

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members

FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair

DATE: 30 October 2009

SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 10 November 2009**

1 Motueka Transportation Study

Presentation of the draft study will take place prior to our November 2009 Board meeting.

The long term importance of this study (and the Motueka Central and West Structure Plan) cannot be under-estimated.

As the Community Board, our leadership role in involving community groups and residents in the process is critical.

It is hoped that the study, and the decisions which arise from that study, will be progressed with resolve and supported with sufficient funding. (In the recent past and particularly since 1992, a number of similarly encouraging plans have been “pigeon-holed”, languishing in various offices).

Transportation factors are wide-ranging – streets, footpaths, cycle lanes, parking, pedestrian crossings, intersection controls, speed restrictions, street lighting, streetscaping – a web of ideas, designs and decisions needed.

In this scenario, the principles for the study will be manifest:

- Long term planning
- Bypass and bridge issues
- High Street as the town’s commercial centre – Motueka High Street v State Highway 60

2 Nelson Tasman Tourism Annual Report/Presentation

I attended (with Lois Walker and Chris Salt, Manager and Chairman respectively of Tasman Bay Promotions) the presentation of Nelson Tasman Tourism’s (NTT) annual report.

The value of tourism to our region (and especially Motueka) is clearly evident. Taman Bay Promotions, Our Town Motueka and the Community Board are linked in the policy to maximise the benefits of tourism for our economy, both short and long term. For example, the average tourist/visitor spends approximately \$205 on accommodation, the balance on food, fuel, entertainment and general retailing.

The guest speakers emphasised the importance of good infrastructure and urged NTT to consider special events, a cycle trail, masters games, the conference market as ways to attract visitors and to overcome the seasonality factor (which inhibits

winter visitors). Also, emphasised was the requirement for friendly, welcoming, helpful attitudes towards visitors.

3 Ten Year Plan (LTCCP); Annual Plan 2010 – 2011

a) Debriefing

The “de-briefing” from the Mayor and Managers of the Community Board’s submission reflected the Board’s concern that the Council is giving insufficient weight and consideration to both the Board’s and many Motueka submissions.

Notwithstanding, the visit by the Mayor and six managers for the two hour briefing was greatly appreciated, providing the opportunity for a worthwhile healthy exchange of views. The presence of Crs Inglis and Wilkins was valuable also.

As an exercise it was very worthwhile and, like the 2008 pre-LTCCP consultation, we hope it will be an annual arrangement – outside the regular consultation schedule required by the Annual Plan/LTCCP processes.

b) 2010 – 2011 Annual Plan

This annual plan (year 2 of the ten year plan) consultation and draft preparation is now underway. While much has been set down (for 2010 – 2011) in the LTCCP, there is a chance to review items of low significance, to interchange funding proposals and to detail other aspects of Council’s policies.

Certainly the LTCCP has considerable significance, but it is inappropriate to register the annual plan as unimportant. A meeting on Wednesday 11 November 2009 and Thursday 12 November 2009 will be needed to formulate our proposals – in the meantime, consider the activities/developments to be actioned.

I will endeavour to provide a detailed (draft) report on 10 November 2009 and it is possible that Susan Edwards may attend our Board meeting (or earlier that afternoon). The Annual Plan (2010 – 2011) schedule she presented to the Board on 19 October 2009 is attached.

4 Rainfall Event 17 October 2009

Coastal areas (and particularly Motueka township) had one of the heaviest rainfall events for many years on Saturday 17 October 2009. Close to 100mm fell during the day and early evening – much of it between 5.00 pm and 9.00 pm, which coincided with a 4.1 metre high tide at 10.20 pm.

The stormwater drainage system mostly worked very well, although parts of some streets suffered flooding eg Aerodrome corner, Pethybridge Street, Ledger Avenue, Lowe Street/High Street intersection.

Within two hours of high tide the flood waters had receded.

The stormwater projects over the past 15 years, although costly, have largely proved their worth, more obviously because the earlier spring rains meant the groundwater table was quite high.

Nevertheless maintenance work on the open drains(eg Thorp Drain, Lummis Drain and queen Victoria Street) is required, Poole Street and High Street drainage improved; and the floodgates electronics reconditioned.

The various stormwater engineers employed by Tasman District Council have collectively solved most of Motueka's stormwater problems (Jeff Cuthbertson most recently) which is appreciated. At the same time, keeping drains clear of leaves and litter is a continuous task for residents, as well as the Council contractors.

5 2002 Local Government Act

The Hon Rodney Hide has indicated the promised review of the 2002 Local Government Act is about to be made public.

Last week (23 October 2009) Local Government New Zealand released a report (by Price Waterhouse Coopers) quantifying the costs of regulation and legislation for territorial authorities, focusing on the LTCCP (2002 LG Act), Public Transport (2008 Act), Drinking Water Standards (2007 Health Act) and Land Transport (2008 Act). The 60-page report is interesting reading, but not surprising in its conclusions, especially the LTCCPs costs in time, human resources and funding.

The Rodney Hide legislation could initiate a new direction for New Zealand's local government, possibly more community-focussed.

6 Requests to Council (July to September 2009)

- Secondary Flowpath: Motueka river
- Walking and Cycling Strategy public meeting
- Deck's Reserve "as-built" final plantings plan
- Financial Statements:
 - o Wastewater – Motueka
 - o Domestic Water – Motueka
 - o Stormwater – Motueka
- Rural burnoff meetings
- Freedom Camping
- Signage for Abel Tasman National Park
- Skatepark Improvements

Water Reticulation

The Council did not apply for the Government subsidy prior to the subsidy being withdrawn.

The application has been completed and is ready for presentation when the Government reintroduces the subsidy.

Consequently, there has not been further action on the provision of reticulated water for those not reticulated in Motueka: "the project will only proceed if it gains a satisfactory Government subsidy" – Council resolution on 2009 – 2019 LTCCP (10 June 2009). The intention of this resolution is confirmed in the LTCCP.

The Motueka water rates for 2010 – 2011 should remain similar to 2009 – 2010, subject to the Government subsidy being reintroduced and the Council making a successful application. If this happens, the water rates will increase accordingly.

Community Boards/Associations

The “exercise” to consider delegated functions, better relationships, governance and funding issues was discussed by Council on 20 August 2009.

The following motion was passed:

“That the Council asks the Chief Executive and Managers to examine these issues and report back to Council with suggested changes, with a view that any significant changes be incorporated for the next term of Council. Communication with Community Boards, Association Chairs and Councillors should be carried out as part of these considerations.” (CN09/08)

There has been no discussion re the various issues over the last 2½ months, since the resolution was passed. (It was anticipated that the Mayor, with the Managers, would set a timetable for discussion on the various issues).

David Ogilvie
Chair, Motueka Community Board

Meetings/Activities during October 2009

Date	Meeting
4 October	Festival of Lights – debriefing of the 2009 event and general discussion for 2010 (dates, developments etc)
11 October	Motueka Junior Football Association. Prize-giving and end of season presentations.
12 October	Motueka District Museum Trust Board Our Town Motueka
13 October	Kathy Tohill and Stephen Richards at Motueka Quay, re landscaping proposals, grassed area, parking issues Motueka Community Board monthly meeting
17 and 18 October	Motueka Toy Library Garden Trail
19 October	Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee Tasman District Council (Mayor and Managers). Debrief and explanation of the Council's decisions re the Community Board's submission to the Ten Year Plan (LTCCP).
20 October	Tasman Bay Promotions Association
23 October	Nelson Tasman Tourism Annual Report presentation (Nelson)
25 October	Motueka Bowling Club Centenary Celebrations