

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Property Services

DATE: 27 January 2010

SUBJECT: Manager Property Services Report –RCS10-02-05

Minor alterations to the Customer Services area at the Murchison Service Centre/Library are being carried out over the next couple of months to address health and safety issues with staff and to improve customer service.

Proposals to address the accommodation requirements at the main office are currently being worked on and this will be subject to a separate report to Council.

Work has commenced on the Motueka Recreation Centre extensions. Wilkes Construction Ltd are the contractors and the project is being managed by Abel Properties from Blenheim. The timeline for this project is approximately 32 weeks.

Renovations to the rear of the district library building in Richmond are essentially complete and the library staff are presently shifting the library operation to that part of the building which will then enable the front part to be renovated. Ian McCully Builders were awarded this contract and their willingness to work in with staff to ensure that the library operation continues with as little disruption as possible has been appreciated. The project managers are RDT Pacific.

Work has commenced on the construction of the Learn to Swim Pool at the ASB Aquatic Centre. The contract was awarded to Ian McCully Builders and has a timeline of approximately 35 weeks. RDT Pacific are the project managers.

The new entrance and carpark for the Collingwood boat ramp has been formed and should be finished in the next few weeks. The creation of the new access has created some security issues for the Collingwood Camping Ground and some fencing will need to be erected to curtail fly by night campers. Work is proceeding with the proposal to relocate the tennis courts within the Collingwood Camping Ground. The camping ground reported a very busy time through the holiday period and the camp managers have made some suggestions on how the camp operation may be improved for next year.

An offer has been made to Wakatu Incorporation for the acquisition of land currently leased by the Nelson Education Board for Motueka High School adjacent to Good Sport Motueka on Talbot Street, Motueka. The proposed acquisition of this land is provided for in the LTCCP.

The lease of the Pohara Store has changed hands with the new lessee commencing on 1 December 2009. We have received positive comments regarding their management of this operation.

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