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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Engineering Services Committee
Meeting Date: 9 July 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 RESC12-07-01.

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1. Welcome – Long Term Plan

1.1 Welcome to today's meeting.

1.2 As per usual sign off of the Long Term Plan has not satisfied everyone and I doubt we will ever do that. However, it is interesting to note that some of the greatest criticism has come from those who never took the time to make a submission (this is the norm). Regardless of the Long Term Plan, the Council still has to make decisions each year on what we can afford and what we cannot.

2. Celebrations

2.1 We have recently achieved two significant milestone celebrations.

2.2 The reopening of the Totaranui Road was well attended on a brilliant Tasman Bay day. Everyone who attended recorded their appreciation to have this iconic road open again. Once again my thanks go to Skin Bruning and his team from Fulton Hogan, the New Zealand Transport Agency for their fast decision on funding and the Council and MWH staff who were involved. The road is almost like new, certainly better than ever and a great result considering what we were left with at Christmas.



- 2.3 Congratulations also to Council staff and the Nelson Cycle Trails Trust for a great opening of the Wairoa Bridge which completes the trail to Brightwater. By all accounts the event was well attended (unfortunately I could not be there). I have received many favourable comments from people who attended or who have cycled this section of the trail. I have asked that Cycle Trail Trust members attend today's meeting to answer any questions Councillors may have during the Trail update report.

3. Motueka Flood Control

- 3.1 There has been some debate regarding Council's decision on the Motueka Flood control project. We need to remember that Council made their decision after a long public consultation period with the Motueka community to go for a refurbishment option. Just what that option will entail is yet to be determined and will be subject to costs, options and the level of risk that the community is prepared to live with. There is still work to be done and this will include public consultation.

4. Motueka Memorial Hall

- 4.1 I am also concerned that as a result of so called "complaints" about our last meeting venue in Motueka we now have a report with a "guestimate" of a \$30,000 upgrade of the Memorial Hall circulating in the community. As far as I am aware there was some comment regarding whether the hot water zip was functioning (and it was) but apart from it being a little chilly (it was a cold day), I thought the venue was fine. It certainly has better acoustics than other venues we have used in Motueka.

5. General

- 5.1 I recently spent a week with members of the Torrent Bay community building a replacement jetty with past and present community members donating their skills and time. The new jetty will last 50 years plus and for me it confirmed that not all communities expect the Council to provide everything and are prepared to get off their backsides to achieve things. Well done to all those involved. There will be an official opening of this public facility later in the year.

6. Motueka Groyne

- 6.1 I have recently inspected the works underway to remove the Motueka Groyne. This costly exercise (and I'm willing to bet on this one) will do nothing to stop ongoing coastal erosion in the area. The coast north of the groyne – the Kumeras, Riwaka, Tapu Bay, Kaiteriteri, Marahau and Torrent Bay – have all

been eroding for years and unless weather patterns change they will continue to both erode and replace materials well into the future. We have challenging times ahead. Enough said!

6. Recommendation

6.1 That this report is received.

7. Draft Resolution

7.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RESC12-07-01.