

STAFF REPORT

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Property

REFERENCE: 11304

DATE: 13 July 2005

SUBJECT: Takaka Library

PURPOSE

To report on proposals for a new Takaka Library.

BACKGROUND

The intention to build a new library for Takaka was identified in the 2004/2005 Annual Plan and provision of \$500,000.00 made in the 2005/2006 Annual Plan. The existing library site is constrained by the other facilities and protected trees on the land. The building is not suitable for expansion within the confines previously mentioned.

The land presently occupied under lease to Sicon Limited at Junction Street has been identified as the preferred site for the new library. It has been suggested that other organisations could also be incorporated into a new library.

Proposals from architects have been received quoting for the design and management of this project.

COMMENT

The projections prepared by the Takaka and District Librarian recommend that a building size of 500 m² will be required to meet the needs of the library for the next 10-20 years. This can be accomplished within the land presently occupied by Sicon but would not provide for any other facilities. While a budget of \$500,000.00 has been set aside it is expected that a 500 m² building would cost in the vicinity of \$700,000.00 and the unbudgeted \$200,000.00 could be met through a commercial rental on the existing library premises. Enquiries have been received for the lease of this building for both commercial (paying) and community (non-paying) reasons.

Discussions have been held with the Golden Bay Community Board regarding the siting of the proposed library and the library proposal was the subject of submissions

to the LTCCP this year. It is now considered appropriate to delay the letting of a contract for the design of a new library while further consultation is undertaken. Once the consultation process is completed a further report with recommendations will be made to the Community Services Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the intention to construct a new library building in Takaka will be the subject of community consultation within the Golden Bay Area and that the proposals from other organisations who wish to be considered be invited as well.

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