

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 30 July 2010
SUBJECT: Report to meeting of 10 August 2010 – RMCB10-08-05

1 Motueka Water Management : Variation 66/Plan Change 13

Tara, Paul and I attended the Mediation meeting chaired by Commissioner Kathryn Edmunds. The parties attending were Horticulture NZ, Tangata Whenua interests, the Council, and ourselves for the Board.

The business and mediation proceedings are in "Confidential Business". It was a full day of discussion (until 4.30 pm) and we reconvene on 13 September 2010.

2 Community Board Budget (and projected surplus)

Following last month's meeting I met with Peter Thomson, Engineering Services Manager, and Gary Clark, Transportation Manager on Friday 16 July 2010 to discuss the Board's proposal on spending the projected surplus. Both were supportive and could not see any particular problems. Gary Clark has indicated he will attend the Board's August 2010 meeting and provide details of the procedure, time scale etc.

To restate our proposal – to allocate between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of the Board's surplus funds:

- a) New mobile scooter/pram crossings, in priority order:
 - a. Thorp Street – Greenwood Street (two crossings required)
 - b. Clay Street – Moffatt Street (two crossings required)
 - c. York Street – Clay Street
 - d. Poole Street – Atkins Street
 - e. Woodlands Avenue – Lower Street
 - f. Woodlands Avenue – Wratt Street
 - g. Trewavas Street – Mountview Place (two crossings required)
- b) Footpaths, in priority order:
 - a. School Road, Riwaka (section outside the school, linking two footpaths)
 - b. Hursthouse Street (from Queen Victoria Street to No 32, approximately 350 metres); or
 - c. Hau Road (from Queen Victoria Street to the last dwelling, approximately 450 metres)

(Note: It may be more practical and appropriate to provide kerb and channels along Hursthouse Street and Hau Streets, rather than footpaths.)

It is likely that there will be insufficient funds from the Board's finances to complete all the above, hence the priority list. A possible split between a) and b) could be \$8,000 – \$10,000 on a) and \$5,000 - \$7,000 on b), with a total maximum of \$15,000.

I expect Gary Clark will provide the Board with progress, but will need to refer back to the Board once quotes/tenders are considered.

A Board recommendation will need to be made following Gary Clark's report.

3 High Street Road Works

It is pleasing to note that the High Street projects are nearing completion. The improved sealed carriageway is appreciated.

Implementation of the Transport Study will be the next stage; in particular a new pedestrian crossing (New World – Warehouse area) and a planned round-a-bout at the Woodlands avenue/Whakarewa Street/High Street intersections. Traffic signals at the Pah/Greenwood/High Street corner is clearly a high priority.

Recommendation: That the Motueka Community Board request NZ Transport Agency to prioritise those three projects with the goal of completion by 30 June 2011:

- a) Traffic signals at Pah/Greenwood/High Street;**
- b) Pedestrian crossing between New World and the Warehouse;**
- c) Round-a-bout at the Woodlands Avenue/Whakarewa Street/High Street intersections.**

Each project, and all collectively, will improve significantly the safety for our residents, whether walking, cycling or in a vehicle. High Street as the State Highway is a continuing concern especially for children required to cross High Street going to and from school – whether it is primary or secondary.

Tapu Bay Reserve

The Council's working party (Crs Bryant and Norriss, with Stephen Richards, Reserves Officer, and Eric Verstappen, Resource Coastal Scientist) met 25 local residents to discuss the erosion problems at the Reserve. The meeting covered a variety of options, with a consensus that a fence/wall as a measure to limit wave energy was practical. Three residents (Graeme Knapp, Michelle White and Paul Gray) were invited to join the working party prior to another draft plan being presented to the residents.

There is a need to address the issue quickly, but the planning and consultation has the likelihood of delaying decisions for some months. Overall, it was a good meeting with the exchange of ideas being made strongly, but reasonably.

Freedom Camping

Geoff Ensor (TIANZ) spoke at a recent meeting in Nelson on actions, issues and challenges of freedom camping. As an advocate of the NZ Freedom Camping Forum, he outlined the actions taken since 2007 (and particularly since April 2010) to address freedom camping matters. Self-contained vehicles and most rental companies' vehicles are not the central concern (as we know), and Geoff focussed on enforcement, low value private van owners, safety for visitors and lack of reliable data. He supported the move towards a nation-wide bylaw, consistently applied in New Zealand, but underlined the educational message needs to be continually reinforced. Rather than provide more

facilities, he considered that campers be directed towards existing designated sites, camping grounds, holiday parks, where facilities were available.

Lower Motueka River Flood Control Newsletter

This newsletter was delivered to each household over the weekend 24 and 25 July 2010. I emailed Lois Plum with some queries, but with a request that the newsletter be included in every rates demand sent to Motueka Ward ratepayers. I was worried that many residents would have regarded the newsletter as “junk mail” and disposed of it. As part of the rating demand, a ratepayer is more likely to read and keep it.

