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**Report to:** Motueka Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 5 March 2012  
**Report Author:** David Ogilvie  
**Subject:** **Community Board Chair's Report (RMCB12-03-02)**

## 1. Long Term Plan 2012 - 2022

One of the major exercises this month will be to prepare a submission to the District Council. Submissions close at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 3 April 2012.

The Council's discussion session/meeting in Motueka is scheduled for Tuesday 20 March 2012 in two sessions, 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm and from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

It is preferable to meet, as a Board, following these sessions, in order to prepare a submission.

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Motueka Community Board meet informally at 7.00 pm on Thursday 22 March 2012, Tuesday 27 March 2012 and Thursday 29 March 2012 to prepare and finalise its submission to the Tasman District Council's Draft Long Term Plan.

### **Note:**

In line with the various activity management plans, I suggest that for the LTP we focus on the following:

Paul	Library; Airport; Transportation; Coastal Structures
Mark	Community Recreation, Grants and Cultural Services; Rivers; Environment and Planning; Tourism
Cliff	Property Services; Wastewater; Solid waste; Debt Level
David	Parks and Reserves; Water Supply; Stormwater; Community Board rate

Also, that the emphasis be on the first three years 2012 – 2015, with brief mention beyond 2015.

## 2. Motueka Airport : Financials

At the Community Board's December 2011 meeting, the financials were discussed and it was decided to refer a range of questions to the Council for clarification.

Appended to this report is an answer from Council's Financial Accountant, Bryce Grammer, to the Community Board's questions and also the September 2011 and December 2011 financials.

### **3. Motueka Airport : Management**

A representation from the Airport users met with the Mayor, Motueka Ward Councillors and Council staff (Dennis Bush-King, Lloyd Kennedy and Jim Frater) on 29 February 2012. I chaired the discussion which covered a range of issues raised by the airport people. At its conclusion, the Mayor acknowledged the mutual interests and promised to consider the matters raised by the users.

### **4. Motueka Airport : Workshop 17 February 2012**

The Community Board met with Jim Frater in a workshop on 17 February 2012 to discuss the Motueka Airport (Emergency Plan; Management Plan and Development Plan). These will be presented to the Corporate Services Committee on 5 April 2012 and then made available for public consultation the expectation is that they will be finalised by 30 June 2012.

### **5. Litter Bins in High Street and Central Town Area**

Board members may recall a report on the above matter at our October 2011 meeting. (Copy appended).

Notwithstanding that there has been some repairs and maintenance carried out over the last six months, there is a need for more – the worst are the “slatted” standard bins which need to be replaced by the standard “metal”. There are five of these at:

162 High Street (Amcal Pharmacy)

168 High Street (Needlewax)

202 High Street (Hospice Shop)

159 High Street (Red Beret Cafe)

And outside the Memorial Hall, in Pah Street.

The extra bins requested have not been installed:

Video Ezy

European Bakery

Hotel Motueka

Elevation Cafe

Along Whakarewa Street, approximately 100 metres from the High Street corner.

There are a number of bins with piles of dirt and muck underneath.

## **Recommendation:**

That the Motueka Community Board:

- a) refer this report (along with a copy of the October 2011 report) to both David Stephenson (Utilities Asset Engineer) and Peter Thomson (Engineering Manager);
- b) request that the existing “slatted” bins be replaced with the standard metal exteriors by 30 April 2012;
- c) request that extra new bins be installed (as listed) by 31 May 2012

## **6. Litter in Motueka Streets**

The e-mail correspondence re the recycle bins outside the Museum coincided with a Letter to the Editor from a Laura Totis commenting on the amount of litter in our district.

Ideally, everybody should take responsibility for their own rubbish and dispose of it appropriately.

The frequently quoted German writer van Goethe is apt: “Let everyone sweep in front of their own door, and the whole world will be clean.”

