

STAFF REPORT

TO: Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee
FROM: David Ward
DATE: 1 August 2005
SUBJECT: Project Status

1 Maruia Hall

In December 2004, this Subcommittee reaffirmed its commitment of \$75,000 to the Maruia Hall project, and in doing so noted that Buller District Council was the responsible local authority as the hall is sited within their boundary.

The Subcommittee has continued to acknowledge our commitment for this sum of money to the Maruia Hall. Attached is a report from the Maruia Hall Board dated 19 July 2005 in which they detail progress made on the complex and now request that Council release its financial contribution of \$75,000 towards the project.

The total cost of this project and the funding sources will be verbally reported at today's meeting. Construction of the complex will be completed in November 2005.

Recommendation

That the sum of \$75,000 be made available to the Maruia Hall Board from Council's Community Facilities Rate fund, as a one-off contribution towards the construction of the Maruia Hall/Community Centre.

2 Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre

Council staff have met with the architect for this complex during recent weeks. The architect is preparing a final site plan and revised designs following a request from the community committee advocating for the project.

At the request of Council staff these final designs are to be quantity surveyed and made available to the local committee no later than the end of August 2005. This timing has been necessitated due to the unavailability of our architect's quantity surveyor.

Following a meeting of the local committee, a recommendation will be made on the future of the project to a subsequent meeting of the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee.

Throughout the consultation process for this project, the community (including the adjacent neighbours) has shown their overwhelming support for it.

One aspect that remains to be considered is the process for the acquisition of additional land which appears to be a necessity to allow two rugby-sized fields to be incorporated within the site plan. This in turn will require diverting the existing

drainage system - both of these issues will add expense to the project's cost.

The key issue for this project will be affordability, particularly in relation to the portion of the complex that is to be funded by the local community. Following the acceptance of final designs and project costs from the architect, Council staff will need assurance from the local committee that its fundraising programme is able to satisfy the criteria for the community facilities rate.

3 Golden Bay Performing Arts Centre

Council allocated in its draft 2005/2006 Annual Plan, a sum of money for the development of a Golden Bay Performing Arts Centre.

During the submission process to this document, other proposals were put forward by advocacy groups within Golden Bay for projects which may also have the ability to be funded under the Community Facilities Rate regime.

A couple of weeks ago, Council staff and elected representatives met with advocates for these projects. We requested that they arrange a meeting among themselves to consider each of the proposals put forward to the draft annual plan, with a view to preparing a report for today's meeting.

Attached for consideration at today's meeting is a covering letter and copy of minutes of a meeting held on 18 July 2005 which concludes by noting that the groups need to talk to their members and meet again.

The attachment is provided for information of subcommittee members. No further action is required until subsequent advice is received from advocates of the Golden Bay projects.

4 Tasman Tennis Centre

In its 2005/2006 Annual Plan document, Council has identified funding of \$190,000 for the second stage of the Tasman Tennis Centre upgrade.

This item is included in the report to today's meeting as an information reminder to a commitment that we had previously made. To date, no request for these funds has been received, albeit we do anticipate that a request will be received towards the end of the 2005 calendar year.

5 Nelson Hockey Association

In its 2005/2006 calendar year, Council has identified the sum of \$410,000 as our cost share of the building of a pavilion to be shared between hockey and softball and the construction of a water-based hockey field.

I have received a copy of a report prepared by the project manager detailing the cost of the project and the funding sources received to date. This report will be tabled at today's meeting as a confidential item to preserve some aspects of commercial sensitivity.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council provides the sum of \$410,000 for the Nelson Hockey Association project from its Community Facilities Rate fund, payable in four single monthly instalments between August and November 2005.
- b) A loan of \$410,000 be raised to meet the cost of this commitment. Debt servicing costs will be charged against the Community Facilities Rate fund.

6 Rugby Park Grandstand, Motueka

The project manager for this complex advises that the pre-casting of concrete and associated steel works will commence during the week of 8 August 2005. Ground works for the new complex are scheduled to commence during the week of 15 August 2005, following completion of the domestic rugby competition.

The project manager is continuing to work through the drawings, with a view to effecting additional cost savings which he believes are still achievable.

There are currently some resource consent issues pertaining to car parking numbers, albeit that these involve stage two of the project and will have no impact on the ability of the project to commence on the scheduled dates.

At some stage during the next month, an information brochure will be forwarded to residents of the Motueka Ward, providing further information on the project, including the ability to become a financial donor through the seat acquisition programme.

7 Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Council staff have been advised today that the Education Board have agreed to make a financial contribution and Council will shortly receive the sum of \$100,000 plus GST as a contribution towards the project. In addition to this, there is a small amount of community cash contribution held in a separate bank account which will also be transferred from the committee to Council.

There are still a number of outstanding construction-related issues which Council building inspectors are continuing to monitor and discuss with the Hall Committee and their builder. Until all of these issues are resolved and a compliance certificate issued, we will not be in a position to advise the final cost of the project, nor the amount of financial commitment required from the Community Facilities Rate.

8 Moutere Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre

Council staff continue to attend the two-weekly site meetings held with the project manager, builder and local committee. We can report that progress on the Centre is both under budget and ahead of time, at the date of writing this report. Fundraising targets continue to be met. Scheduled opening date for the Centre is Saturday 8 October 2005.

9 Motueka Community Pool

A report has been requested from the architect for this proposed complex detailing facilities design, site footprint and anticipated operating costs. This report will be subject to independent quantity survey.

At the time of writing this report, the architect has advised that he will be able to respond to Council's request in draft from in mid-September 2005, with his final report being available at the end of September 2005.

Following receipt of the architect's report and consideration by this Subcommittee, an information brochure will be prepared for public comment. This brochure will be released during October 2005.

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