

STAFF REPORT

TO: Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee

FROM: Community Services Manager

REFERENCE:

DATE: 4 April 2006

SUBJECT: Facility Rate Funded Projects Update

PURPOSE

To provide the Committee with a full update on the status of the projects funded by the District and Regional Facilities Rate and to also refer any recommendations from the Regional Funding Forum.

REGIONAL FUNDING PLAN

At the Regional Funding Forum meeting held on 17 March 2006 a report on an updated Nelson/Tasman Regional Community Facilities Plan was considered. The following are the relevant points from this report:

“The original plan was completed in 2002 and since then a number of the projects have either been completed, revised as a local project or not proceeded. Attached (Appendix I) is the original project list with a new column showing the status of the various projects.

Most of these are self explanatory, however, the following comments are given in relation to the Tennis Centre and Saxton field development:

Nelson Tennis Centre

The two councils had received applications from this Centre and the Tasman Tennis Centre in Richmond, both suggesting that they should be the regional tennis centre for Nelson. After discussions with both parties it was agreed that Tasman District Council would help fund the Tasman Centre and Nelson City Council would do likewise with the Nelson Centre.

Saxton Field Development

Tenders have recently been let for Year 3 of the ten year programme which will include the Regional Cricket Oval development. The Soccer seating proposal and the Roller Sports banked road track that were individual items on the list are now included in the Saxton Field Development Programme.

Revised Draft Nelson-Tasman Regional Community Facilities Plan

Staff of Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council have produced a draft plan showing revised costings (Appendix II), where known, and suggesting a year when each project could possibly be commenced.

The costings shown are an estimated total cost to Council of each project and by being included in this list it needs to be noted that funding from either Council or other funding institutions is not offered or guaranteed.

Comments on the individual projects:

1 Saxton Field

This work is as detailed in the development plan for Saxton Field and includes the future development of the land purchased from the Suttons which will link the existing Saxton Field to the Avery Sportsfields on the corner of Champion Road and Main Road Stoke. The budgets for this work have previously been approved by each Council.

2 Theatre Royal

Although this work is currently on hold it is programmed for 2006/2007 and both councils have funds committed to the project.

3 Trafalgar Park*

Stage I of this project has just been through the consultative procedure at Nelson City and is included in the Tasman District Council Draft Annual Plan for funding in 2007/2008. With Nelson City's offer of interim loan funding, this will not stop the work being carried out in 2006/2007.

Stage II is currently not being considered and, therefore, has been included in the 10+ year category.

4 Trafalgar Centre*

This work has not been discussed by the Tasman District Council, however, staff will consider a funding split based on the regional versus local use of the

facility and the benefits the proposed work will have on the regional use. This work has been programmed by Nelson City Council for 2006/2007.

5 Multi Sports Stadium*

Staff recommend that this project be included in the 2007/2008 financial year. Full reports on this were considered at the recent meeting of the Regional Funding Forum.

6 Athletics Track*

With the development of the new athletics facility at Saxton Field, Athletics Nelson are promoting the building of all weather tracks that will benefit all athletic groups in the District.

7 Athletics/Cricket Pavilion

With the development of cricket and athletic facilities at Saxton Field staff consider that a Pavilion will be required in the near future and recommend that this be in 2009/2010.

8 Bishop Suter Art Gallery

This is a difficult facility to provide a date for, however, because of the number of other facilities that would appear to have a higher priority or are even more affordable at this time, staff suggest the earliest this project could be considered would be 2011/2012. This is especially so if the funding requirements from the councils is to increase significantly.

9 Performing Arts Venue*

Whilst this project is still shown at the 2002 figures, should it proceed as previously indicated, the costs will be nearer \$30.0 m. We have also shown this in the 2009/2010 year which was the time indicated a few years ago.

Being realistic, it is difficult to see how the two councils could afford such a large project at that time and, therefore, consideration may need to be given to when this project should be programmed for.

10 Nelson School of Music

This is not currently being considered and although included in the original document, could be deleted from the Plan or put in the 10+ year category.

11 Motor Sport

This is a new project that both councils have indicated a willingness to support with Tasman District Council in 2006/2007 and Nelson City Council in 2008/2009. Once further information is available, staff will need to present a full report so that this matter can be considered.

12 Rowing/Water Sports and Cycle Track

These two projects are very much in their infancy stage and, therefore, staff have suggested that they be noted in the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 years respectively.”

*Note: Items marked with an * will be further discussed later in this report.*

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and any adjustment necessary be made to the Council’s draft LTCCP.

OTHER REGIONAL ISSUES

1 Recommended Funding Split for Saxton Field Complexes

The Regional Funding Forum was advised that the funding split on the ground works for Saxton Field was based on population and was currently 64.8% NCC and 35.2% TDC. Various funding splits have been suggested for sports complexes such as the Hockey Water Turf and the new Stadium, however, the Forum agreed that the same funding split should be used for all facilities at Saxton Field.

