

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 3 August 2009
SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 11 August 2009**

1 Motueka West and Central Strategy/Structure Plan

The Council approved the recommendations submitted by Rose Biss, while also noting the importance of the Motueka Transportation Study within that planning process (16 July 2009). I have suggested further public comment on the proposed draft plan (incorporating the Council's amendments) to run parallel with the Transportation Study, including the public responses that the Transportation Study will require. (Refer letter 29 July 2009 to Rose Biss).

I hope this proposal is seriously considered, as it is based on two concerns:

- a) We need to progress the Structure Plan as a significant project for the Board;
- b) Motueka residents need to be consulted as major stakeholders in the Transportation Study.

2 Footpath Programme, Shared Paths, Minor Works

Following Gary Clark's reports to the Engineering Services Committee where he indicated he was preparing various Works programmes for the 2009 -2010 years, and after meeting with him in Motueka on 6 July 2009, I have prepared project lists for footpaths, shared footpath-cycleways and minor safety works.

As much as possible these have been prioritised but require Board's consideration, amendment and then ratification.

Gary Clark, in the meantime has referred the three lists to MWH NZ Ltd for their consideration.

3 Regional land Transport Programme (2009 – 2012)

This planning document has now been released and stands alongside the Council's Ten Year Plan on transport matters.

The changes in the RLTP (from the draft issued in March this year) reflect both the change in the Government Policy Statement with the emphasis on generating economic growth productivity by investing in the land transport infrastructure and also the tightening of funding for maintenance and local roads with less expenditures being planned.

The only Motueka regional activity highlighted is the Robinson Road/SH 60 intersection upgrade in Year 3 (2011 – 2012) of the RLTP.

The Community Board's submission focussed on the High Street/SH 60 congestion, the narrow Motueka River Bridge, and the restricted speed/tight right-angled corners to Cook's Corner and the Takaka Hill. We emphasised the Riwaka – Kaiteriteri Road as being of regional significance and requiring a major upgrade.

None of these activities received specific mention although they could probably be addressed in the general State Highway activity categories. The Motueka Transportation Study also was not referred to, which seemed an interesting omission, more particularly that the NZTA can allocate funds only to:

- a) National activities; and
- b) Regional activities listed in the RLTP

The Tasman Regional Transport Committee is currently preparing a Regional Land Transport Strategy which will be published for consultation later in the year.

4 Council Governance Options : Nelson and Tasman

It is over 20 years since the Local Government Commission considered the "One Council" concept for the Nelson region. During the 1980s Waimea County, Golden Bay County, Motueka Borough, Richmond Borough and Nelson City debated the concept at length.

The LGC, in considering this and other options, favoured a Nelson City and Tasman District split (and a Nelson – Marlborough Regional Council) which came into existence in October 1989.

The arguments have persisted since on how best to govern and manage the "region".

The current petition, I believe, is the preferred way to tackle the issue. It is a request to the LGC to consider the pros and cons, the advantages and disadvantages, the costs and benefits of the two Councils in a merged arrangement.

In business management terms, the petition is favouring a due diligence process between two organisations in deciding on the merits of a merger. It will be carried out by an independent, impartial body with access to as much information as they wish, and without the central Government pressures which existed in 1989.

For me personally, it is the logical way for the matter to be reasonably addressed. The process initiated by the petition won't be short-term – whatever changes the LGC recommends can be instituted only in time for the Local Authority elections in 2013. (2010 elections are too soon).

I have supported the petition, first, because wide-ranging analysis of the merits of "amalgamation" will be worthwhile and, secondly, what we have for Motueka at present is clearly not working.

For a review after 20 years, the timing is right.

Any change in Councils' governance deservedly requires considerable scrutiny and it is expected that the LGC will provide and exercise their judgment accordingly.

5 Some Rating Facts

a) Museum Facilities Rate

The rating unit charge for 2009 – 2010 across the District is \$52.49.

There are 5,250 rating units in Motueka Ward providing \$275,500 towards museum facilities.

The Motueka and District Museum received a grant of \$42,500 in 2008 – 2009 plus building repairs and maintenance from Tasman District Council, approximately \$60,000. (This total could possibly increase in 2009 – 2010 to \$80,000).

