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these properties and provide background information. We later received advice from the Rūnanga that the matter had been discussed at its board meeting. Following this meeting, it was indicated that staff should engage with each impacted hapū individually, and we were provided with a list of the appropriate hapū. Each hapū representative was contacted and asked if they would like to meet. All three have responded. Written information has been provided to each hapū (with the same information provided on each property to each impacted hapū) and to date one hapū has met staff and been shown the properties. One meeting is scheduled for later this week. To date no feedback has been provided from hapū regarding the properties, but this is expected over the coming weeks.

- *When is the council likely to further consider this disposal process?*

Staff had initially hoped that this matter would be considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 4 December 2025. However it is likely that this will be delayed until the next Council meeting to allow further time for feedback from hapū. At that meeting, feedback from the community will be presented alongside feedback from hapū. The Council will then consider and instruct staff on which direction to take. No decision has been made at this time.

If you would like to discuss this matter with our Manager Strategic Property, [REDACTED], she would be happy to meet you. [REDACTED] can be reached at [REDACTED] [@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@whakatane.govt.nz)

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