCDC be taking to support businesses to become climate friendly?** KCDC should be encouraging new buildings to be insulated in the floor, walls and roofs to a higher R values , least 6 solar panels to each building, and encouragement to face the buildings towards the north sun in the subdivision plans. KCDC Vehicles should be electric and renewable energy utilised

- 11. How do you envision the relationship between local iwi and KCDC operating in the future?** Council (and all of us) need to do more to strengthen relationships with all Maoris and communities.
- 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?** 3 waters reform and government reform have just been mooted to the general public and are still being sorted. I don't agree with three waters As all local authorities have differing infrastructure and funding. It is incredibly unfair. Health reforms are playing secret squirrel and not liaising like the old DHBs did. The RMA needs to be reformed and made more practical
- 13. What is your vision for Kāpiti, and how do you intend to implement it? Name three visionary actions you aspire to implement?** My vision for Kapiti is to maintain and enhance its special character as a seaside destination with mountains, rivers, beaches and well planned open space reserves enhancing and and connecting the building settlements. Implementation of this is by way of careful planning and firm control of developers and their developments.
- a. Protect and enhance existing open spaces eg. Paraparaumu Airport, Otaki Racecourse, Coastal ecological Dune areas. Rivers, and ranges. Discourage inappropriate dense building settlements which are detrimental to Kapitis existing low scale coastal settlement character. Urgent attention to coastal sea defences.
 - b. Work on health issues especially for youth. Facilitate specialist consultants into the medical centres to obviate travel problems for local people.
 - c. Better train and bus services Speed up the hybrid train proposal
- 14. How do you plan on being a visible and accessible leader for our council and community?** I will approach the job of councillor as I have as an architect on the Kapiti Coast for forty years I will listen and engage in an approachable way, Establish the problem, Research the solution Work to a solution And encourage the team around me to give their absolute best to the people of Kapiti and their environment.