

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 3 June 2008
SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 10 June 2008**

1 Annual Plan Submission

The hearing for our submission is Thursday 5 June 2008 and I will report on ours and other submissions at our Board meeting on 10 June 2008. It was a little disappointing to be allocated only ten minutes, but I will highlight our main issues and endeavour to avoid those which are the focus of others. Besides, the Mayor and Councillors will have read and absorbed all submissions prior to the public hearings. Their final consideration and decision will be later in the month.

You will note that the request to have solar heating units consent-free is not in our submission. The Council rejected a similar request at its meeting in April 2008 and it seemed unnecessary to repeat the request so soon.

2 Meeting with Transit, Opus and TDC Representatives

Transit's Jack Hansby has suggested 16 June 2008 as an appropriate day. I have accepted, suggesting 1.00 pm at the Motueka Council office, but the date, time and venue have yet to be confirmed.

Please mark it in your diaries, nevertheless. Some of the discussion points have been indicated in my e-mail to Jack Hansby (correspondence) but if there are additional items, let me know.

I have written to Opus in Nelson regarding our wish to be actively involved in the Cycling and Walking Strategy which they have been contracted to review.

I hope to have a costing per metre for a cycleway (eg Thorp Street) prior to the meeting.

3 Motueka High School

I was pleased to be able to present certificates to six young people for their efforts in collecting litter around Motueka.

Mr Bruce Reid's Community Issues class provided me an opportunity to discuss some Council issues with them. A swimming pool, "tagging", High Street congestion, a separate Motueka, were some of the topics for their consideration.

Last weekend, some High School students were caged at the Museum site, highlighting the 40-hour famine task.

The High School provides a very supportive element in our community and it was particularly pleasing to note the national Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Award to Moeke Paaka. Moeke and Sophie have played an active role in educational, sporting and cultural aspects in Motueka for many years. Congratulations – it was hard earned and well deserved.

4 Wide-Ranging Issues

It is surprising the matters which are brought to my attention – phone calls, emails, at meetings, along the streets, etc.

Some of these are indicated by the correspondence noted in the agenda (rubbish bins, overhanging trees etc) but others are best listed:

- street numbers for shops (can Our Town Motueka request this please)
- demarcating cycle lanes
- widening High Street between Whakarewa Street and King Edward Street
- maintenance of firewells
- improving drains in Staples Street/Kumeras area
- smoke pollution
- smoother footpaths for mobility scooters
- regular street-sweeping of autumn leaves

As a Community Board, we can press strongly for some of these concerns to be addressed, and it is rewarding, first, to be asked to attend to a concern and secondly, when a response is achieved. “Happiness can be street markings!”

5 Stormwater

Our rainfall figures are low for the year but this should focus our attention on drainage matters, particularly widening and clearing our open drains – Woodlands, Thorp, Lummis etc.

A couple of Council staff reports are of interest and note:

- a) Dugald Ley, Development Engineer, in a report (20 May 2008) re the Motueka Hospital advised the Environment and Planning Committee “The committee will realise that the stormwater system in Motueka is severely compromised and to mitigate growth will require upgrading or the provision of new stormwater systems.”
- b) Arohanui Resort Ltd, Martin Farm Road, Kaiteriteri – Resource Consents Hearing 19 May 2008. A submitter referred to flooding along Martin Farm Road as a result of the existing roadside drain being choked (presumably by uncontrolled fill and poor maintenance of the roadside drain). In their report, Council Officers (Dugald Ley and Eric Verstappen) recommended a number of stormwater attenuation measures to address the existing problem and any which might result from the proposed 18-lot subdivision.

For the year 2007/2008 the stormwater budget for the Motueka UDA was \$107,961 – the main project to improve the Lummis Drain (east of Thorp Street). Income would probably be approximately \$325,000 from ratepayers. For Kaiteriteri UDA the main project was to replace broken pipework in Tapu Bay (\$87,380); income probably \$125,000 approximately.

For the coming year, 2008/2009, the Motueka budget is \$244,948 and the main project is to improve open drains (\$107,200). There is no itemised project for the Kaiteriteri UDA. The income for each area is increased by 10.5%.

In neither the annual plan nor the LTCCP is mention made of stormwater improvements required for Courtney Street east or for Martin's Farm Road.

It is an issue the Board will need to address at the LTCCP review.

6 An interesting consequence – Reorganisation

The discussions, debates, arguments, publicity which have developed primarily from the targeted rates issue, then with the delegated functions frustrations, the divergence of opinions on what should be properly included in a community board budget, and finally the proposals within the draft annual plan – all of these factors have led to a surprising number of residents suggesting that Motueka (with Golden Bay) separate itself from the Tasman District.

Such suggestions begin as “tongue-in-cheek” but become serious and considered when the issue is further debated. Currently, the higher cost of transport and the obvious closer ties between Richmond and Nelson City (geographically, recreationally, commercially-linked) underlines the separation concept.

Where to from here??

- There is a message coming from many residents.
- There is a statutory process provided for reorganisation within the 2002 Local Government Act.
- What role, if any, does the Community Board play?

There are significant implications for the Board to ponder in any pathway, particularly as we are part of the District Council. A reorganisation proposal would be a massive undertaking, involving considerable time, energy and cost. An obvious first step is to assess the measure of support, or at least in principle, for such a proposal.

Has the Board a leadership role in this development?

7 Burger King Resource Consent

It has been brought to our attention that Burger King may be considering opening an outlet in Motueka. Senior Sergeant Grant Andrews of Motueka Police has expressed

his concern at the impact this will have on traffic congestion and road safety in the CBD.

In light of the lessons learnt from the concerns raised over the non-notified consent for McDonalds, Tasman District Council should ensure that any application to open a Burger King premises in Motueka goes through a publicly notified consent process.

Suggested Recommendation:

That Motueka Community Board strongly recommends to Tasman District Council that any application form Burger King to open a premises in Motueka goes through a publicly notified consent process.

8 Recycling

David Stephenson has met with Parkes Automotive and Our Town Motueka and there is likely to be six to eight bins for around Motueka. There is still discussion on locations and some consultation on this would be good.

David Ogilvie
Chair