

## **REPORT**

**TO:** Motueka Community Board Members  
**FROM:** David Ogilvie, Chair  
**DATE:** 29 November 2010  
**SUBJECT:** **Report to meeting of 14 December 2010 – RMCB10-12-02**

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### **1) Submission to the Draft Annual Plan**

I sent the submission through to Susan Edwards on 30 November 2010 with the note that there had been questions from Board members re some items and that from our December meeting there could be some amendments.

Susan replied that there is a Councillors workshop scheduled for 13 December 2010, but there would be further opportunity for review in January 2011 at a later Council workshop. (Please bring your copy of the submission to the meeting.)

### **2) Consent Order**

The consent order for the water allocation has arrived for the Board to approve. I have read it through carefully and had one query re costs, which confirmed no further costs to the Community Board.

The consent order and correspondence is appended – please read it carefully.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Motueka Community Board adopts the Consent Order for the Water Allocation, its terms and conditions, and it be signed accordingly.**

### **3) Hearings Schedule : Union of Nelson City and Tasman District**

The indicative schedule for the hearing of submissions is Thursday 16 December 2010 at the St John Hall. The Board's time allocation is 1.00 pm to 1.15 pm, usually five minutes for the presentation and ten minutes for questioning. I will attend but at least one more Board member should accompany me. (Note: a final time will be e-mailed on 10 December 2011.) Details appended.

### **4) Library Building**

It has been obvious for some time that the Motueka Library is too small, a conclusion supported by Tasman District librarians and the relevant NZ Library Association requirements.

The basic question is whether to extend or rebuild; if extending, go outwards or upwards? If rebuilding, where?

The current site is attractive and extending on that site has many advantages. The chief disadvantage for me is that an extension so often looks and works unsatisfactorily, and becomes a low-cost option.

During the 1990s, the Richmond Library was moved from Salisbury Road to Queen Street (after considerable argument). It has proved very successful and moving the library to a High Street site could be equally successful. (The vacant Whitwells Furniture shop is a choice; the Car Company site is also possible, and others may be available.)

Another site, not on High Street however, is the I-site at Deck's Reserve. It could accommodate a "one-stop-shop" arrangement – I-site information, library, Council administration and meeting room.

The library question therefore raises many options. It is a high priority, given the current space factor, and a feasibility study is necessary.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Motueka Community Board write to the Community Services Manager requesting a feasibility study be initiated on options, designs and costs for a new Motueka Library.**

#### **5) Motueka Library – Aotearoa Peoples Network – Internet availability**

This issue was raised at the public forum in November and there are letters in our correspondence about the topic. The following resolution is suggested.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Motueka Community Board request the Tasman District Council to amend its policy re the Aotearoa Peoples Network by continuing a free access to the internet only for Tasman and Nelson card holders; that the policy change take effect not later than 31 January 2011.**

#### **6) Dog Control : Availability of Control Officers**

E-mails from Beth Bryant have highlighted this issue, which has also occurred re freedom camping. Following Beth Bryant's note, I e-mailed Dennis Bush-King and will read his reply at the meeting.

It is probably useful to obtain a report from the Council regarding the control officers contract and details of their visits and activities locally.

Nevertheless, it is also important that dog owners should be exercising their dogs very distant from the bird life on the sandspit. There are sufficient signs in the area advising dog owners, but the signs need to be heeded.

#### **7) Motueka Bypass Route**

The public meeting on 30 November 2010 that I co-hosted with West Coast Tasman MP Chris Auchinvole was clear in its strong preference for the Chamberlain Street – Anderson

Road - Swamp Road option for a Motueka Bypass, subject to any engineering issues with a new bridge being resolved.

Equally strong was the indication that there should not be a “temporary” bypass (or a “heavy traffic” diversion) along either Thorp Street east or Queen Victoria Street west.

There were 85 people at the meeting and the two “straw votes” on those matters were almost unanimous. Consequently, it is appropriate that the Board convey both messages to NZTA and the Tasman District Council (with copies to the relevant consultants Opus and MWH NZ Ltd).

