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Report to: Motueka Community Board
Meeting Date: 14 February 2012
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Subject: **Motueka Stormwater Open Drains – RMCB12-02-10**

Purpose

The purpose of the report was to inform the Community Board of the need for stormwater open drains in Motueka to be well maintained.

Comment/Discussion

The ten photos attached were taken in early January 2012, to demonstrate the weed infested, vegetation overgrowth of the main Council drains in Motueka township. Only the Thorp Drain is reasonably well maintained as an open drain from Tudor Street to Old Wharf Road (as shown).

The heavy rainfall pre-Christmas 2011 which affected Golden Bay, Richmond and Nelson skirted coastal Motueka. Next time could be the turn for Motueka!

Are we prepared with secondary flow channels and open drains available at full capacity to take flood waters?

The orchardist on the corner of Thorp Street and Staples Street seems prepared, but the Council-maintained open drains indicate a need for much-improved maintenance.

Recommendation

That the Motueka Stormwater Open Drains Report (RMCB12-02-10) be referred to the Engineering Services Department for comment, and a request that the contractor improve the open drain maintenance in Motueka.