STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Corporate Services Committee

FROM: Murray Staite

DATE: 20 August 2009

SUBJECT: Port Nelson Ltd

Purpose

To approve the Port Nelson Limited Statement of Intent (SOI) for 2009-2010.

Background

Port Nelson Ltd, along with other Council controlled organisations, is required to complete an SOI by 30 June each year.

Although the attached SOI has been approved by the combined shareholders group, formal approval from this committee is required.

The following resolution was passed by the Combined Shareholders Group on 17 August 2009

Port Nelson Ltd

Statement of Intent 2009-2010

Resolved

THAT it be recommended to both councils that the Port Nelson Ltd Statement of Intent 2009/2010 be approved for signing.

Thomas/Bryant Carried

Discussion

Key changes from the chairman of the company, A O Patterson, are noted on the attached SOI. Of particular note is that combined dividends to the shareholding councils are forecast to be \$100,000 more than the last financial year and that the company is projecting increased tonnage during the forthcoming year. The forecast dividends contained in this SOI are in line with that contained within Council's 2009-2019 Long term Council Community Plan

Options

Option 1: Decline to approve the SOI and along with suggested changes refer the matter back to the combined shareholders group for further discussion

Option 2: Approve the SOI without change subject to a similar resolution being passed from the Nelson City Council

Significance of Decision

The SOI is significant in that it defines the company's social, environmental and financial objectives over the next 12 months.

Recommendation

That the Port Nelson Ltd Statement of Intent for 2009/2010 be approved for signing, subject to also being approved for signing by the Nelson City Council.

Murray Staite Corporate Services Manager