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ISK Steering Group

Kawerau Container Terminal

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Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter the 'VENT'. We will be circulating the **VENT** quarterly to help you, the ISK community, stay in touch with what is happening with ISK.

In case you haven't met me I am Glenn Sutton, Kawerau District Council's Economic Development Manager and Co-Coordinator for the ISK Steering Group – taking over from Su Cammell. I look forward to hearing from you and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or suggestions about ISK.

ISK Steering Group

At its recent meeting of January, the ISK Chairs Group renamed itself as the ISK Steering Group. This was in recognition that it currently performs a combination of governance & management roles rather than as a collection of Chairs from individual working groups. The Group also decided to expand its membership to ensure that it represents the full spectrum of ISK membership.

The members of the ISK Steering Group are:

- Chair – Russell George (Kawerau District Council)
- Community – Faylene Tunui (Manna Support Services)
- Economic Development - John Galbraith (Toi-EDA)
- Engineering Services – Kelvin Wright (Allied Industrial Engineering)
- Geothermal - Spence McClintock (Ngati Tuwharetoa Holdings Limited)
- Logistics/Infrastructure – David Turner (Sequal Lumber)
- Maori Business – Kiriwaitangi Rei (Maori Investments Limited); John O'Brien (Putauaki Trust) and Spence McClintock (NTHL)
- Science & Research – Warren Parker (Scion)
- Wood Processing/Manufacturing – Jacob Kajavala (Kajavala Forestry Limited)
- Workforce Development - Deanne Butler (SHL Contracting)

The Steering Group meets four times per year in January, April, July & November.

We realise the importance of keeping the wider ISK membership and stakeholders well-informed of progress. As well as the quarterly Newsletter, we will be holding an annual workshop for all ISK members and stakeholders. The aim of the workshop will be to provide you with an update of ISK projects, new initiatives and opportunities and to get your feedback.

So, look out for the 1st workshop around the middle of this year. Timing and an agenda will follow.

Kawerau Container Terminal Project



For those of you who are unaware, ISK has been working on an initiative to establish a rail and road container terminal (CT) in Kawerau. Initially, the terminal was viewed as being an economic option for transporting products from Kawerau to the Port of Tauranga by rail – currently most of those products are trucked to the Port.

However, canvassing of potential users has shown that there is widespread interest for a CT across the Eastern Bay of Plenty. It has become obvious that such a terminal has regional significance and benefit, not just for Kawerau. The CT is seen as being a significant strategic asset for the eastern BOP and is specifically included in the Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Economic Action Plan that is supported by Central Government. Discussions with KiwiRail, Port of Tauranga and the New Zealand Transport Agency also indicate their support for the concept.

The initiative has progressed to the stage where we have recently joined with the Value Chain Optimisation group at Scion to undertake a project to assess the economic and logistical feasibility of the CT. Scion will develop a discrete event simulation (DES) model to simulate train movements for full and empty containers between the Port of Tauranga and Kawerau.

The project will involve the simulation of different scenarios that will include varying levels of volumes, costs and fluctuations. This will enable Scion to establish critical thresholds beyond which the Container Terminal will become economically viable and highlight risk levels. Another key output will be the change in carbon dioxide emissions.

We are aiming to start the project in February, subject to obtaining confirmation of the required funding. Conclusion/reporting of the project is expected by the middle of this year.