

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 15 July 2010
SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 9 March 2010 – RMK10-03-03**

1. Water Allocation Review : Variation 66 Change 13 (TRMP)

Following the February meeting and discussions in the days after, it was decided to appeal to the Environment Court against the Council's decision on the Motueka Water Allocation Review.

This decision reflects the Board's interest and duty to obtain a re-evaluation on an exceedingly important water allocation issue for Motueka.

The particular concerns were mentioned last month in this report:- essentially the implications of a 33% increase on social, economic, cultural and environmental aspects for Motueka. Notwithstanding, an appeal involves a completely fresh hearing at a later date.

2. Transportation

Included in the Correspondence is a letter detailing some Engineering Services projects for Motueka. (The letter was tabled at our February meeting, but not discussed).

I have replied, expressing my concern and disappointment particularly since footpaths, cycle-lanes and mobile scooter ramps rank highly with many of our residents and ourselves. As a Board, we have lobbied strongly for more money to be allocated to these items – right across Tasman District. In the Motueka Ward, there is an urgent need for the three.

In a recent letter, the Board was asked to rank those "top ten" intersections most needing new or improved crossings. We need to keep pressing on, on behalf of our residents.

I have requested copies of both the Council's matrix and the various projects that the Council has agreed to.

3. Budget 2010 – 2011

Murray Staite has produced a Draft Budget for 2010 – 2011 year which I have responded (see Correspondence). Board members will want to respond also – how do we deal with the "surplus"? What rate are we to support?

(NB This does not weaken our strong opposition to the targeted rate for community boards – a submission to the draft annual plan being likely).

4. Tapu Bay Reserve

I attended a residents meeting at the Tapu Bay Reserve with Crs Norriss and Inglis and Council officers Stephen Richards and Eric Verstappen. The residents concerns were primarily the recent coastline erosion, and cars parking on the reserve. There was good frank discussion and exchange of views with Council staff agreeing to provide a beach re-shaping plan with a sward of appropriate coastal plantings, and limited access to the beach. It is expected the plan will be available for further residents discussion before Easter 2010 and that work could begin soon after, depending on the residents accepting the project. There is funding available from DILs for the project. It was a constructive meeting.

5. Motueka River Flood Control Scheme Workshop

Council staff and Councillors, MWH consultants, and about 20 landowners/orchardists attended a workshop session on the stopbank proposals.

It was an encouraging consultative meeting, with local landowners expressing their opinions, concerns and attitudes towards the stopbank proposals with "practical forthrightness". MWH and Council listened, commented, and acknowledged the contributions being made at the workshop.

This was the first of a number of such meetings and I expect these will be very helpful in developing the final programme for the stopbank project. It was a very worthwhile event.

6. Open Day : Ruby Bay Bypass

I took the opportunity to cycle the bypass route on the open day from the Tasman end through to the Gardner Valley – Seaton Road intersection and to Mapua. Clearly it is a different landscape from the current scenic coastal highway, although the western mountain range was a dramatic silhouette in the clear sky. "Built for speed and not for views!" The large number of people of all ages who walked or cycled took advantage of a late summer's afternoon. Completion and a formal opening is planned later this year.

7. Resource Consent Application (RM 070187) Engineering Services TDC

The application – for 20,000m³ of ground water per day to supply Motueka, Riwaka, Tasman Village, Mapua/Ruby Bay and rural areas surrounding and all Rural 3 - is set down for the week of 1 March – 5 March 2010.

According to the accompanying report there were 418 submissions received, many in opposition. Approximately 90 submitters have indicated they wish to be heard.

One of the first decisions to be made by the three Commissioners will be whether the activity is to be treated as "non-complying" or "controlled". I expect as a result of our Variation 66/Change 13 appeal (and possibly other appeals) the former criteria will apply.

I will report further at the Board meeting.

8. Street Names Report

Names for Motueka streets are notable for commemorating local “identities”. There are of course exceptions to this (eg Totara, Tui, Queen Victoria, High, Tudor) but Manoy, Simpson, McCarthy, Kingstan, Sanderlane, Lowe, Fearon, Parker, Thorp, Coppins and others reflect a special Motueka character to its various streets. This is a feature which, I consider, should be first explained to our residents, and when appropriate, be continued subject to the approval of residential developers and the Council’s policies.

In the past I have suggested the following:-

Kennedy Drive – as an appropriate new name for that section of Motueka Quay, north of Harbour Road. David Kennedy was Mayor for 9 years during the 1970s and is the only Mayor of the Motueka Borough who does not have a street named after him.

I have suggested this street because David was a keen golfer, but moreover during his term the Council constructed the oxidation ponds at Thorp Street north and stopped the discharge to sea of the Motueka wastewater. (This discharge occurred close to the northern end of the Motueka Quay).

Hart Lane – as an appropriate name for the lane between Wallace Street and Tudor Street. Hart’s bakehouse is still standing and his bakery was a major feature of this part of Motueka for many years.

Bridle Lane – as an appropriate name for the short lane from High Street between Bayley Real Estate and Abel Tasman Outdoors (formerly Guthrie Bowron). Bridle was an avid photographer and many of the photographs depicting events from 1915 were taken by W Bridle and developed at his shop nearby. (He could be classed as the Motueka equivalent of Nelson’s Tyree).

Other residents may have other suggestions and brief background notes in support.

Recommendation:

That the suggested street names be referred initially to the Motueka District Museum Trust Board for its consideration and following any comments be referred to Tasman District Council for action and street signs to be erected accordingly.

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Chair