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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 27 October 2011  
**Subject:** **Chairman's Report**  
**Report Author:** Cr Trevor Norriss

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the Chairman's regular meeting report.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RESC11-10-01.**

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## 1. Welcome

- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting and a special welcome back to our Golden Bay Councillor, Paul Sangster. I am sure that Paul will get up to speed quickly and find that much of the legislation and funding rules we have to deal with are just as frustrating as they were during his last term on Council. And at the moment there is no extra money for roading. We have to get smarter with the funding have – a challenge for us all.

## 2. Rural Roads

- 2.1 I have received some negative comment about the removal of marker pegs on rural roads especially on dangerous corners, river edges etc. It appears that in some areas our contractors are removing all markers. On the face of it this seems to be a waste of time and money. Maybe we should just leave all existing pegs and replace only those in dangerous situations. I am not sure that we have got this right and would be interested in the committee's view.

## 3. Collingwood Stormwater

- 3.1 Jeff Cuthbertson and I have spent a huge amount of time trying to resolve a stormwater roading issue in Collingwood. A recommendation in today's agenda should hopefully enable us to finally resolve this longstanding issue.

## 4. New Zealand Transport Agency

- 4.1 Funding constraints across the country have seen the NZ Transport Agency's budgets squeezed and the list of major projects in Tasman for the next period reflects this. We have a great relationship with the Agency and together we should be able to work through this issue.

## **5. Accessibility for All**

- 5.1 Councillors will have received an invitation to attend a tour of the Richmond CBD on Friday 4 November. This is part of the Accessibility for All project. We will be taken on a tour of the CBD using “accessibility” tools including mobility scooters, crutches, walking sticks, blindfolds etc. We will be given a list of “everyday” tasks that involve using accessibility aids. I urge you all to participate so that we can get a “real” experience of how our accessibility-impaired ratepayers deal with the tasks that many of us take for granted.

## **6. General**

- 6.1 The Mayor, Cr Bryant and I attended a very interesting course in Marlborough focusing on chairing good meetings and other governance issues – so watch out, we really know what we are doing now!
- 6.2 I would also like wish all Councillors and staff that are participating in the Masters Games good luck. So far in Engineering we have two medals, gold and silver to Sarah Downs in the Frisbee Golf and the Twilight 400 (mini golf, darts, smallbore shooting and 10-pin bowling). Well done Sarah although the question has to be asked – is this a sign of a mis-spent youth?
- 6.3 Our thoughts also go out to those involved in cleaning up the environmental disaster in the Bay of Plenty. Imagine how we would feel if it was in our Tasman or Golden Bays. Dugald Ley, Jeremy Butler and Graham Caradus are in Tauranga to help with the clean up – well done guys.
- 6.4 Finally, Go Piri Weepu and the All Blacks!

## **7. Recommendation**

- 7.1 That this report is received.

## **8. Draft Resolution**

- 8.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman’s Report RESC11-10-01.**