

STAFF REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E859
DATE: 15 August 2005
SUBJECT: August 2005 Report

LIGHTING OF MOTUEKA MUSEUM

I have had discussions with the Reserves and Assets Projects Officer, Glen Thorn and in between writing this report and the Board meeting an inspection of the Museum will be carried out by Glenn in conjunction with the Property Manager, Jim Frater and the Museum Curator Pauline. The writer hopes to be present at that inspection also. The initial thoughts are that using the existing underground cables would cause too much disturbance to the mosaic work and as an alternative use of the existing light poles fronting the museum and/or using up-lights in the lawn area.

A verbal update on this will be presented at the meeting.

MOTUEKA HARBOUR SILTING

I have discussed this matter with the Harbour Master, Graham Carradus, and Councils Resource Scientist & Coastal Engineer, Eric Verstappen. The silting of the harbour is a natural and on-going process that appears can not be controlled other than by periodic dredging. Talley's currently have an application in hand to improve access out through the sand bar but there is no knowledge of any proposed work involving dredging the harbour access lanes.

It would appear that this matter is best dealt with through the port users liaising with appropriate Council staff to secure the necessary permits under the Resource Management Act and subsequently organise for on-going periodic dredging work to be undertaken.

WALLACE STREET BUS SHELTER

I have discussed the option of extending the shelter seat with Council Roding Asset Engineer, Steve Elkington who advises that the shelter and seat are an integral design. The writer has checked out the shelter and considers that the design is adequate considering that the majority of users are likely to be backpackers. There

is also plenty of additional seating in the adjoining reserve area provided by the picnic tables.

MOTUEKA SALTWATER BATHS

The writer has contacted both the Historic Places Trust and Councils Policy Planner & Heritage expert, Rose Biss who both have assured me that the Motueka Saltwater baths are now registered as a Category II Historic Place.

MOTUEKA STOPBANKS

This item is going to the next Engineering Services Committee and an update will be made available after that meeting.

HIGH STREET INTERSECTION OPTIONS

Note this matter is also on the Engineering agenda for August with the recommendation that “no further action be taken until such time as the future planning and growth needs of the network are properly considered. (See copy of agenda item attached).

STAFF BRIEFINGS

A number of issues were raised at last months meeting and it would be helpful if the Board could update the issues so that a forward programme can be put in place.

This month the Board will be addressed by David Ward on the LTTCP process and Steve Elkington will provide information regarding the warrant process for pursuing changes to speed limits and the siting of pedestrian crossings.

Other issues that the Board has noted are as follows (note these have already been forwarded to Executive Assistant Tina Marshall):

- Maintenance of Gravel Roads
- Recycling Project
- Cycle Strategy Criteria

If there are any other matters that the Board may consider worthy of inclusion, these can be added.

Also note that the Chairperson wishes to undertake a self analysis workshop.

TOPICAL ISSUES

The following matters are noted as being matters likely to be of interest to the Board:

1. Apple Returns

There has been recent media publicity reporting the disturbingly bad returns for apple growers. The situation has led to speculation as dire as farmers walking off their land. The Chairperson has also noted this matter in his report and this is an issue that needs support not only for those orchardists directly affected, but local businesses also.

2. Circus

No further word has been heard by the writer regarding the possible Webber Brothers circus coming to town but an update report has been requested from the Reserves Manager, Beryl Wilkes on any developments

3. Festive Lights

I had a meeting with Peter Bourke who advises that he is looking at an initiative with the Motueka Business Community, Transit and other Community Groups to have Christmas/Holiday lights for the main street of Motueka. More information on this has been requested for the Board Meeting.

4. Representation Review

The Representation Review Sub-Committee meets for the first time on 16th August. The Local Electoral Act 2001 includes that “all territorial authorities must consider whether their district should have communities and community boards, and if so, what the nature and structure of each board should be.” Councillor Wilkins is a Member of that Sub-Committee and she has agreed to keep the board updated on progress.

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