

STAFF REPORT

TO: The Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Property Services
DATE: 17 March 2008
REFERENCE: 21702
SUBJECT: Matakитaki Recreation Reserve

PURPOSE

To consider the revocation and disposal of the Matakитaki Recreation Reserve.

BACKGROUND

This matter was reported to the Council in May 2007 and resulted in:

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Bryant
CS07/05/18**

THAT the Property Manager discuss the proposal for the Matakитaki Recreation Reserve with the Murchison Community Council.

CARRIED

The Murchison and Districts Community Council have discussed the proposal to sell the hall and reserve and have recommended that the hall be tendered for sale and removal and that the land be sold with first refusal on land purchase being given to neighbours.

COMMENT

This land was vested in the Council and is subject to the Reserves Act 1977. The Council is required to give public notice of any intention to revoke the reserve status of the land, hear any objections and if it is still considered appropriate to revoke the reserve status, then a recommendation is forwarded to the Department of Conservation. Council may decide to remove the building and a suggestion that this be done through a tender process is supported.

As far as disposal of the land is concerned, this will be undertaken by the Crown and while the Council may recommend a course of action, the Crown has no obligation to agree to that and in the first instance the land will probably be offered to the Office of Treaty Settlements for inclusion in the land bank.

Of the three parcels of land shown on the attached plan, only Lots 26 and 28 are proposed to be revoked. Section 27 has been identified in the Murchison Lakes Ward Reserves Management Plan as being transferred to the Department of Conservation for scenic purposes.

When considering the previous submissions Council agreed and received the Department of Conservations support to erect a plaque as a memorial to the early settlers.

AFFECTED PERSONS

The public notification of the intention to revoke the Matakitaki Reserve will satisfy the consultative requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

OPTIONS

- 1 Leave the building on site or remove it. The building is in poor condition and unsuitable as a residence. The community are concerned that someone may use it as a residence or in conjunction with mobile accommodation. There are no services and facilities on site are inadequate and therefore the request by the Community Council to remove the building is supported.
- 2 Agree to advertise the revocation of the reserve or take no further action. Lots 26 and 28 comprise approximately 4225 m² in relatively poor condition. The notice of the intention to revoke the reserve status of the land and its subsequent transfer to the Crown will provide the community with the opportunity of being heard on whether this should be kept as a reserve and it is considered that this is the most appropriate action.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT public notice be given pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 of the intention to revoke the reserve status of Sections 26 and 28 Block VI Matakitaki Survey District known as the Matakitaki Recreation Reserve on the understanding that the buildings on the reserve are to be tendered for removal.

THAT Lot 27 Block II Matakitaki Survey District be offered to the Department of Conservation as a scenic reserve to adjoin the land currently owned by them.

THAT Crs _____ and _____ be authorised to hear any submissions to the proposals on behalf of the Community Services Committee.

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