The balance of almost \$200,000 goes to the Provincial Museum. It is clearly appropriate to fund the Provincial museum, but should it be two and a half times the funding for the local museum?

On a per rateable unit basis, the Motueka ratepayer is contributing \$52.40 and receiving \$15.25.

b) Information Centre i-Site Funding

From the Tasman District Council general rates, \$309,000 is set aside to part fund the Information Centre's operations. This includes Golden Bay, Motueka, Murchison and Richmond (volunteered administered).

Nelson City Council provides similar funding.

Tourism Nelson Tasman administers Golden Bay, Murchison, Richmond and the City i-Sites. (Motueka is independent of the TNT/Information Centre structure). From the Tasman District Council general rate (from TNT) Motueka receives \$50,000 – on an equitable basis this should be no less than \$75,000 and possibly \$100,000.

On a per rateable unit basis, the Motueka ratepayer is contributing \$15 and receiving \$10.

6 Memorial Hall, Motueka

I have suggested a modernising proposal for the Memorial Hall, which needs to be consulted on with users and residents/ratepayers.

At this point, a general proposal only.

Upgrading/Modernising Towards 2030 : Refurbishing Policy

- a) Stage size
 - i. Lighting – dressing rooms, service areas
 - ii. Materials – design and stage sets

- b) Auditorium
 - i. Interior decorating, ventilation, heating
 - ii. Sound system, electrical, electronic systems
 - iii. Seating capacity
 - iv. Projectionist area

- c) Functions Rooms
 - i. Adjacent room for smaller group (100 maximum)
 - ii. Kitchen facility
 - iii. Entry foyer and rear accesses
 - iv. Toilets

- d) Exterior
 - i. Vehicle access to entry steps and rear
 - ii. Exterior decorating
 - iii. State of exterior structure and roof
 - iv. Garden plots
 - v. Windows/ranch sliders
 - vi. Emergency exits

- e) General
 - i. Professional design to maximise the facility
 - ii. Cost of an upgrade - \$500,000 loan over 20 years

- f) Who will use it?
 - i. Theatre- Music Shows – Dances
 - ii. Weddings/funerals
 - iii. Parklands School
 - iv. Public meetings
 - v. Shows/Exhibitions

7 Skatemark Meeting

Tara Forde met with Kathy Tohill-Curnow (Tasman District Council) and Andrew Hayward from Motueka Recreation Centre to discuss Motueka skatepark improvements. DILs have allocated \$45,000 for the project. We will work with the community of users to facilitate a design plan that is agreeable to all. The idea is to involve a specialist contractor with knowledge of skatepark design to iron out any kinks in implementation. A public meeting will be held shortly to engage with local BMXers and skateboarders. In the meantime, any design suggestions can be handed in, in writing, to Andrew at the Recreation Centre.

8 Footpath Programme – Motueka (July 2009)

Kaiteriteri – Martin’s Farm Road/Rowling Road – as a separate priority.

- a) Poole Street (west of Atkins Street) – south side of the street because of the narrow strip on the north side and power poles positions.
- b) Huffam Street (east side) and around the corner, east into Old Wharf Road to connect with the existing concrete path on the north side.
- c) North Street (west side) – continue from Everett Street to the end of North Street (cul-de-sac).
- d) High Street South (south of the roundabout) eastern side to Wildman Road corner and then Wildman Road to the Richards Reserve. (Kerb and channel). (Note: This could be a shared cycleway/walkway).
- e) York Street (east side) – connect the two existing paths here.
- f) Hau Road – Footpath (with kerb and channel) on the south side.
- g) Hursthouse Street (south side) – from Main Road, Lower Moutere to the end of ribbon housing. (kerb and channel).
- h) Old Wharf Road (south side) – connect the two existing paths here (kerb and channel also).