Unfortunately, neither happens every time, everywhere. There needs to be a litter clean-up process, at least for six to ten weeks, particularly around Motueka and along the SH 60 and Riwaka – Kaiteriteri roads.

The Board has a contingency budget of \$1,545, unspent at this time, which could be utilised. (\$1,500 would provide for a contractor for ten weeks at \$15 an hour for ten hours per week.) Board consideration is sought.

## **7. Council Projects : February 2012**

- Wastewater pipe renewals programme continues in High Street and along Grey Street;
- Reseals along Motueka Valley Highway, College Street, Little Sydney Valley Road;
- Mariri site redevelopment ongoing.
- Opening of Wharf Road walkway/cycleway from High Street to Link Park.
- Subdivisions at Sanderlane, Te Maatu, and Puketutu ongoing.
- Pathway between Thorp’s Bush and the Recreation Centre being widened and re-gravelled.

## 8. River Flows: February 2012

February	Low	High	Annual Flood Level
Woodstock	10.43 cusecs 21 February 2012	297.28 cusecs 23 February 2012	966 cusecs
Woodmans Bend	14.17 cusecs 21 February 2012	310.78 cusecs 23 February 2012	887 cusecs

## 9. Playgrounds; Security Cameras

Another Letter to the Editor highlighted the deteriorating standard of the play equipment at some of our reserves.

Previously, the Board has pointed out maintenance deficiencies (October 2011); while there is a significant budget for capital works in Memorial Park and Ledger Goodman Reserve playgrounds.

Meetings with Lloyd Kennedy, Beryl Wilkes and Kathy Tohill-Curnow are scheduled for the week 5 March – 9 March 2012 and I will report at the March 2012 Board meeting on progress with the projects and maintenance.

A meeting with Ken Eccles, who supplies and leases security cameras to the Council is also scheduled for the week beginning 5 March 2012. Any recommendation from him will be discussed with Lloyd Kennedy and brought to the meeting on 13 March 2012.

## 10. Affordable Housing

Rev Peter Norman arranged a discussion meeting among interested residents on Wednesday 29 February 2012. Unfortunately, it clashed with the Airport Users meeting so that neither Council nor the Community Board was represented.

It is expected that a Committee, or a Trust, will be established to investigate and provide answers to the issue. Representation from the Community Board is requested.

At the 29 February 2012 meeting there were representatives from the Department of Internal Affairs, Nelson Tasman Housing Trust and Motueka trades people as well as from local social welfare groups.

The affordable housing issue is complex and a variety of matters were discussed, including the Council's various consent and building fees. Membership by a Board Member on any committee which is formed can answer such matters, or act as a conduit to the District Council.

## **11. Council and Council Committee Notes**

### **11.1 Corporate Services Committee**

- Council's debt at 31 December 2011 stood at \$136.8 million, with an average interest rate of 5.39%.
- Council's investments (eg disaster funds, self-insurances and general reserves) total \$4.729 million, with an average interest rate of 3.64%.
- Local Government Funding Agency successfully launched. Tasman District Council, as a member, will raise funds from this Agency.
- All Treasury limits for the Council's debts have been met (eg 12.07% of equity; 11.97% of total annual rates).
- Work progressing on the Joint Nelson Tasman Holding Company, and is expected to be ready for further discussion mid-year.
- Closed Accounts (as at 30 June 2011) were presented. (Those related to the Motueka Ward will be available at the Board's meeting).

### **11.2 Council**

- Long Term Plan details included public announcement on 1 March 2012 and open for submissions to 3 April 2012. The Council's presentation will be on 20 March 2012 at the St John Hall. The hearings of submissions are scheduled from 23 April 2012 to 4 May 2012, with Motueka being on 24 April 2012.
- Council's submission to the Housing Affordability issue was included. (Copies available at the Board's meeting).

