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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Engineering Services Committee
Meeting Date: 28 November 2011
Author: Cr Trevor Norriss
Subject: **Chairman's Report**

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 RESC11-12-01.

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1. Welcome

1.1 Welcome to the last Engineering Services meeting for the year. It has been rather full on over recent months with plan changes, LTP workshops etc. It does not appear to be slowing up so I would suggest that those who can should make the most of the coming Christmas/New Year break.

2. Condolences

2.1 The recent untimely death of Harry Holmwood at such an early age will be a huge loss not only to Golden Bay but to the whole district. Harry was Chairman of the Community Board for a number of years and heavily involved with the Golden Bay Medical Centre Trust and other local groups. And who can forget his passion for his steam machines. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have visited his museum in the Bay or seen him in action at local shows will know what I mean. Our hearts go out to Diane and the Holmwood family. Harry will be sorely missed.

3. Long Term Planning

3.1 The number of projects being stripped from the Engineering programme over the next period is becoming rather alarming. While I agree that things are not good out in the community and we are desperately trying to keep costs down (nothing unusual), we need to make sure that we don't cause a huge catch-up effect in future years. I believe this is one of the important points we should be debating with our community. What lesser level of service will they accept at this time in the core and other services Council provides? It will, of course, be different depending on whereabouts you live in the District but I shouldn't need to remind anyone that we are District councillors not Ward councillors.

4. General

- 4.1 The continued amalgamation saga should not let us take our eye off the ball. It is interesting that John Key has more than once stated that his government will not be forcing any further council amalgamations. It will be interesting to see who will be the new Minister for Local Government and his/her response to that issue.
- 4.2 It is also pleasing to see the large number of applications for the CEO position at Tasman District Council.
- 4.3 I would like to thank Councillors, Community Board members and staff who participated in the recent A4A exercise. Excuse the pun but it was an eye opener for all of and gave us all a small insight into some of the issues faced by those of us with mobility issues in our community. Thanks to all who participated and gave up their time to participate.
- 4.4 Finally thanks to the Mayor and Councillors, Council staff, Deputy Chairman Barry, Peter and his team for your continued support over the last year. We get a lot of criticism at times but every now and then we get some thanks. The Engineering Secretary recently received a call from a resident in Waiwhero Road. Apparently he had been talking to MWH about getting some work done on Waiwhero Road. The work was completed and the resident was very happy. He further advised that he was aware that Council staff receive more brickbats than bouquets and he wanted to ensure that we know the work we do is appreciated.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That this report is received.

6. Draft Resolution

- 6.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RESC11-12-01.**