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1. Nelson City and Tasman District Union Proposal

This has to be the big news for this month. The long awaited decision from the Local Government Commission was finally revealed on June 16 when the Commissioners made the announcement that they had decided to issue a draft scheme for the Union of Nelson City and Tasman District. The four documents they have issued deal with all aspects of this union proposal.

The Golden Bay Community Board originally submitted to the reorganisation petition, in favour of having the study done to give an opportunity to see what the advantages or disadvantages of a union might be. We did not have a position either for or against the petition at that time.

Now the study is done the draft scheme advanced by the Commission appears a well-thought-out document in which they have incorporated solutions for any shortcomings in our present system.

There are aspects of the proposal that will need defining such as the Community Board delegations. However the opportunity exists within this model for Golden Bay and other communities of the region to have much more local autonomy while being part of united regional governance model.

Rating with the change from land to a capital base in Nelson may initially need the use of differentials to ensure everyone is treated fairly.

Overall I believe the proposal is very workable and is an opportunity to look at a united regional approach to local governance.

The Community Board will need to discuss this proposal and formulate a response.

Recommendation

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board submits to the Draft Reorganisation Scheme for the Union of Nelson City and Tasman District.”

Copies of the Local Government Commission papers are available at the Takaka Service Centre.

2. Community Board Delegations

Full Council on 30th June 2011 will discuss the report from Paul Wylie (CEO) on community board delegations. The Board are certainly very excited to see this on the agenda. The Board Chair will attend this meeting.

The Chief Executive’s report (RCN11-06-18) is attached to the Chair’s Report on the agenda.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board discusses the welcome delegations in the Chief Executive’s Report and responds accordingly in time for the August full Council meeting.”

3. Multi Purpose Facility

This proposed facility for Golden Bay is engendering opinions on both sides of the debate.

When this proposal was first presented to the previous Community Board the agreement was to support this project in principle in order to allow the supporters to gain more information and support, and we requested that the Community Board be kept informed. This they have done, with Tasman District Council subsequently delegating responsibility to the Board as lead agency to oversee the initial planning of the proposed facility.

The project committee needs to have tangible plans to present to the public of Golden Bay for their consideration. The Committee hopes to attract funding from Lotteries for this phase however if this is insufficient the Golden Bay Community Board has recommended that Council’s Community Services funds the balance necessary, to enable this work to proceed to concept plan stage.

4. Contaminated Sites

Last month we had a presentation from Joan Butts in regard to the Contaminated Sites Register. She raised concerns about the lack of public access to the register unless a LIM is purchased from Council in respect of an individual property. The register is up to date to May 2010, however Mrs Butts believes there needs to be public input to ensure that potentially contaminated sites are listed before knowledge is lost from the community. At present there are 33 sites listed in Golden Bay and she is concerned that there may be others that are known but not listed.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Council’s environment specialist, Dr Jenny Eason, requesting an update on the Contaminated Sites Register and requesting information on how this register can be updated using known information from the community.”

5. Natural Burials in Golden Bay

In response to a question at the June Public Forum regarding Golden Bay natural burial sites, there is an area set aside at Rototai cemetery. Conditions and rules that apply are the same as those that apply in Motueka where natural burials already take place. Information will be included with the July meeting agenda which will also be supplied to the GB Weekly to ensure the public are fully informed about this burial option.

Below is the link to the web page where the 2009 Report to Council on Standard Operating Procedures may be opened:

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/services/cemeteries/>

6. Old Library Site

Em Hofstede brought her proposal for a mosaic mural done by volunteers to the Community Board last month. Her ideas have been forwarded to Council’s Glenn Thorn who will look at the possibility of incorporating her proposal into the plans for this site. This work is ongoing.

7. Economic Development

In June we had presentations from Nicola Basham, Bruce Collins, and Alan Kilgour on this topic and in May Bob Butts discussed employment-related issues.

I have also had a discussion with Fiona Newey of Cycle Nelson/Tasman on job creating strategies to bring people to Golden Bay. Bill Findlater of Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency has been contacted to discuss strategies and speak to the Board at the August meeting.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board meets with Bill Findlater at the August Community Board meeting to see ‘what needs to happen next’ on the road to promoting Golden Bay economic development.”

8. Takaka Fire Reticulation Opening

Congratulations to all upon the successful completion of this project. We know it will make a huge difference to our Fire brigade to have the security of knowing that we have ample water to fight any fire in the Takaka CBD. The opening is at 12.15pm Tuesday 12 July.

9. Freedom Camping Bylaw

The Golden Bay Community Board will meet with Graeme Caradus and the Mayor to discuss the implementation of this Bylaw in Golden Bay.

10. Long Term Plan

After an initial meeting with Mark Tregurtha (Council’s Strategic Projects Advisor) to discuss the current Long Term Plan the Golden Bay Community Board is having a planning workshop meeting to look at community outcomes.

11. Rural Broadband Initiative

At the June Board meeting we had a presentation from Chorus, who along with Vodafone has the contract to deliver fast broadband to at least 80% of NZ.

Chorus will lay the fibre to the Golden Bay Schools and the hospital and will upgrade existing cabinets en route. This will give the customers within up to 5kms of the cabinets the benefit of fast broadband from the Chorus upgrade.

Vodafone has the contract to provide service to areas not covered by the Chorus upgrade and they intend to install two towers in Golden Bay to give the best possible coverage.

We have now initiated discussion with Vodafone to ensure that as many Golden Bay residents as possible will benefit from the faster Broadband. Vodafone is at a different stage of planning than Chorus as they cannot do their work until Chorus has laid the fibre. Vodafone engineers will be visiting Golden Bay at the end of July and they have made a commitment to get back to us after that. The Golden Bay Community Board will notify everyone when we have arranged a meeting with Vodafone so those who are interested can attend a meeting to hear their plans

12. Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Draft Management Plan

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission on the Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Draft Management Plan.”

13. Information Sharing Public Meeting - Nelson City and Tasman District Union Proposal

At the time of writing the report the Golden Bay Community Board is arranging a public meeting to fully inform the community of Golden Bay on all aspects of the proposed union.

Speakers at the meeting will be the Mayor of Tasman (Richard Kempthorne), Mayor Nelson City (Aldo Miccio), Phillip Woolaston and hopefully a representative of Local Government NZ.

The meeting will be held on 18th July commencing at 7pm; venue to be advised.

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