

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Property Services
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SUBJECT: Manager Property Services Report

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A majority of the staff that would be utilised in an emergency operation centre have attended a two day course. This course covered the requirements of the various positions within an EOC and concluded with a brief exercise. Further training is to take place during October and this will be focused on training staff into the respective roles.

Another meeting has been held with community representatives in St Arnaud to advance their community response plan. This is now essentially complete. An exercise to test the plan will probably be held towards the end of the first quarter of 2010.

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Tenders have been invited for the improvements and extensions to the Motueka Recreation Centre. Registrations of interest have been invited to construct the Learn to Swim pool at the ASB Aquatic Centre in Richmond.

IMC Builders have commenced the District Library renovations and internal extensions at Richmond and work is currently ahead of schedule.

A meeting was held recently with the chief negotiator from the Office of Treaty of Settlements. The negotiators discussed some issues that had been brought to their attention as part of the Treaty Settlement process and we took the opportunity to apprise the negotiators of issues with Crown land that was being offered for settlement that the Council had interests in.

The lease of the small building in Cambridge Street expires at the end of September and the lessee has indicated that he does not wish to take out a new lease. A new lessee has been secured and they will take up the lease once the building has been redecorated and carpeted.

The site management plan for the former FCC land at Port Mapua has now been released. This document sets out requirements for managing this site and particularly soil disturbance. Consideration is being given to how these requirements can best be managed, particularly in respect of the open space and commercial zoned areas.

Numerous meetings have been held with staff, consultants and members of the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee regarding the proposed augmentation dam in the Lee Valley. We are at present preparing information to enable the various land parcels to be valued.

The construction of the new dog pound at Beach Road is now complete with only a few minor works to be undertaken. The budget for this project was only \$250,000.00 and staff have managed to bring the project within that amount which is a creditable result.

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