

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor

DATE: 2 March 2011

SUBJECT: Safe at the Top – Tasman District Council Support Report
– RCS11-03-01

PURPOSE

To present for consideration the request for Tasman District Council support for accreditation of the Safe at the Top project.

BACKGROUND

The Safe at the Top project is aimed at improving community safety in Nelson / Tasman by aligning work, identifying needs and gaps and to maximise the use of available resources. International Safe Communities is a World Health Organisation (WHO) concept that recognises safety as "*a universal concern and a responsibility for all*". This approach to community safety encourages greater cooperation and collaboration between non-government organisations, the business sector, local and government agencies.

The aim is to have Nelson / Tasman accredited as the 17th International Safer Community in New Zealand in 2011.

Accreditation is a step in formalising the process of making our community safer.

The following seven priority issues were identified in the Nelson Tasman community:

- Road Safety
- Workplace Safety
- Home Safety
- Outdoor Safety
- Reducing alcohol related harm
- Family Violence
- Migrants and new communities

DISCUSSION

Partner organisations have been asked to contribute to financial support to meet the \$5,000 required for the preparation and submission of the final accreditation application. To date ACC and NMDHB have indicated that they will financially support this process with \$500. Both these organisations have financially supported the project up to now. MSD are prepared to meet one third of the \$4,000 shortfall with the two Councils being asked to pick up the other two thirds i.e. \$1,333.33. See attached email sent to Mayor Richard Kempthorne and Chief Executive, Paul Wylie, on 2 March 2011.

Tasman District Council has not financially supported the project but has indicated support for the project in the Council Community Plan.

“The Council also supports the work of the International Safe Communities “Safe at the Top” group and provides it with in-kind support. The Mayor has endorsed the project and Council’s Community Recreation Advisor is on the project’s Steering Group.” Page 114, Annual Plan 2010/2011

There is no budget allocated for this project. There are however residual funds in the Grants from Rates budget for 2010/2011. The Subcommittee has discretion on allocation to requests using held-over funds. The annual budget for Grants from Rates is \$164,000 and with \$161,332.82 allocated in the August round, there is a remainder of \$2,667.18.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Committee allocates \$1,333.33 from the Grants from Rates account to the Safe at the Top project to be used towards the \$5,000 required for the final accreditation of Nelson Tasman as an International Safer Community.

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From: Les Milligan [<mailto:Les.Milligan@nmhs.govt.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2011 3:15 p.m.
To: Richard Kempthorne (Talking Heads); Paul Wylie
Subject: Safe at the Top - TDC support

Good afternoon Richard and Paul

On Friday a status meeting for the Top Of The South accreditation process is being held.

Are you able to identify and confirm the TDC commitment to the project:

These were the action points for consideration by members of Talking Heads from the:

Safe at the Top
Report for Talking Heads
18th January 2011

- What resources and support can you provide? (e.g. funding for co-ordination, **contribution towards accreditation costs**, administrative support, media support, publishing support)
- Please could members respond re contribution towards the \$5000 required for the final Accreditation Application .To date ACC,NMDHB and MSD Have indicated that they will financially support this process. MSD are prepared to meet one third of the \$4000 shortfall if the two Councils are prepared to pick up the rest.

After meeting with Paul, my understanding is that TDC are committed to the project ,however, no finance is available?

Is it likely that the project will be supported through your Annual Plan process?

Barbara Graves(Project co-ordinator) is willing to meet with us re the status of the project.

Thanks for your help and interest in the project.

Regards
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