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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Motueka Community Board
Meeting Date: 13 September 2011
Report Author: David Ogilvie
Subject: **Community Board Chair's Report – RMCB11-09-03**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chair's monthly report is included in the agenda

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Motueka Community Board receives the Community Board Chair's Report – RMCB11-09-03.

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1. Motueka Small Projects 2011 - 2012

The Board's survey for community responses concluded on 1 August 2011.

The small projects identified from the advertisement in the Motueka Golden Bay News (28 responses) and from Motueka On-Line (19 responses) follow in order of preference. (Total of 47 responses).

- 1= Litter Collection jointly funded with Our Town Motueka and Keep Motueka Beautiful (34 responses).
- 1= Seal the Walkway – Cycleway between the Recreation Centre and Thorp's Bush, alongside the Woodlands Drain (34 responses).
3. Pram Crossings for Mobility Scooters – five in central areas of Motueka (23 responses).
4. Shared Footpath – Cycleway along Thorp Street, from Fearon Street to Staples Street (18 responses).
5. Fund permanent raised bed materials for the Motueka Community Garden (14 responses).
6. Shared Footpath – Cycleway along Staples Street, from Thorp Street to High Street (12 responses).
7. A large mural (e.g. by the Golden Bay artist Christ Finlayson) (7 responses).
- 8= Provide car parking bays in the Whitewell's Car Park (subject to agreements with property owners) (6 responses).
- 8= Publish a cycling booklet on Motueka area's recreational, road and mountain bike rides (6 responses)

10. Footpath extension:- along Martin's Farm Road (4 responses)
11. Kerb and Channel along Hursthouse Street for 300 metres from Main Road, Lower Moutere (1 response).

There were a number of "further suggestions" :-

- A pedestrian "barrier" in the middle of High Street between the New World and The Warehouse (2 responses).
- Connect Manoy Street and Talbot Street.
- Construct Thorp Street shared footpath 2011 – 2012; Staples Street 2012 – 2013.
- Widen vehicle entrances to the lanes off Tudor Street and Greenwood Street.
- Regular channel clearance – especially during "leaf-drops".
- Some Drinking Fountains in Town (I-site; Museum; Library) were suggested as appropriate.
- Kerb and channel along Whakarewa Street for 50 metres west of Queen Victoria Street.
- Improve the busy footpath from Poole Street and Memorial Hall – pipe obstacles, gateways, storm water are impediments for push chairs, prams and mobility scooters.
- Construct a footpath in Poole Street, west from the Atkins Street intersection.
- Security cameras are a top priority. (Cost to the ratepayers for damage repairs is considerable. Cameras would allow culprits to be caught).
- Re-locate the Greenwood Street, pedestrian crossing further along Greenwood Street. (Cars turning into Greenwood Street from High Street hold up High Street traffic, and also endanger those on the pedestrian crossing).
- Some projects should NOT come from an additional levy, but be paid by rates. TDC chose to spend the cycleways money elsewhere.
- Complete the footpath along Old Wharf Road.

Recommendation:

- 1) That \$15,000 from the Community Board's 2010 – 2011 surplus be added to the \$25,000 (approx) raised by the Community Board rate.**
- 2) That \$7,500 be allowed towards a litter collection from 01/09/11 to 30/06/12 (Note: This would cover 10 hours a week @ \$15 per hour for 45 weeks and allow \$750 for other costs. Our Town Motueka and Keep Motueka Beautiful would fund-raise for their share, to raise amount to \$10,000).**

- 3) That \$17,500 be allocated towards a 2.5m wide sealed walkway / cycleway from Old Wharf Road to Thorp’s Bush alongside the Woodlands Drain (Note: \$12,500 of extra costs to come from Community Services who would manage the project in association with the Commuity Board).
- 4) That \$5,000 be allocated towards constructing three pram crossing / mobile scooter crossing in the central areas of Motueka (Note: Co-ordinate with the Engineering project).
- 5) That \$10,000 be allocated towards constructing kerb and channel along Hursthouse Street from Main Road, Lower Moutere west for approx 300 metres. (Note: Discuss and co-ordinate this project with Engineering Services).
- 6) That the Community Board Chair, with Cr Barry Dowler (a) liaise with the Community Services Department and the Engineering Services Department in progressing Items 3, 4 and 5 above; (b) report to the September 13 meeting of the Motueka Community Board.

