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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Members, Engineering Services Committee
Meeting Date: 28 April 2011
Subject: **Chairman's Report**
Report Author: Cr Trevor Norriss

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the Chairman's regular meeting report

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RESC11-04-01.

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1. Welcome

1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. It is good to be able to have a number of meetings throughout the Tasman District. This gives the residents of the district another opportunity to raise issues with Council that they may not be able to with most meetings held in Richmond.

2. New Zealand Transport Agency – Meetings with Community Boards

2.1 I attended both of these meetings and they were a great opportunity for the boards to raise issues and for the Agency to explain how they receive funding and how projects are ranked against national priorities. Hopefully this will give the boards a greater understanding of this process. It doesn't mean that many of the issues they raise are ignored but the Agency and Council have to concentrate on projects that are fundable within budget constraints. My thanks to the Community Boards and especially Mike Kargar and his NZ Transport Agency team who initiated these meetings.

3. Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant - Working Group

3.1 The working group has met on three occasions and under Cr Bouillir's able chairmanship is making steady progress.

4. Fire Fighting Reticulation, Takaka

4.1 As of last week the fire fighting reticulation system in Takaka had been pressure tested and is in its final stages of construction.

- 4.2 My congratulations to Ching Contracting for the way they have worked on this project and the positive comments we have received regarding their work.

5. Top of the South – Transport Liaison Forum

- 5.1 The recent meeting discussed the possible loss of up to \$22 million of funding for the Top of the South but was comforted by the political representatives from Nelson City being sure that the funding would be committed to projects in the city.

6. Motueka Groyne – Jackett Island

- 6.1 Although none of us on Council were part of the decision to build this groyne in 1994 the recent Environment Court interim decision was surprising to say the least. In 1998 the groyne had already overtopped and was not functioning in accordance with its design objectives. Originally the groyne was to be complemented by a new dredged channel but dredging never commenced as the groyne never performed to expectations. It is hoped that any remedial work agreed with the Court may provide benefits for the wider community that will have to provide the necessary funding.

7. As our annual plan presentation meetings are concluded I now look forward to reading the submissions to the draft plan.
8. Finally, welcome to our new engineer, Robert Workman who has joined us from Franklin District.

9. RECOMMENDATION/S

That this report be received

6. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report, RESC11-04-01.