

STAFF REPORT

TO: Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee
FROM: Community Services Manager
DATE: 2 September 2010
SUBJECT: Facility Rate Funding Applications – Report RCS-10-09-01gcs

We have received a request from the Tasman Motor Sport Park for some financial assistance towards their resource consent costs and one from the Tasman Aquatic Multisport Trust for funds towards their feasibility study costs.

When the facilities rate was first introduced, organisations were given the opportunity to apply for funds towards their feasibility costs and this happened for facilities such as Moutere Hills Community Centre and the Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre.

TASMAN MOTOR SPORT PARK

The Tasman Motor Sport Group have advised that they are currently putting together their resource consent process for the proposed park at Rabbit Gully. To do this they have had to employ professional services of a resource consent planner to ensure that the resource consent process is not unnecessarily complicated and held up by the lack of information or presentation. The final cost of this is not known but is expected to be in excess of \$60,000.

The Motor Sport Group have asked whether Council would provide a \$30,000 grant to cover a portion of these costs.

Last financial year a rate for motor sports was levied under the Shared Facilities Rate and the income from this was \$24,309 excluding GST. As these funds have been raised for the purpose of providing a motor sport facility within the district, it is recommended that Council give consideration to making a grant to the Motor Sport Group of the \$24,309. It should also be noted that no rate has been levied in the current financial year as it was considered that it was unlikely that the Motor Sport Group would be requiring any capital funds during 2010/2011.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a grant of \$24,309 plus GST be made to the Tasman Motor Sport Park from the shared facilities rate and that such grant be for the purpose of assisting with the resource consent process.

TASMAN AQUATIC MULTISPORT TRUST

As Councillors will realise, this matter has received no funding within the Council's Long Term Plan although Council has indicated general support for the concept, recognising potential economic and recreational benefits for the community. The LTCCP and current Annual Plan both mention that a feasibility study, subject to criteria to the satisfaction of Council, needs to be completed.

The Trust have advised that Tonkin & Taylor have been employed to undertake the full feasibility work associated with the proposal and the total cost of the study will be approximately \$40,000.

So far they have raised \$31,000 towards this cost and have asked whether Council would contribute towards the shortfall.

I have asked the Corporate Services staff whether there would be sufficient funds within the Shared Facilities Rate account for such a grant to be made and they have agreed that this would be possible.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a grant of \$9,000 plus GST be made to the Tasman Aquatic Multisport Trust from the shared facilities rate towards the cost of the feasibility study.

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