Suggested Budget

INCOME	COST	EXPENDITURE	COST
Special Rate	\$25,000	Litter Collection	\$7,500
2010 – 2011 Surplus	\$15,000	Pathway: Old Wharf Rd/Thorp’s Bush	\$30,000
Community Services	\$12,500	Pram Crossings	\$5,000
Engineering Services	\$3,500	Kerb & Channel	\$13,500
Total	\$56,000	Total	\$56,000

2. Port Motueka Geotextile Barrier (Groyne) & Jackett Island Erosion

- 2.1 The Guardian reported (24 August 2011) that the Environment Court had found the Council liable for the erosion on Jackett Island, and had directed the Council to restore the sand to its 2000 level.

As an “interim” measure, the Council was placing 5000m³ of sand (in geotextile sandbags) along the jacket Island eastern coastline. The cost of \$150,000 was coming from the Port Motueka Endowment Fund, “from the proceeds from Motueka harbour works prior to 1917.” Other funding will be considered through the Long Term Plan 2012 – 2022 process, to be decided by June 30, 2012.

A number of questions, related to the funding, have been raised:-

- a) Why has the Port Motueka Endowment Fund be used?
- b) Will the \$150,000 payment be repaid and at what rate of interest?
- c) What is the current state of the Endowment Fund?
- d) What is the criteria for any expenditure from the Fund?

Recommendation:

THAT the four questions above (2.1 a), b), c) and d)) be referred to the District Council for explanations.

3. Long Term Plan: Ten Year Plan 2012 – 2022

3.1 The Board has received advice from Mark Tregurtha on “Community Outcomes” for the 3-yearly review of the Council’s Long Term Plan

It is timely for the Community Board to seek residents’/ratepayers’ views as to what directions, activities, projects and policies are sought for the Motueka ward for the next 10 years.

These views would become the basis for the Board’s own submission and for future planning in Motueka. There will be opportunity for formal submissions later this year and in 2012, but this survey is a pro-active and necessary first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

- 1. THAT the Motueka Community Board advertise for residents’ submissions on Council services and activities for the Long Term Plan 2012 – 2022.**
- 2. THAT submissions close on Monday 3rd October, 2012.**

4. Motueka Community Board Budget 2012 - 2022

4.1 Included in the Correspondence is a request from Murray Staite regarding the Board’s budget for inclusion in the Long Term Plan (24 August 2011), and my response.

Murray has asked about the “Special Projects” item and “Ratepayer Association” offset.

I consider the “Special Projects” item is needed to continue with minor important works; the Board itself has requested the Ratepayer Association offset be raised to at least \$5 per rateable unit amount to be consistent with Ratepayer Association grants.

Recommendation:

- 1. THAT the Corporate Services Manager's proposed budget for 2012 – 2022 Long Term Plan be approved, and**
- 2. THAT the Motueka Community Board request that the Ratepayers' Association offset be raised to a minimum of \$5 per rateable unit.**

NOTE: This would increase the Motueka offset from \$16,629 to over \$25,000, given there are over 5000 "rateable units" in the Motueka ward. At present, the amount paid to the Ratepayer Association varies, but is higher than \$5 per rateable unit.

5. Volunteers and Volunteer Groups Acknowledged
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- 5.1 The District Council held its Outstanding Community Service Awards ceremony on 12 August 2011. Recipients have been involved in voluntary activities that have benefited their communities for 20 years or more.

The recipients from Motueka were:- Beverley Clementson, Beverly Dyke, Shirley Lunn and Elaine Wilson.

