

Open Meeting

To	Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board
From	TN Harty General Manager Service delivery
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Report Title	Closure of Pukekohe Transfer Station

I Executive Summary

Late 2015, EnviroWaste announced the closure of their recycling services at their Pukekohe Transfer Station. These services were utilised by North Waikato residents for the drop-off of recycling. The closure has reduced the number of recycling options available in the area and impacted on a large portion of the local community. Staff were unaware of the closure and following the announcement commenced a process to identify both short, and long term recycling options for implementation.

In the short term, staff looked to set up a recycling drop-off point in a central location. Nine separate sites were identified as potential locations and investigated for suitability (traffic safety was a major factor). A preferred site was identified and discussions with surrounding landowners and stakeholders (including local Councillors and Community Board members) undertaken. Through these discussions a number of concerns were raised that ultimately lead to the site not being progressed. Investigations are now focusing on development of medium to longer term solutions. In the medium term this could consist of the addition of further monthly drop-off points in locations such as Glen Murray and longer term the area serviced by weekly collections services could be extended (following consultation).

Whilst these solutions are being investigated, residents are reminded that the following free recycling services are available to all residents:

- Recycling drop-off facilities at Hood's Landing and Port Waikato
- Monthly recycling collections at:
 - Pukekawa – 1st Monday of every month at the Pukekawa Village Hall on Clark and Denize Road at 7:30am
 - Onewhero – 2nd Saturday of every month at the Onewhero Rugby Club on Hall Road at 8:30am
 - Pokeno – 3rd Saturday of every month at the Pokeno Hall carpark at 8:30am.

These services will remain in place and unchanged until June 2016. They will however cease from 1 July when kerbside recycling will start for all residents currently on the yellow (EnviroWaste) pre-paid bag collection as per Council's 2015-25 Long Term Plan. (However staff are still investigating the viability of the monthly recycling service continuing beyond this date).

More information about the 1 July changes will be provided to residents over the coming months. If you have any further queries regarding refuse or recycling, please call 0800 492 452.

2 Recommendation

THAT the report of the General Manager Service Delivery – Closure of Pukekohe Transfer Station – be received.

3 Attachments

N/A