The Regional Funding Forum recommends to the two Councils that the funding split for all facilities on Saxton Field come under the population basis, the same as for the existing field agreement which is adjusted after each Census.

Recommendation

That the Facilities Rate Subcommittee recommend to Council that the above proposal from the Regional Funding Forum be adopted.

2 Trafalgar Park/Trafalgar Centre

2.1 Trafalgar Park

Attached on Appendix III is a copy of a report considered by the Regional Funding Forum on 26 October 2005.

After considering this report and hearing from representatives of Nelson Bays/Tasman Rugby Union the following resolutions were passed:

“That the proposed upgrade of Trafalgar Park, as put forward in the feasibility report prepared by Hunt Building Consultants be accepted as a regional facility.

That the Funding Forum recommend to the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council that their combined contribution should not exceed a maximum of \$2.2 million.

That the staff report on the project to the Nelson City and Tasman District Councils include a recommended funding split based on the capital contributions split within the policies and procedures guide.”

The Nelson Bays Rugby Union 'catchment' includes Nelson City and the entire Tasman District. However residents from the outlying districts of Golden Bay, the Lakes Ward and the upper Moutere Valley are less likely to attend matches at Trafalgar Park as frequently as those from Nelson City. It is recommended therefore that the population figures for Tasman exclude these three areas.

Using Statistics New Zealand estimated residential population figures for 2004, the Nelson City population is approximately 45 000 and the Tasman population is 36 000 (excluding the Lakes Ward, Golden Bay and Motueka Valley) the following funding split is recommended.

		Nelson	Tasman	Councils	Rugby	Total
Where facility is located	35%	770 000	0			
Where users will come from	65%	794 500	635 500			
		1 564 500	635 500	2 200 000	870 389	3 070 389

Recommendation

- i) **That the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council combined contribution to the upgrade of Trafalgar Park should not exceed a maximum of \$2.2 million.**

- ii) **That Tasman District Council's contribution be \$635,000.00 in the 2007/2008 year subject to Nelson City Council contributing at least \$1,564,500.00.**
- iii) **That a final decision be made on this funding once submissions to the 2006/2007 Annual Plan have been finalised.**

2.2 Trafalgar Centre

The 17 March 2006 meeting of the Regional Funding Forum considered a report from Nelson City Council (NCC) which advised that the Trafalgar Centre was 35 years old and although the structure was sound, the toilets, kitchens, floor etc all needed upgrading or re-fitting. This work, along with improved acoustics, improved storage, upgraded changing rooms and an extension on the southern end had a preliminary estimate of \$4.5 million.

The meeting was advised that NCC had budgeted for the project in the 2006/2007 financial year. The Funding Forum discussed how much of the upgrade could be said to be maintenance not done, and secondly, in terms of any funding split how much use is made of the Trafalgar Centre as a local facility.

NCC staff advised that over and above the \$4.5 million, the City had set aside an additional \$1.0 million over the next two years for maintenance.

The Funding Forum resolved to request staff of the two Councils to further investigate and define the local and regional split, and prepare a report for the next meeting of the Regional Funding Forum.

For information only at this stage.

3 Multisports Stadium at Saxton Field

Attached as Appendix IV is a copy of a report that was considered by the Regional Funding Forum on 24 February 2006 along with copies of a power point display about this facility.

After a full discussion on this report it was resolved:

“That the Funding Forum recommend to the two Councils that:

- i) The maximum contribution from Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council to the Saxton Field Indoor Stadium be \$7.1 million;*
- ii) the Nelson City Council not purchase Nelson Netball's equity in the existing Pavilion;*

and that staff undertake a further analysis of the use of the new Stadium, and report to the next meeting of the Funding Forum with a recommendation on the split between the two Councils for both the proposed Stadium, and for the new soccer Pavilion.”

Based on this recommendation the combined Councils' contribution to this project is \$7.1 million plus \$0.9 million for the new soccer pavilion making a total of \$8.0 million. The funding split based on the recommendation under item '1' earlier in this report would be:

NCC	64.8%	=	5.184 million
TDC	35.2%	=	2.816 million
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			\$8.00 million

Recommendation

That allowance be made in the 2007/2008 financial year for a contribution of \$2.816 million towards the Multi Sports Stadium at Saxton Field and the replacement Soccer Pavilion.

4 All Weather Athletics Track – Request for Funding

Attached as Appendix V is a copy of a report that was considered by the Regional Funding Forum on 25 November 2005.

After a full discussion on this report it was resolved:

“That the Forum accept that the Athletics Nelson all-weather athletics track is a valid regional facility;

And that it be recommended to the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council that the funding split between the two Councils be \$556,000.00 and \$444,000.00 (excluding GST) respectively;

And that the contribution from Athletics Nelson, the Waimea Harrier Club and Tasman Tigers be at least \$500,000.00 excluding GST;

And that the report be provided to the two Councils to enable them to budget for the possible expenditure, include updated costs and realistic timing for the development.”

Since this recommendation was passed the Regional Funding Forum has revised the funding split between the two Councils as previously discussed in this report.