### **11.3 Engineering Services Committee**

- Rivers Maintenance Works Programme is currently behind schedule. (No indication of meeting times for the AOMP and local River groups – promised for February 2012.
- Geotextile groyne : consent applications have been lodged for its removal.
- Jackett Island erosion. Various options are being considered re solutions for the erosion. Meetings with Port Motueka Users Group, Jackett Island property owners, Tiakina te Taiao and Department of Conservation.
- Turners Bluff. The delay, resulting from the archaeological investigations, has meant completion at the end of April 2012.
- Wastewater pipe renewals continuing.
- Kotare Place stormwater upgrade completed;
- Mariri site development awarded to Concrete and Metals.

### **11.4 Environment and Planning Committee**

- Coastal water pipeline appeal was heard in Nelson on 27 February 2012 (Environment Court).
- Motueka West and Central Development Plan – liaison with iwi landowners and lessees prior to next plan.
- Rural subdivision and land use policy review.

## **Recommendation:**

THAT the Motueka Community Board ask Steve Markham (Environment and Planning Policy Manager) for details of the programme to progress and complete the Motueka West and Central Development Plan.

## **12. Questions**

### **12.1 Lee Valley Dam – Investigations, Reports etc**

The various studies and reports that Council is (and has been) receiving are quite detailed, with considerable technical, scientific and financial information.

How are these Lee Valley Dam investigations being funded?

### **12.2 Coastal Water Pipeline : Tasman/Mapua Community Supply**

The summary of the Draft Long Term Plan (Newsline) indicates the capital cost of the Coastal Tasman pipeline will be “in the order of \$38.3 million, with \$23.0 million within the tend year period”.

There has however, already been significant expenditures on planning, investigations, resource consent applications, all involving consultants and considerable staff time.

How is this being funded?

### **12.3 Jackett Island Erosion**

There have been varying cost estimates for the Council’s liability (Environment Court) for the erosion on Jackett Island.

Initially, some funding was provided from the Port Motueka Endowment Fund which, on 13 September 2011, the Community Board queried:

- a) Why has the Port Motueka Endowment Fund been used?
- b) Will the payment (\$150,000 reportedly in September 2011) be repaid and at what interest?
- c) What is the current state of the Endowment Fund?
- d) What is the criteria for any expenditure from the Fund?

(This was moved D Ogilvie/C Satherley and carried).

The Community Board has yet to receive answers to those questions.

Further questions also need Council responses:

- e) How does Council propose to fund the Jackett Island coastal protection required?
- f) What has been the cost so far (consultants, staff, consultation, meetings etc) and how has this been funded?

**Recommendation:**

THAT the questions arising from these three projects be referred to the Tasman District Council for answers at its meeting on 8 May 2012.

<b>13. Governance and Management</b>
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The standard dictum is Mayor and Councillors are involved in “governance”; staff, managers, consultants and employees are involved in “management”.

This has, quite frequently, intrigued and confused me. The definitions imply an absolutely clear distinction between the two roles. I have heard Council managers complain that Mayor/Councillors are “taking a management role”. Alternatively, I have heard Mayor/Councillors explaining that “we adopted the manager’s recommendation. It was what he/she requested”. This sort of statement implies that Mayor/Councillors have handed over “governance” to “management”.

A recent report on the duties of corporate directors and council’s Mayor/Councillors pointed out that “there is a requirement to do more than rely on the reports and recommendations of experts. There is both a responsibility and an obligation to examine and cross-examine before deciding. Too many expect the so called “experts” as managers/consultants to do their work for them.”

Recently, the role of governance has been exemplified further for Directors with the collapse/bankruptcy of financial companies; also in the Pike River Mine tragedy and in the News of the World/Rupert Murdoch News Corp hacking affair. In these examples, it has been obvious that responsibility lies with directors more than it does with managers. No longer can directors simply respond by saying “This was a Management decision. I didn’t know”.

The Mayor/Councillors involvement is not only in strategic policy matters, but they need to be fully aware of the work of managers, consultancies and staff. There is a necessary obligation for them to fully question, analyse and critically examine reports and recommendations which come before the Council.

