

STAFF REPORT

TO: Council Enterprises Subcommittee
FROM: Port Tarakohe Administration Manager
REFERENCE: A303
DATE: 10 September 2006
SUBJECT: Port Tarakohe Report August 2006

FEES AND CHARGES

The hearing for the review of the Council's Navigation Safety Bylaw occurs the day after this meeting (21 September 2006).

As stated in my previous report I believe having the port charges in a bylaw is unnecessary, unwieldy and inappropriate.

At this stage however there is no alternative but to traverse the current system, but hopefully following further consideration of the whole aspect of Port Tarakohe Governance and user fees, we may be in a position to extricate the matter of the prescriptive list of fees from the Bylaw although it will be appropriate to retain functional management matters that assist with the collection and discounting of fees.

Further to this Sub-Committee's resolution FN06/0839 I would advise that as yet I have not proceeded re obtaining legal advice until this Committee has had further opportunity to debate the matters of governance and also there is underway an initiative by the NZ Marine Farmers Association to review a model of fee payment that has been successfully adopted by Port Marlborough and which will be made available to Council upon completion.

PORT ACCIDENT

Last month a worker employed by Talleys had an accident whilst working on their ice tower at the Port. This was a matter completely unrelated to any port activity but the ensuing investigation by Department of Labour Inspectors may include some matters relating to general Port Safety.

If such matters are indeed raised by OSH then I will advise this Committee and also on the remedial work (if any) that would be required.

MUSSEL LINE CHARGES

Following meetings with the NZMFA, letters have been sent out to all Marine Farmers that operate out of Golden Bay advising arrangements re line levy charges and advising that Council is unable at this time to proceed with the replacement of the old wooden wharf but that arrangements to facilitate the use of port facilities and methods of payment for line levy charges and includes future options for the old wooden wharf are being considered through a consultancy firm hired by NZMFA. The letter supersedes the memorandum of understanding.

To date line levy payments for last year have been coming in very well and currently we have just a few late payers to catch up on.

Invoices for this year will be sent following consideration of the line levy review which is currently being undertaken.

BOAT CLUB

The Harbour Manager and I have had some preliminary discussions with the Pohara Boat Club regarding some options for caretaking of their building and the utilising of the toilet facilities for public use. At this time discussions are still in progress but I would hope to have a draft agreement for consideration at the next Enterprise meeting.

FINANCIALS

Note that there are no financials this month as we are at the start of the financial year and only have July's figures. Invoices for the current year are also just being sent out so incomes not showing much yet. Also staff need to include any changes from the debt restructuring exercise.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Port Administration Managers report be received.

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