Based on this new funding split the Council's contribution would be:

NCC	64.8%	=	0.648 million
TDC	35.2%	=	0.352 million
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			\$1.000 million

Recommendation

That allowance be made in the 2008/2009 financial year for a contribution of \$0.352 million towards the All Weather Athletics Track at Saxton Field.

5 Performing Arts Venue

Attached as Appendix VI is a copy of a report that was considered by the Performing Arts Centre Working Party on 31 March 2006.

The Working Party fully discussed this report before resolving:

“That the Manager Community Projects from Nelson City Council be the principal point of contact for the Project Manager for the proposed Performing Arts Centre;

And that Council's staff be responsible for appointing a Project Manager;

And that Nelson City Council manages the funding allocated for the appointment of the Project Manager

And that the report of the Report Manager be completed by 30 October 2006.”

This is for information only at this time.

LOCAL FACILITIES UPDATE

1 Tasman Tennis Centre

The purpose of an upgraded Tasman Tennis Centre is to bring existing facilities up to tournament standard. This is a three year programme with Stage 1 being the upgrading of existing courts has been completed and Stage 2, the upgrading of the Clubrooms including changing rooms, toilets etc about to commence with the tender of Wilkes Construction of \$177,873.22 (plus GST) being the successful tenderer. This is below the original estimate for this work.

The third and final stage is constructing three new courts in 2007/2008 which will provide them with a total of twelve courts.

2 Rotoiti Community Hall

This Complex has now been open for over 12 months and is proving very successful. One or two issues are still being finalised and then the building project can be signed off and a management structure put in place to run the facility.

3 Motueka Pool Complex

The Pool Consultant is preparing a report which will be considered by Council later in April. This is as a result of the resolution passed by Council on 14 December 2005 where staff asked to prepare definite project costs and alternative funding.

4 Moutere Hills Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre

The construction aspects of this Complex have now been completed and retention payments have been made. Council staff continue to liaise with the operations committee for the Complex through the provision of advice on management aspects for the future benefit of the community.

The community fundraising target of \$577,000.00 has been exceeded.

5 Murchison Sport, Recreational and Cultural Centre

The Committee promoting this complex, together with Council's Fundraiser, are continuing to actively pursue the target of \$480,000.00 that was set by Council for achievement by 30 June 2006. A number of initiatives are continuing to be followed with good support from the community at large and the corporate sector.

6 Sports Park Grandstand, Motueka

The project has largely been completed with official opening scheduled for 13 May 2006 – this date being the scheduled Round 2 "Battle of the Bridge" rugby match between Huia and Riwaka. Council staff, together with the complex committee, are putting together a programme of events for opening day at which Mayor Hurley will officiate.

GRANTS FROM RATES

1 Golden Bay Museum

When the Grants from Rates were allocated in September 2005 the Golden Bay Museum was granted a total of \$30,000.00 with \$15,000.00 being made available at that time.

The balance was held back because of concerns Councillors had about the current operation of the Museum Society and they were advised that the balance of funds would become available once Council is satisfied that the Museum has resolved its problems.

The Museum Society has advised that they have undertaken a lot of work on policies – including employment, financial and governance and that these are now in place.

Recommendation

So that this matter can be progressed staff suggest that Council ask Cr O'Shea and Wayne Marriott to undertake a review of the Society's operations and report back to a future meeting on their findings.

2 Collingwood Museum Society

In September 2005 the application from the Collingwood Museum Society was put on hold and they were asked to cooperate in sorting out the issue of the addition to the side of the Collingwood Museum.

Councillors will all have received copies of correspondence from the Society in recent weeks along with the Mayor's response to these.

As can be seen from these letters they have asked for their application for \$6,950.00 to be granted.

Recommendation

That this Committee consider whether they wish to release all or part of the funds to the Collingwood Museum Society.

3 Request for Emergency Funding From Richmond Youth Trust

Richmond Youth Trust who provide the Murphy's Youth Education Service has written to Tasman District Council requesting the opportunity to apply to Community Grants for emergency funding.

The Richmond Youth Trust has received Tasman District Council funding via Community Grants in 2001 (\$2,300.00), 2004 (\$1,000.00) and 2005 (\$1,000.00). Funding was to support their alternative education service for youth excluded from the school system.

Richmond Youth Trust apply to a range of community funders to support their operation. They have for the 2005/2006 year received less than previously from these funders as there is less money available in these funding rounds. As a result they have a shortfall.

The Richmond Youth Trust is requesting the Subcommittee consider an application using held-over funds. The Trust does provide a well respected service working with challenging youth from the Richmond area

The budget from Grants from Rates is \$162,000.00 with \$101,737.00 allocated in the August round and to the Fifeshire Foundation in 2006 (note this does not include the Golden Bay and Motueka District Museums which are allocated to the Local Museum Funding budget).

Recommendation

The Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee agree to consider an application from the Richmond Youth Trust and forward an application to them. On receiving the application this could be considered as a short agenda item added onto an existing meeting.

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