Motueka Quay/Historic Wharf Area

Stephen Richards and Kathy Tohill-Curnow circulated copies of the proposed landscaping to the Motueka Quay residents, with encouraging results. One of the residents has suggested a more “natural” proposal to blend with the environment and link with the historic wharf. Generally, this has been accepted and will be presented to the Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee for their response. (Note, the reserves levies budget has \$15,977 for this project).

Attachments

- 1 Notes on the tour around Motueka with Beryl Wilkes on 5 July 2010.
- 2 Community Services items
- 3 Rates 2010 – 2011
- 4 Meetings July 2010

David Ogilvie
Chair

Rates – 2010 – 2011

The Council finalised the 2010 – 2011 rates on 30 June 2010:

	\$
General Rate 0.1951c per CV dollar (\$300,000)	585.30
Uniform Annual Charge	231.11
Stormwater 0.0380c per CV dollar	114.00
Water Supply Motueka maintenance and capital charge	65.66
Wastewater	552.15
Regional River Works 0.0943 per LV dollar (\$150,000)	141.45
District Facilities Rate	36.58
Motueka Stop Bank Rate (Area A) 0.0057 per LV	8.55
Shared Facilities Rate	45.60
Facilities Operations Rate	25.44
Museums Facilities Rate	47.30
Refuse/Recycling Rate	102.22
Mapua Rehabilitation Rate	10.67
Motueka Community Board Rate	9.73
Total	1,975.76
Water Supply \$1.28 per cubic metre used	0.00

The list above are the rates levied generally across the Motueka Ward. Where appropriate, the land value has been treated as \$150,000 and the Capital Value \$300,000.

Other local rates which are applied in varying circumstances include Motueka Business Rate, District-wide Stormwater Rate, Fireblight Control Rate, Torrent Bay Replenishment Rate and Tourism Rate.

The rates listed are exclusive of GST (GST will be applied at 12.5% up until 30 September 2010, thereafter the rate will be 15%).

The overall increase for Motueka Ward ratepayers is approximately 5 – 6% depending on values and services provided.

The Board sought to have its Community Board rate reduced by \$1.69 but this was rejected by the Council.

Meetings July 2010

Date	Meeting Details
1 July	Attended TDC/Environment and Planning Committee meeting. Spoke at the public forum re Jean Hodson's report on Freedom Camping Initiatives
3 July	Visited "Big Trees on Lansdowne" to discuss options for trees in High Street and other Motueka locations
5 July	Met Beryl Wilkes (Reserves Manager) and drove around Motueka (town) to view and discuss reserves issues. (See separate report).
6 July	Met Chris Auchinvole, MP, re Motueka High Street traffic issues, and in particular, bypass options and a time-scale. Attended the Nelson City Council Active Transport Forum. Tasman Cycle Loop awarded \$2.5m for Stage 1.
7 July	Nelson Building Society AGM at the refurbished Theatre Royal in Nelson.
8 July	Attended TDC/Engineering Services Committee. Spoke at the public forum re river management issues, particularly the high cost of crack willow removal. Attended the Hope Reserve public meeting re the Druids Hall, playground, native trees issue. Over 100 attended.
12 July	Motueka District Museum Trust Board monthly meeting. Abbeyfield Motueka AGM
13 July	Met Kevin Hague, Green Party MP to discuss transport, conservation and mining issues as they related to Motueka and Kahurangi National Park. Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.
15 July	Attended TDC/Community Services Committee meeting.
16 July	Met with Peter Thomson and Gary Clark re the Board's proposal for expenditure of the Board's budget surplus. Support in principle to the mobile scooter ramps / footpath proposal. Community Board informal meeting re the water management (Variation 66/Plan Change 13) appeal and mediation.
19 July	Tara, Paul and I attended the Environment Court Mediation, chaired by Kathryn Edmunds. (Business confidential). Next meeting scheduled for 13 September 2010.
22 July	Chaired a TDC Resource Consent Community Liaison meeting in Marahau, relating to Alborn Properties Ltd consent 2009.
24/25 July	Abbeyfield New Zealand AGM. Attended afternoon sessions on each day. A growing (almost nation-wide) development.
26 July	Attended the TDC/Tapu Bay residents meeting at the Tapu Bay Reserve. Positive progress over 1½ hour meeting with three residents included in the Council's working party. Attended a TIA (Tourism Industry Association) meeting on Freedom Camping issues. Conducted by Geoff Ensor (TIA) who explained the challenges and actions of the NZFCF (NZ Freedom Camping Forum).
27 July	Tasman Bay Promotions Association monthly meeting. Awards to Motueka Active Quiz winners.

28 July	Attended Active Transport Forum address by Andrew Macbeth on integrating sustainable transport, planning and urban design. Attended Tasman Area Community Association AGM
31 July	Motueka High Street "End of Road Works" Party.