

## REPORT

**TO:** Motueka Community Board Members  
**FROM:** David Ogilvie, Chair  
**DATE:** 2 July 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Report to meeting of 13 July 2010 – RMCB10-07-03

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### 1 General

It has been a very busy month with various meetings, activities – as can be deduced by the list of meetings and the correspondence. There have been a number of issues, especially on High Street traffic, the Motueka River and Community Services matters. Additionally, I am available to liaise between residents and the Council (and other groups) to address concerns. This is an increasingly important role and a rewarding one as far as I am concerned. More and more I am detecting a lack of communication/consultation/courtesy from outside authorities towards local residents. This is a worrying situation, difficult to address, other than by service requests, emails and similar.

### 2 Water Management (Variation 66)

The Board's meeting on 16 June 2010 with the Council managers (Dennis Bush-King, Peter Thomson, Jeff Cuthbertson, Steve Markham and Joseph Thomas) facilitated by Mayor Kempthorne was open, cordial and some frank expression of positions. I considered that the Board was amenable to concessions but the Council position remained inflexible. We need to meet prior to the Environment Court's mediation on 19 July 2010.

### 3 Resource Consent Application RM070187 (20,000m<sup>3</sup> extraction)

The Council has appealed the Commissioners' decision on Condition 10 (reducing existing users to 1.5m<sup>3</sup> of water per day) and Condition 11 (offering a free connection to those properties in the "zone of effect").

Both matters are significant. Condition 10 affects over 600 rural properties and 1000m<sup>3</sup> of extra water allocation (approximately). Condition 11, if amended, would offer a free connection (currently \$1,500 to \$2,000) to **existing** developed residential properties as at 31 May 2010 and that the connection be made **prior** to the scheme becoming operational.

### 4 Festival of Lights

Despite the mix of weather, this year's Festival of Lights was a welcome ten days of activity. Friday afternoon prior to the opening appeared busy in High Street with the community fundraising stalls being successful. The various events that I managed to attend were well attended and appreciated.

The Committee's methodology seems to be working well – arranging for community groups to provide their own function or activity during the period, while the lights committee organises the lights, the schedule and the advertising. This system spreads the

load and engages the wider community and, while there is always room for improvement, it is hoped the mid-winter celebration continues and grows.

## **5 High Street**

- a) The initial sealing is expected in the next week (dependent on moisture levels and weather). Hopefully, by the end of July the street will be sealed, road marked and the ancillary jobs completed.

It has been a frustrating project, although the rough state of High Street (in that area) has been a long time concern. There are lessons in communication by the various authorities concerned which, I hope, have been acknowledged and will be addressed for the next major (and even minor) project. It is only a small cost in a project to use the media (newspapers, web sites) to explain what the project is, the likely disruption, and a proposed date for completion. The courtesy of open information would have avoided much of the angst that this particular project has caused.

- b) The Arts Council seats have been removed but are to be relocated at new sites in High Street. The Tasman District Council and the Arts Council are working together in deciding on the new sites, which includes the area around the newly-built Fresh Choice supermarket.
- c) High Street North – Recent rains have demonstrated poor drainage along some parts of the widened High Street north. Apparently the drains are sumps only, with no direct drainage east towards the Moon Creek area. Overall, the job is very good and cyclists will appreciate the better surface on the cycle lane, but the drainage is a concern.

## **6 Annual Plan**

- a) The new Council year began on 1 July 2010. I have included, as much as I can ascertain, the projects and activities which are to happen in Motueka during the 2010 – 2011 year. Obviously, some detail will be added once specific information is provided by the individual departments. “Ongoing management and maintenance” is a common factor for the year ahead.

Included also is the list of uncompleted projects from 2009 – 2010. (Note that this list may not be 100% accurate, either the work has been completed, but it has not been noticed or noted or the work was a 1 – 3 year project (LTCCP terms) and may not be done until June 2012.

- b) It will be very interesting to note the Council’s response to our submission. This was highlighted in last month’s report, but we put a lot of time, consideration, concern and energy into its preparation. Because it is a minor issue, the ratepayer offset of \$1.69 will be a good reflection of the Council’s approach.

## **7 Additional**

Added to this report are the following items:

- a) Footpaths, kerb/channel in the Motueka Ward

- b) Submission on the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill
- c) Rivercare Group Report of meeting held on 24 June 2010
- d) Motueka News "Opinion" 24 June 2010
- e) Meetings June 2010

David Ogilvie  
Chair

## Meetings June 2010

Date	
3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended the Community Services Committee/Public Forum. Spoke briefly re Tapu Bay Reserve, Deck's Reserve plaques, Motueka Quay improvements and Beach Reserve/Freedom Camping</li> <li>- Formal opening of the MOTUEKA entrance sign</li> <li>- Attended Motueka Rotary where Bob Cooke was guest speaker and was awarded Paul Harris Fellow honour</li> </ul>
9 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lottery Grants Community Committee meeting (Nelson-Tasman-Marlborough-West Coast-Buller)</li> <li>- Festival of Lights committee meeting</li> </ul>
14 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Met with Kathy Tohill re various reserve issues, gardens, trees, bedding plants</li> <li>- Motueka District Museum Trust Board</li> </ul>
15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motueka Community Board</li> <li>- Festival of Lights committee meeting</li> </ul>
16 June	Mediation meeting (Variation 66) with the Mayor and Council managers
17 June	Radio interview (Bob Irvine) re the Community Board
18 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Met with Chris Auchinvole MP re the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill; Motueka traffic issues/Bypass urgent</li> <li>- Our Town Motueka Market Day</li> <li>- Festival of Lights opened</li> </ul>
20 June	Debate – Motueka – Super City – lively and refreshing!
21 June	Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee
22 June	Christchurch Regional Funders Forum
23 June	Met with Paul Heywood (AA Deputy Chair) re High Street issues, Motueka Transportation Study, Bypass
24 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended Corporate Services Committee meeting for the Manager's report and GST/Rate payments arrangements</li> <li>- Rivercare Group meeting (Rick Lowe MWH, Philip Drummond TDC) and 15 public</li> </ul>
25 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended Motueka High School (Bruce Reid's Community Interest Class) for their presentation on High Street traffic</li> <li>- Festival of Lights – Golf Tournament presentations, Motueka Music Group/Tasman Brass ensemble</li> </ul>
26 June	- Motueka Memorial RSA Annual General Meeting
27 June	Festival of Lights : Veterans/Vintage Car Show
28 June	Motueka District Museum Management Committee meeting with Mike Tasman-Jones (TDC)