Shared Cycleway – Footpath Programme (July 2009)

- a) Brooklyn. From Umukuri Road to Brooklyn School and along to Mickell’s Road (Westbank Road). This has been identified for construction in 2009 - 2010 to provide safer access to the Brooklyn School.
- b) Queen Victoria Street to Pah Street on the eastern side. This would provide a link with the new shared path from King Edward Street south to the Riverside Community along the Main Road, Lower Moutere. This stretch would allow safer walking and cycling for High School students accessing the High School in Whakarewa Street (and to a lesser degree) for primary pupils to Parklands in Pah Street.
- c) High Street from Woodland Avenue to Old Wharf Road, on the eastern side. The existing asphalt footpath is very wide. A cycle lane, one metre wide out from the kerb would make cycling along this narrow stretch of High Street (SH 60) much safer, without adversely affecting pedestrians. (This could qualify as a minor works safety project).
- d) From Riwaka School to Cook Reserve (SH 60). Some earlier investigations into a cycleway from the school to the reserve, seems to have stalled. Despite the 80 kph speed restriction, a shared path would provide safer access to the well-used reserve (rugby, cricket, touch).

- e) Thorp Street and Staples Street – from Pethybridge Street north along Thorp Street (west side) to Staples Street, along Staples Street (south side) to SH 60. This circuit is used regularly by both recreational walkers and cyclists.
- f) The existing (and reasonably new) shared paths have been gravelled – they will need to be sealed to reduce maintenance costs (weed growth, particularly along edges, potholing).

Minor Works Programme – Transportation Safety (July 2009)

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| Streetlight upgrades along Motueka streets to meet Engineering Standards – Tudor Street, Greenwood Street, Whakarewa Street (to Grey Street), Pah Street (to Grey Street), Poole Street, Atkins Street, Wilkie Street (to Fry Street) | Old light technology, poor lighting. The programme to upgrade lighting has been spasmodic. The streets mentioned are the busiest in Motueka and the lack of lighting is a safety concern. Existing lights require upgrading. New lights at the recommended intervals (45 metres?) to be installed. |
| Thorp Street intersection with Greenwood Street (two crossings) Inglis Street intersection with High Street (north side) York Street intersection with Clay Street Kingstan Place Fearon Street intersection with High Street (south side) | Safe pram crossings for mobile scooters. These are being used by elderly residents and some kerb crossings at intersections are hazardous, with recorded examples of falls. A programme of 10 per year locally is recommended to make a significant response to this problem. (Projected cost approximately \$20,000 at \$2,000 per crossing). |
| High Street South Wildman Road (to the Richards Reserve) Hau Road Main Road, Lower Moutere | Rural area, with “ribbon housing” require improved street lights. These Lower Moutere streets have minimal lighting – a 1008 survey indicated that lights and footpaths were a high priority for the residents. |
| Walkway lights: - Wilkinson Street to McCarthy Crescent - Goodman Drive to Greenwood Street - Woodland Avenue to Monahan Street | Improved lighting, linking these streets, especially Woodland Avenue and Monahan Street |
| North Street | Kerb and channel (dish channel?) on the eastern side. |
| Deck’s Reserve | - Corner snipe at the north-west of Deck’s Reserve is required to be |

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| | sealed. - A barrier (low and unobtrusive?) to prevent vehicles dropping from the carpark onto the grassed area. (approximately 1 metre lower). |
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9 Climate Change

At the Ministry for Environment Climate Change consultation meeting in Nelson, which Duncan Eddy attending on behalf of Motueka Community Board, Environment Minister Nick Smith noted that the apple and kiwifruit industries will very likely be decimated in coming years due to climate change.

This of course will have a huge impact on the local economy. Tasman District Council should be joining the Communities for Climate Protection Program and offering practical responses to reduce climate change.

10 Historical Plaques

According to the Golden Bay Community Board's July 2009 minutes, the Golden Bay Historical Plaques are being installed. These plaques were inspired by the Motueka Historical Plaques project, and despite starting years later than the Motueka project, have moved at a cracking pace.

A report from Beryl Wilkes on the progress of the Motueka project would be timely.

11 Local Community Arts Proposal

Motueka Arts Council committee member Claire Budge has worked to prepare a draft local arts strategy. This followed on from a suggestion from David Ogilvie to the Motueka Arts Council earlier this year. Claire and the MAC have now hit a "dead end" on this project, mainly due to lack of resources.

Perhaps Motueka Community Board may be able to take the next step to move this proposal forward. The proposal is included in the Information Pack.