### **Recommendation**

**That the Motueka Community Board write to NZ Transport Agency (copy to Opus) and to Tasman District Council (copy to MWH NZ Ltd) reporting on the public meeting’s strong preference:**

- a) For Chamberlain Street/Anderson Road/Swamp Road as the long term route for the Motueka Bypass;**
- b) That neither an east or a west “temporary” bypass (or a “heavy traffic” diversion) along Thorp Street (east) or Queen Victoria Street (west) be considered.**

**That NZ Transport Agency and Tasman District Council finalise the Chamberlain Street option as the preferred route (for planning and LIM purposes).**

**That the formal opening of the Motueka Bypass take place by November 2025, certainly no later than November 2030.**

### **8) Motueka Streetscape**

At its latest meeting, Our Town Motueka had received a letter from the Transportation Manager concerning streetscape proposals. (This is scheduled for later years in the LTCCP). The Committee has invited the Mayor to examine the Golden Elm trees in High Street for a pruning, trimming and topping programme. (Note that the current policy is to replace the Golden Elms for a more acceptable variety when the opportunity occurs.)

### **9) Community Groups; Council and Standing Committees; Appointments for Board Members**

There are a number of appointments still to be made for some community groups, hall committees and for Council and its standing committees (if requested). A list is appended.

### **10) High Street Survey**

The survey advertised in the Guardian on 17 November 2010 has proved interesting with over 50 responses. The exercise closes on 6 December 2010 and I will deliver a report at the Board meeting.

## **11) Freedom Camping**

The Council's general policies:

- 1) Do not allow any form of camping outside registered camping grounds except in self-contained vehicles;
- 2) Self-contained vehicles may camp overnight (maximum of two nights per calendar month, at any single location).

The policy lists prohibited areas, indicates dump point locations and the registered Tasman camping grounds. Importantly, areas where "No Camping" signs are displayed are prohibited areas.

The issue re the TDC policy is that there is no bylaw to support it. It is a policy relying on the goodwill of all campers to conform to the conditions. Without any bylaw Council staff who are enforcing the policy are in a difficult position.

The government is drawing up a national policy either as a basis for a nation-wide statute or as guidelines for a uniform approach throughout New Zealand. This process has been ongoing for most of 2010 and it is unlikely any decisions will be made in time for the summer of 2010 – 2011.

The previous Community Board requested TDC to formulate its own bylaw, or co-ordinate with Nelson City Council and utilise that Council's bylaw. In that way, there would be consistency across Nelson – Tasman until a nation-wide statute (or guidelines) was instituted.

The Nelson City Council's policies are similar to Tasman's but are reinforced by a bylaw. Additionally, Nelson has allowed campers with facilities to stay overnight at a central location (Millers Acre?) and those without facilities a location near Neale Park where there are toilets. Otherwise, all campers must be at a registered camping ground. The Nelson City Council attempts to manage the problem seem to be working, although another major test will be over this summer. It is however relatively easy for Council officers to enforce.

There may be other ways of dealing with the situation, but without a bylaw to backup the policy, Council officers situation is futile and local residents-ratepayers are left to deal with the mess.

Of course, the majority of freedom campers with or without facilities are responsible and abide by the standards set by the Freedom Campers Forum and other industry groups (TIANZ). Moreover, as visitors they spend locally, contribute to our holiday atmosphere and consequently are very welcome to enjoy our District and its highlights.

Unfortunately, it is the "low-lifes" who cause the frustration and the anger.

## **12) Developments and Progress**

November has seen the Recreation Centre building programme completed; Consent Order between the Council and Community Board over the water allocation issue prepared and ready for signature; wastewater pipeline along Wilkinson Street renewed; sand replenishment at Tapu Bay coastal reserve; Pethybridge Rose Garden and the various garden plots looking very good.

### **13)Coastal Structures; Port Motueka; Marina**

Gary Clark, Transportation Manager, reported that the data update regarding the TDC coastal assets was almost complete (11 November 2010) but it indicated some were in poor condition.

It is timely to recognise the need to update the Port Motueka planning, especially for toilets, parking, the proposed extension of the marina and its implications.

Is it appropriate to liaise with Gary Clark on this issue and meet with the clubs, Talley's and interest groups as a "first step" in a new strategy?

