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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 7 June 2012  
**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 RESC12-06-01.**

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## **1. Welcome**

1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. It is great to once again be holding our engineering meeting in Motueka with the opportunity for Motueka people to attend the public forum.

## **2. Long Term Plan**

2.1 Councillors and staff have put a huge effort into the Long Term Plan process and I would like to pass on my thanks to all involved.

2.2 It has been great to see the community get involved by way of submissions to various issues and their ideas as to where they want to see our district head into the future.

2.3 As usual where we land the plane will not please everyone, especially the predicted 10 year debt level which is of concern to us all. However, it needs to be remembered that the Council has to decide on an annual basis what is affordable. Many of the big ticket items in the plan may or may not proceed depending on further investigations. It is also important to remember that the Long Term Plan is reviewed every three years.

## **3. Totaranui Road - Reopening**

3.1 I have had the opportunity to look at the Totaranui/Awaroa road rebuild and this project has progressed very well. My thanks to the contractors, Fulton Hogan and all those involved in the December storm cleanup.

3.2 Our Engineer Selwyn Steedman featured in an article (along with photo) in the GB Weekly which received some very complimentary comments. Thanks Selwyn for not only causing the problem but also being involved in fixing it!

3.3 The road will be officially re-opened with a barbecue function at the DoC Totaranui camping ground on 29 June 2012.

#### **4. New Zealand Transport Agency**

- 4.1 The Transportation Manger will be able to provide an update on the recent NZTA roadshow held in Nelson. The meeting discussed maintenance funding and hopefully smarter ways of achieving this.
- 4.2 We also have our annual state highway liaison bus tour on 15 June 2012. This is a good opportunity for Council to actually see both the good and bad aspects of our state highway network.

#### **5. General**

- 5.1 Finally it appears that some from central government are back on their hobby horse and council-bashing once again. The sooner they define the role and scope of what they want councils to be involved in the better.
- 5.2 Many of the costs being forced on councils are a direct result of government legislation – drinking water standards, ACC levy increases, Emission Trading Schemes, new environmental standards to name a few. My concern is if they ever get around to defining the role of councils then who will pick up the rest – central government? I doubt it.
- 5.3 Attached are some news clippings from days gone by which were given to me by a local resident. I thought they would be of interest.

#### **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 That this report is received.

#### **7. Draft Resolution**

- 7.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RESC12-06-01.**