Governance is the decision-making process which guides the affairs of the Council.

There is a three point sequence for the Mayor and Councillors to follow:

1. Establish a series of policy frameworks for Council activities;
2. Arrange and decide on the financial resources needed to be raised to implement the policies;
3. Monitor the performance of the Council in achieving the policies, and review any policy, if necessary.

The Local Government Act 2002 provides the statutory basis for the Council's governance role, eg every local authority is required to prepare a Governance Statement every three years. This legislation applies a "Company Board Room or Corporate-Style" role for local government.

But for every elected member there is also a strong "political" role, that is, to represent the community which elected him or her. The elected member is firstly responsible and therefore accountable to those electors: the local community. This is a critical component for the elected member in the community, as their representative.

The Council's managers' role is clear and straightforward; the elected member of the Council have the dual role to govern and to represent. These roles are not, to my mind, in conflict, but they may need better clarification and definition.

Arising from the various Court cases (mentioned above) the elected member (like the director) has a responsibility to the local authority, to the community and to himself/herself.

This responsibility requires the elected member to be cognizant of the management's activities and the monitoring of those activities, as well as to have continued communication with the community which elected him/her. The political role of an elected member embraces more than just the corporate/governance role.

#### **14. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair's Report (RMCB12-03-02).**



## Meetings and Activities : February 2012

February	
2	<p>Acted as a tour guide for an Ashburton Bowling Club's 90 minute tour around Motueka.</p> <p>Met Steve Elkington and inspected Staples Street, Pah Street, High Street South re "shared paths" an the Wharf Road path</p>
5	Attended Waitangi Day powhiri and activities at Te Awhina Marae
6	Our Town Motueka's River Raft event from Alexander Bluff Bridge to the SH 60 bridge. 25 entries
7	Attended Tasman Bay Promotions Association meeting.
8	Attended Jakkett Island/groyne issue meeting, of stakeholders. Deputy Mayor Tim King chaired.
9	Attended Motueka Events meeting.
10	<p>Motueka South School "zebras crossing" at the High Street South pedestrian crossing. Krista Hobday (TDC) and principal Linda Beatson.</p> <p>Kiyosato – Motueka welcome function at the Recreation Centre.</p>
11	Opening of the Wharf Road path (1 km). The Mayor, Steve Elkington (TDC), Rudy Tetteroo (DOC) and Bob Cooke (KMB) spoke.
13	<p>Abbeyfield Management meeting.</p> <p>Our Town Motueka meeting. Jacqui Taylor tendered her resignation after 8 years.</p>
14	Motueka Community Board meeting.
15	Festival of Lights committee meeting.
17	Community Board meeting with Jim Frater (TDC) re the Motueka Airport's Management and Development Plans.
18	Community Board meeting with Motueka Residents Association (25 attended). River, groyne, future directions are chief topics.
20	<p>Meeting with Airport Users to discuss agenda items.</p> <p>Tasman District/Nelson City amalgamation issue meeting.</p> <p>Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee meeting.</p>
22	Meet with Fiona Newey and Motueka focus group to progress Mapua – Motueka – Riwaka Trail. John Kerridge (Milnes Beatson Ltd) providing assistance and liaising with the Cycle Trust.
23	<p>Attended Council meeting and Corporate Services meeting.</p> <p>Clock Tower Trust meeting.</p>

25	Family Bike Ride from skate park along Estuary and Coast. (Krista Hobday and Recreation Centre).
27	Attended morning session of the Environment Court Hearing for the Coastal Tasman Pipeline, before Judge Newhook, Judge Prime and Commissioner Mannering. (Also, last hour on 29 February 2012).
29	Meeting of Mayor, Motueka Ward Councillors, Acting CEO Dennis Bush-King, Lloyd Kennedy, Jim Frater with Motueka Airport users, Don Grant, John Richards, Giles Witney and Stuart Bean on Motueka Airport issues.