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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Community Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 5 May 2011  
**Subject:** Golden Bay High School Swimming Pool  
**Report Author:** Lloyd Kennedy, Community Services Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Golden Bay High School has requested financial assistance to repair the heating source of the school pool at an estimated cost of \$65,000. For the last 16 years the school pool has been heated by the school's boiler system which has fed hot water via an ageing network of pipes. This heating has taken place at the start and towards the end of the swimming season in an effort to prolong the season and provide a comfortable environment for all users.

The pool is made available to the public during the season and the school receives a grant from the Council's school swimming pool funds.

The Ministry of Education has advised that funding for school pools is not a priority and will not be considered.

Council has allocated \$64,000 in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan towards the cost of upgrading a school pool in Golden Bay from the Golden Bay Reserve Financial Account.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that a grant of up to \$64,000 be made to the Golden Bay High School to fund the new pipe work connecting the school's boiler system to the school pool subject to:

- (a) the school agreeing to continue to allow public use of the pool;
- (b) the approval of the Golden Bay Community Board to this grant being made from the Golden Bay Reserves Financial Contributions Account.

<b>DRAFT RESOLUTION</b>
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**THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Golden Bay High School Swimming Pool (Report RCS11-05-04) and;**

**THAT the Community Services Committee approves a grant of up to \$64,000 from the Reserves Financial Contributions Account, for the new pipe work connecting the school's boiler system to the school pool subject to:**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To advise of a request from the Golden Bay High School for financial assistance to repair the heating source of the school pool and to recommend an appropriate course of action.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 For the last 16 years the school pool has been heated by the school's boiler system which has fed hot water via an ageing network of pipes. This heating has taken place at the start and towards the end of the swimming season in an effort to prolong the season and provide a comfortable environment for all users.
- 2.2 The pool is made available to the public during the season and the school receives a grant from the Council's school swimming pool funds.

## **3. PRESENT SITUATION/MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

- 3.1 The school has advised that the pipes that supply the hot water to the pool are leaking and as a consequence, there was no additional heat supplied to the pool this summer and therefore the season was shorter than usual.
- 3.2 The pool heat exchanger has been stripped, examined and cleaned and this has shown that this is not the reason for the heat loss. The replacement of the affected piping has been priced and the total cost of replacing the aged network of pipes that service both the school buildings and the pool will be approximately \$130,000. The school can access Ministry of Education funding for the pipes which feed the buildings but the Ministry has made it clear that funding for school pools is not a priority and will not be considered.

- 3.3 The request is for a contribution towards the \$65,000 likely cost to restore heating to the pool.

#### **4. FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 As shown above the estimated cost of the work is \$65,000.
- 4.2 Council has allocated \$64,000 in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan towards the cost of upgrading a school pool in Golden Bay. These funds were specifically allocated to help increase the length of the swimming season for both school pupils and the community as a whole. The funds are provided from the Golden Bay Reserve Financial Contributions Account which restricts the use of the funds to capital improvements and upgrades.
- 4.3 The work proposed is to install a completely new pipeline along a different route. It is also expected that the new pipeline and the maintenance to the heat exchanger will result in greater efficiency and will enable the pool to be heated for longer periods without substantially increasing heating costs.

#### **5. OPTIONS**

- 5.1 The request for funding of the new pipeline from the school boiler system to the school pool could be declined as there is no guarantee that once installed the season will not be any longer for both school pupils and the general public.
- 5.2 The request for funding of the new pipe work be approved with funding being provided from the \$64,000 allocated in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan from the Golden Bay Reserve Financial Account.
- 5.3 The request for funding of the new pipe work be approved subject to the approval of the Golden Bay Community Board, with funding being provided from the \$64,000 allocated in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan from the Golden Bay Reserve Financial Account.

#### **6. PROS AND CONS OF OPTIONS**

- 6.1 Declining the request will mean that the school pupils and the general public will have a significantly reduced swimming season in a part of the district where Council does not provide a swimming facility.

On the other hand this option would mean that the \$64,000 allocated in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan would be available for other upgrading of a school pool in Golden Bay however this would still not provide the water heating that is required.

- 6.2 Option 5.2 would ensure that the Golden Bay school pool would be able to continue with the extended swimming season for both school pupils and the general public. However, it would also mean that the funds allocated for upgrading of a school pool in Golden Bay would have been used to maintain what has basically been available for the last 16 years.
- 6.3 The same pros and cons apply for option 5.3 as 5.2 with the advantage that the Golden Bay Community Board has the chance to ratify the decision.

## **7. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS**

- 7.1 Not approving the funding could have a significant negative impact on swimming in Golden Bay because of the shortened season.
- 7.2 The two options approving the provision of funds for the new pipe work would ensure that the swimming season in the Golden Bay school pool is at least as long as it has been for the last 16 years. It also needs to be recognised that any other upgrades to the pool using the Council funds would not be as beneficial without the heated water.

## **8. SIGNIFICANCE**

- 8.1 This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Significance Policy.

## **9. RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 9.1 It is recommended that a grant of up to \$64,000 be made to the Golden Bay High School to fund the new pipe work connecting the school's boiler system to the school pool subject to:
- (a) the school agreeing to continue to allow public use of the pool;
  - (b) the approval of the Golden Bay Community Board to this grant being made from the Golden Bay Reserves Financial Contributions Account.

## 10. TIMELINE/NEXT STEPS

- 10.1 The Golden Bay Community Board will consider this request at their meeting on 10 May 2011.
- 10.2 Provided the Board agrees to the grant being made, the school will be advised and requested to obtain detailed quotations for Council approval before any work is commenced.

## 11. DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Golden Bay High School Swimming Pool (Report RCS11-05-04) and;**

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