David Ogilvie
 Chair, Motueka Community Board

Meetings/Activities during July 2009

| Date | Meeting |
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| 2 July | NZTA/TDC inspection of High Street – Central Business area, as part of the Transportation Study. |
| 6 July | Tour of Motueka Township with Gary Clark |
| | Abbeyfield Motueka AGM |
| | Festival of Lights meeting – debrief of 2009 events |
| 9 July | Funerals of Jo Howard (Grey Power Secretary) and Colleen Gates (Memorial Hall caretaker) |
| 11 July | Abbeyfield NZ AGM in Nelson. (Peter Smale elected as Chairman, replacing J B Munro who retired). |
| 13 July | Motueka District Museum monthly meeting. |
| 14 July | George Hickton : Chief Executive of Tourism NZ spoke to tourist operators and interested people (St John's Hall). |
| | Motueka Community Board monthly meeting. |
| 20 July | Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee monthly meeting. |
| 21 July | Tasman Bay Promotions Association monthly meeting. Particular concern re signage on SH 6 and SH 60 relating to the Abel Tasman National Park and to Motueka. |
| | Public meeting for Part IV Rivers and Lakes – TRMP. Only three attended. |
| 22 July | Tasman Community Association AGM |
| 24 July | Function to mark recycling bins in place. Hon Nick Smith, MP Chris Auchinvole and Mayor Richard Kempthorne spoke. |
| 27 July | Abbeyfield Motueka : monthly meeting |
| 29 July | Rivers Group – Lower Motueka River; maintenance contract, crack willow removal, entry permits, gravel extraction matters, stopbank investigations |

Rates 2009 – 2010

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| 1 | General rate (eg capital value \$300,000 @ 0.2134) | 640.20 |
| 2 | Uniform Annual General Charge (per rating unit) | 240.00 |
| 3 | Stormwater (capital value \$300,000 @ 0.0365) | 109.50 |
| 4 | Water Supply (volume of water supplied by TDC in cents/m ³ , eg 219 m ³ @ \$1.17 per m ³) | 256.23 |
| 5 | Motueka Urban Water Supply (per rating unit) | 72.42 |
| 6 | Kaiteriteri – Stephens Bay Water Supply (per rating unit) | 123.00 |
| 7 | Wastewater (per water closet : 1 per household) | 606.38 |
| 8 | Regional River Works (eg land value \$150,000) Class X @ 0.0978 Class Y @ 0.0978 Class Z @ 0.0208 | 146.70 146.70 31.20 |
| 9 | Motueka Business Rate (eg capital value \$300,000) Area A @ 0.0442 Area B @ 0.0306 | 132.60 91.80 |
| 10 | District Facilities Rate (per rating unit) | 42.51 |
| 11 | Motueka Stopbank Rate (eg land value \$150,000) Area A @ 0.0024 Area B @ 0.005 | 3.00 0.60 |
| 12 | Regional Facilities Rate (per rating unit) | 45.25 |
| 13 | District Facilities Operations Rate (per rating unit) | 24.24 |
| 14 | Museums Facilities Rate (per rating unit) | 52.49 |
| 15 | Refuse/recycling rate (per rating unit) | 112.50 |
| 16 | Kaiteriteri Refuse Rate (per Kaiteriteri rating unit) | 17.61 |
| 17 | Mapua Rehabilitation Rate (per rating unit) | 12.00 |
| 18 | Torrent Bay Replenishment (per Torrent Bay rating unit) Area A Area B | 1,500.00 450.00 |
| 19 | Tourism Rate (per “tourist” rating unit) | 137.21 |
| 20 | Motueka Community Board Rate (per rating unit) | 10.63 |

Notes:

- Every rate does not apply to all properties (eg Kaiteriteri, Torrent Bay, Business, Tourism, Motueka Urban etc etc)
- Comparison with previous years can be applied only on an individual basis because of:
 - o New rateable valuations in September 2008 impact; and
 - o New rates established by Council
- Where rates are based on land or capital values, the above calculations have been determined on \$150,000 for land value and \$300,000 for capital value.
- Wastewater charges are discounted where there are extra water closets (25% to 10; 50% above 10).