

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** The Chairperson and Members of the Enterprise Subcommittee

**FROM:** Manager Property Services

**DATE:** 13 November 2007

**SUBJECT:** Manager Property Services Report

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## OPERATIONAL PROPERTY

Work is well underway with the construction of the new Takaka Memorial Library with completion intended to occur by the beginning of February 2008. The timing for the shift into the new building is being planned for the end of February 2008.

While enquiries are still being received regarding the leasing of the existing library building, at this stage there are no firm commitments.

The District Librarian has reviewed the requirements for the District Library building in Richmond and when received, the development options for the site will be reconsidered. The Richmond Library is overdue for a facelift and it is expected that the redevelopment of this building will occur during 2008.

## PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

A sale and purchase agreement has been completed and the deposit paid for the purchase of land in Brightwater from Katania Limited for the purposes of a water reservoir.

The purchase of land at Waitapu for the purposes of a sewerage pumping station has also been completed.

An agreement for sale and purchase for the former Tapawera Transfer Station has been signed. This property is being sold to an adjoining owner and is only subject to a soil test to confirm that no contamination exists.

## MOTUEKA AERODROME

Motueka Aerodrome drag races are due to occur on 24 or 25 November 2007. I have appointed Jim Maguire from the Motueka Aero Club to act as the Council's agent to work with the Drag Racing Association to ensure that the meet proceeds satisfactory and that the cleanup afterwards is done to our satisfaction.

I have reviewed the existing charges for the Aerodrome and have formed the opinion that the charges for parking aircraft are out of kilter with the charges currently being made for ground space for those who lease land to erect hangars. I am intending to meet with Aerodrome users as part of the process to review existing charges at the aerodrome.

It is my intention to prepare a business plan for Motueka Aerodrome during 2008. I expect that this plan will look at development and business opportunities for the aerodrome and signal a way forward to continue the improvements that have made to date.

## **FORESTRY**

I recently attended a seminar hosted by MAF regarding carbon credits for forestry. This has considerable significance for the Council particularly if land is deforested and not replanted. A report on the impacts will be presented in conjunction with the Forest Manager in due course.

## **PORT TARA KOHE**

Further damage was caused to the eastern inner arm during a recent swell. The extension of the western inner arm when completed will prevent erosion of these areas. A substantial amount of time has been spent preparing a business plan and considering future operational requirements for the Port. This has included negotiation by the Harbour Manager with potential contracts involving the Port over the next 12 months.

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