STAFF REPORT

TO:	Community Services Committee
FROM:	Manager Property Services
DATE:	26 May 2010
SUBJECT:	Manager Property Services Report –RCS10-06-07

RICHMOND LIBRARY

Construction works at the District Library in Richmond are nearing completion. The new lift and stairwell is in place, the linings fixed and painting is underway.

When the demolition phase was completed to the area previously occupied by the library, it was noted that the shear walls that were meant to be in place were non complying and were not supported. It was necessary to undertake a substantial excavation to create footings sufficient enough to create the new shear walls and provide the structural stability to the building. This work was not budgeted.

There have been a few variations where items excluded, or overlooked in the design or the contract have been identified but these are relatively minor taking into account the \$2.3 million budget. At this stage, it is expected that the project budget will be exceeded by \$85,000.00. It is suggested that this amount be added to the loan.

Recommendation

THAT approval be given for the cost over run of the District Library renovations at Richmond to be added to the loan of \$2.3 million subject to the receipt of final project costing and approval by the Corporate Services Committee.

MURCHISON SERVICE CENTRE

The Customer Services area at the Murchison Service Centre is to undergo alterations. Joinery works are currently being built and the works are expected to be undertaken in the first week of June 2010.

LEARN TO SWIM POOL

The Learn to Swim Pool at the ASB Aquatic Centre is running about two weeks behind schedule although the time should be made up in time for completion. The scheduled shut down will occur during the period of 28 June to 7 July with completion date in August.

MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE

The Motueka Recreation Centre contract is about a week behind schedule although the contractors have varied the programme in conjunction with the users of the Recreation Centre in the spirit of cooperation to ensure that the cinema and recreation facility can be continued to be utilised for as long as possible.

PURCHASE OF LAND

A valuation has been obtained and an offer made to Wakatu Incorporation to purchase the land adjacent to Goodsports Motueka owned by Wakatu Incorporation. Wakatu have acknowledged the offer stating that they will respond to us in due course.

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