

STAFF REPORT

TO: Council Enterprises Subcommittee
FROM: Motueka Aerodrome Manager
REFERENCE: A303
DATE: 19 October 2006
SUBJECT: Motueka Aerodrome Report October 2006

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Aerodrome financials attached are for up to 30 August 2006 which is one sixth of the current financial year. Looking at the income and expenditures the figures seem to extrapolate out well for the budgeted figures for the year at this stage. Note landing fees are under par as we are in the winter season where there is not much in the way of visitor traffic at this time of the year.

HANGAR DEVELOPMENT

The new Hanger for Blue Sky Microlight is currently in the progress of construction.

There has been a slight modification to the siting of the hanger to provide improved car parking and also to facilitate future development of a shared access between the western side of the aerodrome and the existing narrower access leg in strip the A&P Showgrounds. (See attached aerial plan).

It is hoped to obtain agreement with the A&P Showgrounds to enable sharing of both narrow accesses so that we can develop a two way access lane from College Street. This will not only be beneficial development along that side of the aerodrome but will facilitate much improved access to the A&P Showgrounds as during show days, pony club days etc, it is quite common to see vehicles with trailers backed up along College Street waiting for vehicles to exit from the access lane before they can actually turn into the entrance way, so there will be a marked improvement to road safety.

Also, since the last meeting I have had a request from an existing lessee who has not yet developed on the site, to relocate his leased area closer to an existing hanger along Queen Victoria Street so that he can now develop the hanger for his helicopter activity. As this is an existing tenant of the airport and there will be no significant changes apart from the

relocation of the site to the existing lease, I have as Airport Manager already given approval for this subject to the Property Manager amending the lease. (see attached plans)

In addition to these two hangers which will be likely to developed before Christmas I have also interest from another three parties who wish to develop hangers and the aerodrome. Due to the demand that is obviously being shown for hanger space we may have to review the relocation of the NIWA lightening detector facility which currently is located on the south west corner of the airfield. Note there is no formal lease for this lightening detector.

DRAG RACING

The Drag Racing season commences on Saturday 28 October.

MOTUEKA MANDATORY BROADCAST ZONE (MBZ)

Further to this committees approval of the raising of the MBZ from 1500 ft to 9500 ft amsl an application has been sent to Civil Aviation for approval. As yet I have had no response but would assume that approval will be pro forma should the trial not be successful.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

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