- 5.2 Trustpower held its Nelson Tasman Community Awards evening on 29 August 2011, with many Motueka groups having been nominated:- Keep Motueka Beautiful Inc; Motueka District Museum Trust; Motueka Arts Council; Nigel Duff and Saltwater Baths Volunteers; Motueka Association Football Club; Motueka Squash Club; Motueka Recreation Centre; Motueka Riding for the Disabled; Motueka Mentoring Programme.

Also, Xander Perrot from Motueka High School was a finalist in the Trustpower Youth Community Spirit Awards.

Congratulations to all these individuals and groups for their considerable contributions to the fabric of Motueka society. Their passion and commitment as volunteers is acknowledged and applauded.

6. Environment & Planning Committee Meeting (25 August, 2011)
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- 6.1 Motueka Central and West Structure Plan was discussed in Confidential Business.

6.2 Dog Control Officers Annual Report:

No. of dog owners	6,590
No. of dogs	10,320
Service Request Complaints	1,094

6.3 Kaiteriteri (Harbour Master's Report: Water skiing to be restricted to two hours either side of high tide from 16 December 2011 to 27 February 2012.

6.4 Big Beach Clean Up 2011. This is planned for Saturday, 19 November 2011 (TDC staff contact is Rob Francis).

6.5 Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes. The Council adopted recommendations to comply with the new Central Government regulations, which will require consultation with water users of not less than 5 litres per second.

6.6 Resource Consents completed 2010 – 2011 numbered 930 (including 83 Notified Applications).

6.7 Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve draft management plan closed for submissions on 8 August 2011. A date for the Hearing has not yet been set.

6.8 Climate Change seminar, (by Dr Jim Salinger and Rod Oram) can be viewed on You Tube (linked to the TDC website) entitled "Tasman Climate Change Seminar 3rd August, 2011."

7. Corporate Service Committee Meeting (18 August, 2011)

7.1 Council debt at 30 June was \$133.07 million, with an average interest rate of 5.44%

7.2 Tasman Bays heritage Trust Statement of Intent and Strategic Plan was adopted.

8. Engineering Services Committee Meeting (11 August, 2011)

8.1 River maintenance contractor is Taylors Contracting Ltd.

8.2 Street Lighting maintenance contractor is Powertech.

- 8.3 Lower Motueka River Flood Control project report. (This was summarised in the recently issued Newsletter to Motueka residents). A Crack Willow Removal – Management Programme report was received.
- 8.4 Sewer renewal contract for Motueka have been tendered.
- 8.5 Stormwater and wastewater upgrade in High Street progressed well. Work (including re-sealing) was completed in early August.
- 8.6 Drainage work at Mariri progressing. Further development (traffic, recycling and bin loading improvements) to commence later in 2011 – 2012.
- 8.7 Nelson Tasman Cycleway progressing:- by December 2012 over 44km (of the total 115km) will have been completed. Funding for the next stages will be part of the Long Term Plan process, during the years 2013 to 2016.

9. River Flow Readings

- 9.1 Apart from rain in the first week of August, this month has been exceptionally dry.

Woodstock (Highest recorded in July 1983 at 2148 cusecs).
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High in August 2011 was 114.06 cusecs (7 th)
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Low in August 2011 was 20.4 cusecs (25 th)
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Woodmans (Highest recorded in Oct 2007 at 1349 cusecs).
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High in August 2011 was 34.56 cusecs (7 th)

Low in August 2011 was 28.75 cusecs (25 th)

10. Meetings

- 10.1 I met with the Community Constable (Rob Crawford) the Horticultural Officer (Kathy Tohill-Curnow), and a Reserves Officer (Stephen Richards) as part of my regular monthly sessions. My report of those meetings are attached.

11. Playground Equipment

- 11.1 There is a developing confusion with this matter, both regarding the funding available and which Motueka playgrounds are to be upgraded. The Community

Services Committee meets on Thursday 8 September 2011 to consider the Board's strong recommendation re funding. I hope to meet with Lloyd Kennedy prior to that meeting, to resolve the funding and also the priorities for the project. The council staff are now preferring a Memorial Park upgrade of the playground equipment where as previously the preference / priority was for Deck's Reserve.