### **14)Lower Motueka River Flood Control**

This report was received by the Engineering Services Committee (11 November 2010). During discussion it was noted that the Motueka River is a nationally-important river and it was requested that a management plan be established for the river.

The reports (from Gary Clark and MWH NZ Ltd) are appended.

### **15)Pike River Coal Mine Tragedy**

This disaster has impacted across New Zealand, and certainly here in Motueka. Many of our residents have moved here from the Coast and we also have a close affinity with the Coast communities – their resourcefulness, independence and self-reliance reflects our own.

I'm sure the Motueka people share in the West Coast sadness, but we know that their strength of purpose will weather the current hurt.

David Ogilvie  
Chair

## Meetings and Activities : November 2010

### November

1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Met Dennis Bush-King and Steve Markham (TDC Managers) re resolving the Water Allocation issue between Council and the Community Board re community water supply for Motueka.</p> <p>Public meeting at Memorial Hall for NZ Police presentation (Brian McGurk, Grant Andrews, Rob Crawford). Over 35 attended to hear that local problems are chiefly property damage and domestic violence. Intersection accidents are frequent, need for better street lighting.</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Motueka High School and Whenua-iti "Leadership" afternoon with Richard Kempthorne, Hon Damien O'Connor and Scott Haines. Cooked lemon muffins with four students; Isaak Behringer, Andy Read, Jacob Linn and Harry Townsend. Very successful!</p>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Formal opening of the Motueka Recreation Centre extension (\$2.1m). Major upgrade.</p>
8 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Motueka District Museum Trust Board</p> <p>Marahau/Sandy Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association. Peter Thomson and Jeff Cuthbertson attended to discuss wastewater, domestic water and Marahau Bridge "clip-on".</p> <p>Community Board submission sent to the Local Government Commission.</p>
9 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.</p>
11 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Inlet Walkway inspection with Bob Cooke and Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee.</p>
12 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Governance Workshop – attended morning session.</p>
14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Armistice Day remembrance service at the RSA Memorial in Pah Street.</p>
15 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee monthly meeting.</p>
16 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Motueka Family Service Centre AGM and Trust Board meeting.</p>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Beach/Coastal "Spring clean up"</p>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee special meeting to discuss the Litter Cart operation.</p> <p>Draft Annual Plan submission meeting with Community Board members.</p> <p>Clock Tower Trust meeting – Super Cross in January 2011.</p>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Tasman Bays Promotion Association</p>

26 <sup>th</sup>	Inspection with Kathy Tohill-Curnow of Motueka's parks, reserves and gardens.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Attended the Pike River Mine Tragedy Remembrance Service at St Thomas's auditorium.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Our Town Motueka meeting. Preparations for Starlight Parade.
30 <sup>th</sup>	Public meeting re bypass and bridge options long-term. Co-hosted with MP Chris Auchinvole.

## Motueka Appointments

Lower Moutere Hall	
Lower Moutere Recreation Reserve	
Motueka Community House	
Riwaka Hall	
Community House	
Tasman District Council	
Environment and Planning Committee	
Engineering Services Committee	
Community Services Committee	
Corporate Services Committee	
Policy Liaison	
Motueka Arts Council	Cliff Satherley
Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee	Cr E J Wilkins, David Ogilvie
Motueka District Museum Trust Board	Mark Chapman
Tasman Bays Promotions Association	David Ogilvie
Our Town Motueka Committee	David Ogilvie
SPCA Motueka	Cliff Satherley
Marahau and Sandy Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association	David Ogilvie
Torrent Bay – Split Apple Rock	Cliff Satherley
Kaiteriteri Reserve Board	Cr T B King
Lower Motueka River Rivercare Group	All Community Board Members
Motueka Swimming Pool Committee	Cliff Satherley
Motueka Family Service Centre	Cr B F Dowler, Paul Hawkes
Clock Tower Trust	David Ogilvie, Cr B F Dowler
Municipal Band	Paul Hawkes
Kiyosata Friendly Towns	Cr E J Wilkins, Paul Hawkes
Youth Council	Paul Hawkes