

# **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Councillors  
**FROM:** Chief Executive  
**REFERENCE:** C780  
**DATE:** 31 March 2005  
**SUBJECT:** CEO's Report for March/April 2005

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## **STAFFING**

The major staffing effort apart from building upheavals, has centred on the preparation of Department Budgets and Priorities.

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

Staff have successfully completed their temporary relocations and their cooperation with cramped conditions has been greatly appreciated.

We have endured the very noisy demolition and removal of concrete from the Richmond site. Fortunately this process is now complete and the new building can now commence. The next stage will involve drilling foundations to produce a ground anchor effect for the tilt slabs and digging out and creating the base of the lift shaft.

The programme calls for completion to ground floor level ie laying of foundations by end of April 2005. The project is on track at this stage.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

We enclose recent information from Ministers Jim Anderton and Steve Maharey concerning a study of housing pressures in the top of the South. Also enclosed is a letter from Centre for Housing Research detailing the aim of this particular research.

## **SUSTAINABLE TOURISM GRANT**

We have recently been advised by Latitude Nelson of their successful application to the Ministries of Tourism and Environment for funding to develop a sustainable tourism charter.

## **HISTORY OF AMALGAMATION**

We enclose a newspaper clipping from 1964 concerning a Richmond Borough amalgamation with the adjoining authorities. History repeats itself!

## **FUNDING REQUESTS**

### **a Trafalgar 200 Celebrations**

We enclose an official request from Nelson City Council for a \$20,000.00 donation towards funding the Trafalgar 200 Celebrations. Given that these celebrations involve the greater region (Collingwood in particular) it is felt that modest contribution would be appropriate. We have currently provided for a sum of \$20,000.00 in our 2005/2006 budgets to cover this request. Council guidance is sought on the matter.

### **b Funding for Events Strategy and Arts Marketing Projects**

We enclose an official request from Nelson City Council to fund a Nelson-Tasman Event Development Strategy. There is currently no provision in our 2005/2006 budgets to cover this item. Council guidance is sought on this matter.

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Chief Executive