

Te Kaupapa Tiaki o ngā Roto

Tarawera Sewerage Scheme Update – December 2023

Tēnā rā koutou i te whakatata mai te wā o Raumati. Kei te mihi tonu nei i roto i ngā tini āhuatanga o ngā wā. Nau mai ki te pānui nei.

Warm greetings to you as summer draws near, and in the many happenings of the times. Welcome to this Tarawera Sewerage Scheme update.

Rotorua Lakes Council update

From Gerhard Mostert, Engineers Representative

These regular updates are provided to local community groups, respective hapū and other community members to share via their networks.

Stage 1 is well underway with some difficulties encountered with the boundary assemblies due to dewatering and rock excavations. The current programme and expenditure to date is on track. Early January will see us starting construction of the pumping station at Cliff Road.

We've had property owner's contact us regarding boundary assembly pegs being in differing locations to what was identified during site visits with the Trility representative. This is due to circumstances that have changed from the initial investigation, taking into consideration a more practical location for current construction methods being implemented.

Officers have informed the community of the outcomes of the open procurement process and the improved gross costs range expected for the scheme. Letters were posted and emailed to property owners on 25th September 2023. Feedback from the Tarawera community was received in October 2023, on two pertinent matters;

- a) Self-instalment of the specified on-property systems.
- b) Installation led by Council.

Officers have assessed feedback and will make recommendations to Council at the Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on 12th December 2023 on the actions required to commence the implementation of Stage 2 from early 2024. The agenda for this meeting can be found at rotorualakescouncil.nz/meetings. The meeting starts at 12.30pm, in the Council Chamber and is open to the public to attend.

The meeting will also be livestreamed and can be viewed live or later via Council's YouTube channel: [Rotorua Lakes Council - YouTube](#)

If you have any questions regarding the scheme, please contact us at TaraweraSS@rotorualc.nz or phone 07 348 4199.

We thank the Tarawera community for your support and recognising the importance of protecting the health of our community and waterways for future generations.

Cultural Team update

From Kahurangi White-Parsons, Partnership Advisor

Cultural Monitoring – Te Pūtaiki o Tarawera, the collective of Māori Landowners in the Tarawera area regularly hold cultural inductions for contractors and Rotorua Lakes Council project staff and are the first point of contact for cultural monitoring of the project.

Progress Reports – Monthly reports from Fulton Hogan detailing work progress and next phases are sent to Te Pūtaiki o Tarawera and Tūhourangi Tribal Authority.

Rotokākahi – Council is working with Lake Rotokākahi Board of Control to ensure the mana and tapu of the privately owned lake is recognised and maintained for local iwi Tūhourangi and Ngāti Tumatawera. Discussion is underway on how best to protect the waterbody and stream systems.

Fulton Hogan update

From Nadia Whyte, Contract Engineer

Sewer Main

Over the last few weeks' significant progress has been made on the installation of the sewer main despite rock being encountered around the Tarawera/Spencer Rd intersection. A second drilling crew arrived on site at the end of last week to assist with drilling up until Christmas.

The drilling teams will continue working towards the Buried Village until the end of the week before jumping up the road and focusing their attention on the section through the Blue Lake until Christmas to minimise the disruption to the events planned in the New Year.

We will revisit the area between Kariri Point and the Black Barn to complete the install of the sewer main in March with additional teams and equipment being brought in due to the ground conditions and alignment not being suitable for the directional drill.

Boundary Assemblies

The unpredictable and unfavourable weather over the last few weeks has had an impact on our boundary assembly crews. They have shifted down the road and completed the installations of the boundary assemblies in areas that are less likely to be affected by the weather and are away from the water table. The team will return to any areas with outstanding reinstatement over the next few weeks.

The majority of the boundary assemblies between the end of Spencer Rd and the fire station have now been completed.

Efforts are being made to limit the amount of time where access to your property may be obstructed. If access is going to be obstructed for any extended period of time, we will consult with you directly prior to the works commencing.

Pump Stations

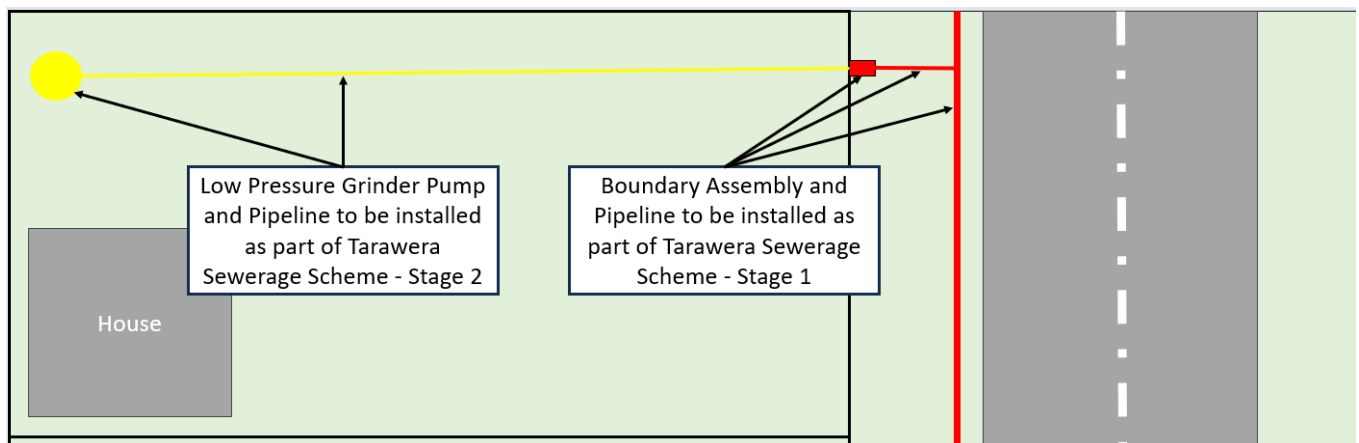
Teams will establish onsite in January to start the build of the first pump station at Cliff Rd.

The construction of the other two pump stations at the Fire Station and the Transfer Station will occur later in the year.

Traffic Management

One of the biggest risks to the teams safely returning home to their families each shift is traffic. We thank those who are keeping to the posted speed restrictions and travelling through the sites with care. The narrow and winding road has made it challenging, but efforts are being made to ensure that one lane is kept open and that delays are kept to a minimum.

Over the holiday period our teams will be taking a break to recharge their batteries so we can hit the ground running in the New Year. Our teams will be off site from the 23rd December 2023 and returning on the 8th January 2024. The majority of the traffic management will be removed during this period whilst we are not working. Please obey any remaining signage as it has been left in place to protect you from a hazard.



Stage 1 Boundary Assembly



Rocks being removed during Boundary Assembly install



Hay Mulch Protection to encourage grass growth



Saddle Connection to main line



Trench Shield Protection of worker

Kei te mihi tonu ki a koutou i te āhuatanga o ngā mahi e whakatutukihia ana i ngā kōkiritanga o Tarawera. Kia noho haumaruru tonu mai, kia noho ora tonu mai koutou.

Acknowledgements to iwi and the community for the continued support in progressing the works of Tarawera. Keep safe and keep well.