These matters are unnecessarily distressing, but hopefully the Deck's Reserve upgrade priority will be reinstated by the Board's meeting on the 13 September 2011.

12. Lower Motueka River Flood Control Project

12.1 Submissions close on 7 September 2011. The "Refurbishment" option seems to be generally preferred, although at the meetings the full range of options had supporters.

13. Reports for your Information – NB: Available at Meeting

13.1 Engineering Services Department

- Transportation Projects 2011 – 2012
- Utilities Projects 2011 – 2012

13.2 End of Year (2010 – 2011) Accounts

- Motueka Airport
- Motueka Water Scheme
- Camping Grounds Summary

13.3 Community Board Delegations (CN 11-08-10)

13.4 Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan available for submissions 2011 (Draft).

13.5 Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment:- Report on 1080 (June 2011). Available on request.

13.6 Tasman Bays Heritage Trust:- Statement on Intent and Strategic Plan (2011 – 2012). Available on request.

13.7 Paper presented by Mick Lester (NZ Community Boards Executive Chair) Wednesday 17 August, 2011.

13.8 Road Maintenance Task Force: NZTA (2 August, 2011). Available upon request.

14. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair's Report (RMCB11-09-03).

Meetings and Activities : August 2011

August	
1	Initial visit to Motueka Police, general discussion on policing matters and whether the Community Board can assist.
	Public meeting on the Union proposal, at the Conference Centre at the Top Ten Holiday Park. (A two hour meeting, over 70 attending, guests were Philip Woolaston, Michael Coles, Gavin Beattie, Aldo Miccio, Ali Boswijk, Richard Kempthorne and Time King). Chaired by Brent Maru for the Community Board.
2	Notice from Lower Moutere School for a Litter “pick-up” for the week 20-27 August.
3	Attended Climate Change / Rural Areas meeting led by Dr Jim Salinger and Rod Oram.
4	Attended the morning session of the Engineering Services Committee.
5	Met Alan Dones and Gary Agnew regarding stormwater problems.
6	Attended inaugural meeting of the Motueka Residents Association. Attendance of 20; chaired by Dave Le Long.
8	Motueka District Museum monthly meeting.
9	Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.
10	Inspection of High St, litter bins, with Liz Salt (OTM). Some repairs needed.
	Wharf Rd walkway meeting with Steve Elkington, Bob Cooke and Leo van Workam. Work to begin September.
	Discussed pram ramps / mobile scooters project with Steve Elkington for Woodlands Ave.
11	Council meeting confirmed. Community Board delegations, but excluded Community Halls, and Grants for Rates.
15	Attended AGM Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee. Another successful year, with more projects planned.
16	Attended Tasman Bay Promotions Association. Refurbishment of the interior and possible structural work considered.
17	Attended the Mick Lester presentation on Community Boards. (Mick is Chair of the NZ Community Boards Executive).
19	Submissions to the Local Government Commissions on the Union proposal closed. (380 submissions).
22	Abbyfield Motueka two-monthly meeting.
23	Lower Motueka River Flood Control presentation (9 attended).
	Our Town Motueka promotion at the Sprig & Fern:- MPs Chris Auchinvole, Damien O’Connor & Kevin Hague – chaired by John Tamihere. A fun evening for 100.
25	Lower Motueka River Flood Control meetings. (4 attended in morning and 12 in evening – very disappointing).
29	Attended Trustpower Community Awards presentations at Seifrieds.

	Successful evening with Motueka organisations receiving awards:- Keep Motueka Beautiful, Recreation Centre, Arts Council, Museum Trust Board.
30	Meet Constable Rob Crawford, Community Constable re. Motueka matters and community assistance.
	Meet Kathy Tohill-Curnow, Horticultural Officer, re various Motueka issues.
	Meet Stephen Richards, Reserves Officer, regarding Long Term Plans for Motueka Cemetery (particularly landscaping related) and Tapu Bay.

