

STAFF REPORT

TO: Corporate Services Committee

FROM: Anthea Campbell, Rates Officer

DATE: 3 August 2006

SUBJECT: New Rate Remissions Applicants/Rates Relief on Covenant

This year there are four new organisations applying for a rate remission under Council's Rate Remission policy on Sporting, Recreation and Community Organisations. Their details are as follows:

1. Nelson Speedway

The Nelson Speedway applied last year and was declined.

Revenue is generated chiefly from gate proceeds, charitable grants and subscriptions. Comparable organisations receiving rate remissions are bowling and rugby clubs which receive a 25% remission. Rates Total \$2339.40.

Council considered a similar request from this organisation last year, following which it was resolved to decline the request on the basis that the Speedway Association operates as a commercial entity.

Recommendation

That the Nelson Speedway does not receive a general rate mission for the 2006/2007 rating year.

2. Nelson Badminton Club

This is the first time the Nelson Badminton Club have applied for a remission. The property is TDC owned and the club only pay pan charges and a refuse/recycling charge totalling \$1742.00.

Recommendation

That the Nelson Badminton Club is declined a general rate remission as they only pay pancharges and refuse rates.

3. Te Wharerangi Trust (Golden Bay Community Gardens)

This is the first time the Golden Bay Community Gardens have applied for a rates remission.

The Trust comes under the promotion of arts, recreation, health and education category of Council's rate remission policy. The Trust provides a wide range of services & activities to the community of Golden Bay including composting, worm farming & waste management. The Trust's activities are mainly funded by sales, with small donations and grants from charitable organisations. The Trust receives a zero waste grant from the TDC and also holds the contract for worming.

Comparable organisations already receiving a rate remission are Bethany Park Trust, Bridge Valley Christian Trust, Rotoiti Outdoor Education Trust and Teapot Valley Christian Camp which each receive a 50% rate remission. Rates total \$1,677.40

Recommendation

That the Te Wharerangi Trust is granted a 50% general rate remission for the 2006/2007 financial year.

4. Te Whare Mahana Inc.

This is the first time a remission has been applied for.

The Trust comes under the promotion of arts, recreation, health and education category of Council's rate remission policy. Te Whare Mahana is contracted by Nelson Marlborough District Health Board to provide a range of mental health services in Golden Bay. Funding is available for operational expenses. Which leaves the society to fund capital expenses and new projects etc.

Comparable organisation already receiving a rate remission is Whenua Iti Trust of 50%. Rates Total \$2,886.80.

Recommendation

That the Te Whare Mahana is granted a 50% general rate remission for the 2006/2007 financial year.

5. Tata Lands - Application for Rates Relief

Tata Lands has been granted a Q E II Open Space Covenant for this rating year. Originally the Covenant was on the entire land. On this property is a dwelling and a bach.

Our policy on Remission of Rates on Land Protected for Natural Conservation Purposes states *'When an entire property is protected but portions of the property are used for residential, commercial or industrial purposes, those portions will not be eligible for a remission'*.

Assessment 1871005909A is for Buildings not covered by the Open Space Covenant. Total rates payable on this property are \$3,660.20. It has a Capital Value of \$1,500,000 with Land Value of \$1,250,000.

Assessment 1871005909B is land covered by the Open Space Covenant and therefore does not pay rates on this portion. Total rates to be remitted on this property are \$3,104.40. Capital Value and Land Value of \$1,100,000.

Recommendation

That Tata Lands does not receive a rate remission on assessment 1871005909A as it is for buildings not covered by an Open Space Covenant, and therefore does not meet the policy set by the Tasman District Council.

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