

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** The Chairperson and Members of the Community Services Committee

**FROM:** Manager Community Services

**DATE:** 31 August 2005

**SUBJECT:** Ngatimoti Fire Station / Community Room

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## PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of the tenders received for the above building and to recommend the acceptance of a tender.

## BACKGROUND

Planning for this building commenced a few years ago and after lengthy planning consents, followed by an appeal to the decision, plans have now been completed that meet the conditions imposed as part of the consent process.

## DISCUSSION

The following four tenders were received with the lowest being close to the Quantity Surveyor's estimates:

- Onus Construction Limited \$283,855.00 plus GST
- Trubet Holdings Limited \$317,452.00 plus GST
- Willowburn Construction \$351,659.00 plus GST
- Mainland Homes \$360,990.00 plus GST

The funds allocated for this work total \$260,000.00 made up of a loan of \$185,000.00, \$65,000.00 from Reserve DIL's over the last three years and funds held by the Reserve Management Committee.

A working group of community representatives, Cr Norriss and myself met with the lowest tenderer to discuss possible savings on the tendered price. Based on these discussions up to \$30,000.00 may be saved with the communities' assistance.

However, professional fees, roading and car parking could add up to \$70,000.00 to the project, depending on how much work is carried out by community groups as proposed.

Applications have also been made to gaming machine trusts and the Canterbury Community Trust and it is hoped that these could provide at least \$60,000.00 to the project.

Because of the unknowns such as possible savings, local input and grant applications, the total Council cost of the project including entrance, car park and building could be as low as \$230,000.00 or as high as \$320,000.00. This makes it difficult to proceed without some guarantee that sufficient funds would be available in the worst case scenario.

With this in mind the Moutere/Waimea Ward Councillors have recommended that a further \$30,000.00 be allocated from the Moutere/Waimea Reserve DIL's and also that the original loan of \$185,000.00 be increased to \$220,000.00 with only the required sum being raised once it is known what is required.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That with regards to the Ngatimoti Fire Station and Community Room:

- 1 The tender of Onus Construction Limited of \$283,855.00 plus GST be accepted, noting further that this price will be reduced as discussed between the builder and the working group.
- 2 An additional \$30,000.00 be allocated to the project from the Moutere/Waimea Reserve DIL's account.
- 3 The approved \$185,000.00 loan be increased to \$220,000.00 subject to only the amount necessary to complete the job being raised.

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