

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Property
DATE: 18 April 2006
SUBJECT: Manager Property's Report

UPPER MOUTERE RESERVE

The agreement for the sale and purchase of land between Council and Mr K Best has been completed. The Council has purchased land for an effluent disposal field and playing fields and Mr Best has purchased the former Upper Moutere Hall site. An agreement has been negotiated with Sunrise Engineering who are to remove the hall with no cost to Council other than the cost of obtaining the demolition permit and disconnecting power. Demolition work has commenced and should be completed by the end of May.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

The main office contract continues on target and the renovations to the northern building will have been completed by the date of this meeting.

The concept plans for a new Takaka Library have been provided to the Golden Bay Community Board and a list of questions and answers provided to explain the decision making process. A copy of the questions and answers is attached to this report. Staff also met with representatives of the Returned Servicemen's Association who expressed the opinion that they would prefer the war memorial status to transfer to any new library building.

Arthouse Architecture have been engaged to undertake the internal extensions to the district library building in Richmond. An initial briefing meeting has been held with the architects.

GENERAL

The inspection of the Waimea Soil Conservation Reserve leases by Opus has been completed. Several areas of non compliance with lease conditions have been identified and will be followed up with the lessees.

An agreement for sale and purchase has been prepared for proposed new purchasers of the property which encompasses the closed Waiwhero landfill site. The agreement provides for the Council to assume ownership of the former landfill area.

Objections have closed to the proposed Council subdivision at Pakawau and a meeting is to be held with the lawyer appointed by the Council to consider the Council's strategy from here.

An assessment and condition report has been prepared by MWH for the Collingwood Motor Camp and will be considered as part of the review of the business operation following the termination of the lease on 31 May 2006. The previously identified land issues are still being addressed.

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