STAFF REPORT

то:	Motueka Community Board
FROM:	Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE:	E859
DATE:	16 th January 2006
SUBJECT:	January 2006 Report

First of all happy new year to all Community Board Members.

I trust everyone is back to the wheel feeling refreshed and raring to go!

I am typing this report my first morning back at work with a lunch-time deadline looming! So apologies for brevity and thanks for Max for her help (as always).

The only issues that I believe are important for the Board to be aware of, is as follows:

PORT MOTUEKA

I was aware through a newspaper article of continued concern raised by Port Users regarding the silting of the harbour entrance.

The delay in getting some feedback is obviously of concern given the increasing build-up of silt. I will endeavour to get some firm feedback before the Board Meeting.

DRAG RACING

The second drag meet of the year was held on 14th January 2006 and the event itself was run very well according to Maxine who was involved with monitoring at the event.

The exhibition jet cars from United States of America were a one off item, so no further such vehicles will be at the Motueka meets.

DECKS RESERVE WALKWAY

Glenn Thorn advises that work is still in progress on this and that the final number of plaques has been established at around forty, plus those pertaining to lwi history.

All being well the work should be completed before winter.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

There were 15 submissions received from individuals and community groups (including the Community Board), specifically on the matter of the continuance or not of the Motueka Community Board. All submissions received were generally supportive of the Motueka Community Board being retained.

Council will now need to review these submissions before formalising its proposal for the review. This will also provide opportunity for formal submission by the district communities, residents and ratepayers.

ENGINEERING UPDATES

A brief update on minor safety projects in the Motueka area has been submitted by Steve Elkington for the Board's information.

Work Already Completed

- Streetlighting upgrade 2005
- Jubilee Bridge guardrail 2005
- Wallace Street Kerbing improvements 2005
- Footpath repairs
- Upgrade of Street scaping seating

Work Planned for the Next Couple of Months

- Pah Street Pedestrian improvements (splitter island at High Street intersection and pedestrian crossing buildouts at school) March 06
- Vosper Street/Inglis Street splitter island March 2005-06
- Alexander Bluff Right turn bay March/April 06
- Motueka River West Bank Road at Bluegum Cnr guard rail at curve (Provisional)
- Further street lighting upgrade work
- Resealing of a number of roads in Motueka including the second coat sealing of Thorp Street to provide a good seal coat over the First Coat two coat seal.

MINUTES EXTRACTS OF RELEVANCE TO MOTUEKA

Community Services Committee Meeting of 1 December 2005

PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 K Gill

Mr Gill asked that consideration be given to establishing a "speakers corner" in Motueka.

1.2 J Daniels

Mr Daniels spoke in support of the use of the Motueka Museum frontage by the Motueka New Life Centre Church for open air meetings.

3.4 DILs Requests – Motueka Bowling Club and Ngatimoti Fire Station

Recommendations from the last meeting of this Committee have been confirmed by the Motueka Community Board.

4.2 Youth Council

Andrew Hayward and Harley Trafford were in attendance to update the Committee on Tasman Youth Council activities in Motueka.

Andrew is the Youth worker at Motueka Recreation Centre and has been working with Harley Trafford and Luke Kennedy from Motueka High School on youth issues this year.

Harley reported on a successful dance party that had been held and radio shows each week on Fresh FM that he and Luke front. Next year they will be running more events and meeting youth councillors from other schools. A gathering will be held for all youth councillors at the beginning of the new year. Harley and Luke will both be returning to the youth council next year as 7th formers.

Cr Bryant asked about employment opportunities for youth in the area.

Harley said there are lots of holiday and after school part time jobs. There is no issue with there not being enough work.

Cr O'Shea was interested in discussing with youth how local government works which will hopefully encourage younger people to be involved in local government. She thanked Andrew and Harley for attending the meeting.

4.5 Reserves Manager

Mr Satherley said the works at Sportspark Motueka are going well, with a lot of community support and business support which is helping with the cost of the development of the new grandstand.

Cr Wilkins said the historical walkway in Deck's Reserve is a great project.

Mr Kennedy tabled a design which has been done for toilets at the skate park at Motueka.

4.10 Service Centre Manager's Report

The report from the service Centre Manager advised that the Motueka Special Olympics Committee had applied for a site for a combined Bocce and Petanque Court at Motueka Beach Reserve.

The Motueka Community Board supported the application and recommended a grant of up to \$2,900 from the 2005/2006 Motueka DILs (subject to funds being available) be given to the Motueka Special Olympics Committee.

Moved Crs Riley/Wilkins CS05/12/11

THAT the Motueka Special Olympics Committee be granted \$2,900 for the installation of a Bocce and Petanque Court at Motueka Beach Reserve, from the 2005/2006 Motueka DILs. CARRIED

Full Council Meeting of 14 December 2005

9. PROPOSED MOTUEKA SWIMMING POOL

Community Services Manager L Kennedy spoke to his report of 6 December 2005 contained within the agenda. The report said that the LHT Limited feasibility study and concept design attached to this agenda showed an anticipated estimate of up to \$5 million building costs based on that design for the aquatic centre.

Mr Kennedy's report suggested that the local contribution would be 20% of the total cost with the remainder funded through council sources and annual operating costs could be met by a special rate over the Motueka Pool rating area.

Cr Norriss asked if there was more than one concept plan and what other options had been considered.

Mr Kennedy referred to other options which had been considered and referred to the Pool School upgrade.

Cr Wilkins said that one option is wanted by the public otherwise the support of the Motueka Community Pool Society Committee may be lost.

Cr Inglis said that the ratepayers must be polled and questioned if the Motueka ratepayers think they can raise the necessary 20% contribution.

Cr O'Shea said that Council must go to the community with the true costs and the potential rise in the community rate would be district wide.

Mayor Hurley said he was concerned that the project may be lost to Motueka if it is not presented clearly to the Motueka community. He said that the project cost continues to grow and it is currently a very loose proposal. Mayor Hurley said the matter was required to be passed back to the Community Services Manager for a definite proposal.

Moved Crs Norriss/Inglis CN05/12/07

THAT Council does favour having a poll regarding the Motueka proposed aquatic centre subject to staff coming back to Council with more definite project costs and alternative funding, either or both a facility rate and development impact levies. The properties to be polled are to be defined and consideration be given to the feasibility of the school pool upgrade. CARRIED

10. KAITERITERI FORESHORE ROAD RESERVE – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY KAITERITERI RECREATION RESERVE BOARD

The Engineering Manager P Thomson spoke to his report of 8 December 2005 contained within the agenda which was accompanied by aerial photos of the north end of Kaiteriteri Beach, a letter of 16 November 2005 from Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board together with a site plan.

The Board wishes to complete its foreshore redevelopment involving new beach perimeter fencing, footpath, kerb and channel, sealed roadway and sealed western side angle parking from the Boat Ramp northwards to the Lucas boundary. The last 28 metres of this fence, to the Lucas boundary, is on legal road and requires Council consent.

The Chief Executive said the public has the right to travel along a legal road, unimpeded, but questioned what would happen if the legal road was stopped. Staff would welcome time to investigate that proposed road stopping.

Moved Crs Higgins/Wilkins CN05/12/08

THAT Council seeks further information on road stopping adjacent to the northern of Kaiteriteri Beach and that this be reported back to the next Council meeting, clarifying the legal access, with a response from the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board. CARRIED

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