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Report to: Motueka Community Board
Meeting Date: 11 October 2011
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Subject: **Community Board Chair's Report (RMCB11-10-02)**

1. Motueka Small Projects 2011 - 2012

The Board's survey for community responses concluded on 1 August 2011.

The small projects identified from the advertisement in the Motueka Golden Bay News (28 responses) and from Motueka On-Line (19 responses) follow in order of preference. (Total of 47 responses).

1. Litter Collection jointly funded with Our Town Motueka and Keep Motueka Beautiful (34 responses).
2. Seal the Walkway – Cycleway between the Recreation Centre and Thorp's Bush, alongside the Woodlands Drain (34 responses).
3. Pram Crossings for Mobility Scooters – five in central areas of Motueka (23 responses).
4. Shared Footpath – Cycleway along Thorp Street, from Fearon Street to Staples Street (18 responses).
5. Fund permanent raised bed materials for the Motueka Community Garden (14 responses).
6. Shared Footpath – Cycleway along Staples Street, from Thorp Street to High Street (12 responses).
7. A large mural (e.g. by the Golden Bay artist Christ Finlayson) (7 responses).
8. Provide car parking bays in the Whitwell's Car Park (subject to agreements with property owners) (6 responses).
9. Publish a cycling booklet on Motueka area's recreational, road and mountain bike rides (6 responses)
10. Footpath extension:- along Martin's Farm Road (4 responses)
11. Kerb and Channel along Hursthouse Street for 300 metres from Main Road, Lower Moutere (1 response).

There were a number of “further suggestions” :-

- A pedestrian “barrier” in the middle of High Street between the New World and The Warehouse (2 responses).
- Connect Manoy Street and Talbot Street.
- Construct Thorp Street shared footpath 2011 – 2012; Staples Street 2012 – 2013.
- Widen vehicle entrances to the lanes off Tudor Street and Greenwood Street.
- Regular channel clearance – especially during “leaf-drops”.
- Some Drinking Fountains in Town (I-site; Museum; Library) were suggested as appropriate.
- Kerb and channel along Whakarewa Street for 50 metres west of Queen Victoria Street.
- Improve the busy footpath from Poole Street and Memorial Hall – pipe obstacles, gateways, storm water are impediments for push chairs, prams and mobility scooters.
- Construct a footpath in Poole Street, west from the Atkins Street intersection.
- Security cameras are a top priority. (Cost to the ratepayers for damage repairs is considerable. Cameras would allow culprits to be caught).
- Re-locate the Greenwood Street, pedestrian crossing further along Greenwood Street. (Cars turning into Greenwood Street from High Street hold up High Street traffic, and also endanger those on the pedestrian crossing).
- Some projects should **not** come from an additional levy, but be paid by rates. TDC chose to spend the cycleways money elsewhere.
- Complete the footpath along Old Wharf Road.

Following the discussion at the Workshop on 20 September 2011 these projects were prioritised:

Pram Crossings for mobility scooters – five in central areas of Motueka, particularly High Street/Wratt Street intersection (2), Atkins Street/Fry Street intersection (2). Wilkie Street/Fry Street intersection (1), High Street/Inglis Street intersection (1) Trewavas Street/Mountview Place (2). Listed, in priority, to an estimate of \$7,500.

Pathways (for pedestrians only)

- Rowling Road to Martins Farm Road, 1.5 metres wide
- Old wharf Road to Motueka Quay
- Pah Street to the Te Awhina Marae
- School Road, Lower Moutere Approximately 100 metres from Moutere Highway

Pathways (shared pedestrians and cyclists)

- Old Wharf Road to Thorp's Bush, pay the cost of sealing (2 coat chip seal) once Community Services have constructed the pathway to a standard, ready for sealing.
- Fearon Street to Staples Street along Thorp Street, 2.5 metre to 3.0 metre wide gravelled path (including the strip from No 52 Thorp Street to Fearon Street).

Kerb and Channel

- Hursthouse Street from Main Road, Lower Moutere, 300 metres at \$35 per lineal metre (est \$10,500).

Drinking Fountains

- Deck's Reserve (I-site building, public toilets area)
- Museum frontage (near a water supply – on street?)

Litter Cart and Collection

- Central Motueka at 10 hours per week
- Outskirts of Motueka at 2 hours per week (ie bounded by Moutere River and Motueka River)
- A litter collection beyond this raises problems of vehicles and distances. It may be preferable to target some areas on a "twice a year" basis involving community groups or PD workers.

Recommendation

- 1 That \$15,000 from the Community Board's 2010 – 2011 surplus be added to the \$21,739 raised by the Community Board rate.**
- 2 That \$7,500 be allocated towards constructing five pram crossings/mobile scooter crossings in the central areas of Motueka. (NB Located per the above information, but to co-ordinate with the Engineering Services project).**
- 3a That \$10,000 be allocated towards constructing kerb and channel along Hursthouse Street from Main Road, Lower Moutere westwards for approximately 300 metres. (Note: Discuss and co-ordinate this project with Engineering Services);**
OR
- 3b That \$10,000 be allocated towards:**
 - i) Constructing a safety guardrail at the northern part of School Road intersection with the Moutere Highway, and;**

- ii) **Constructing a gravel footpath along the northern boundary of School Road for approximately 100 metres (opposite Lower Moutere School entry). (Note: Discuss and co-ordinate this project with Engineering Services).**

- 4 **That \$7,500 be allocated towards a litter collection from 1 November 2011 to 30 June 2012, as outlined above. (Note: This would cover 12 hours a week at \$15 per hour for 35 weeks and allow \$1,200 for other costs. A community group could be prepared to collect litter from Riwaka to Kaiteriteri as a fundraising opportunity).**

- 5 **That the balance (\$12,000 approximately) be allocated towards sealing the 2.5 metre wide walkway/cycleway from Old Wharf Road to Thorp's Bush alongside the Woodlands Drain. (Note: Community Services has budgeted to construct a pathway to a "ready for sealing" standard. Sealing this popular pathway would provide a low maintenance surface suitable for walkers, cyclists, prams, mobile scooters etc).**

- 6 **That the Community Board Chair, with Cr Barry Dowler liaise with the Community Services Department and the Engineering Services Department in progressing Items 2, 3 a) and b), 4 and 5 above, and report to the 9 November 2011 meeting of the Motueka Community Board.**

2. Motueka High School – Community Issues Class

The survey of 387 interviews showed 53% opposed to the amalgamation draft scheme (down from 62% in a 2008 survey of 422 people).

Interestingly, from the Community Board's perspective, 58% supported the strengthening of the role of community boards;

- 67% want a more effective community board for Motueka
- areas of responsibility for the community board most supported were pathways, reserves, pensioner cottages and the aerodrome.

The demand for a "more effective community board" is not surprising, but it is, for us, a community requirement to reach their expectations.

3. Playground Equipment on Motueka Reserves

As a consequence of the debate on the relative merits of the playground equipment at Deck's Reserve and Memorial Park, plus my reading of the July 2010 Audit and spreadsheet of some of the equipment, I considered it useful to inspect the Ward reserves.

1. Richards Reserve, Wildman's Road
 - "springy" – does not rock
2. Memorial Park
 - Perimeter edging split and surface scuffed
 - Seesaw – sideways movement
 - Module – wheel loose, split treads, plate sticking out, central beam entrapment, dirty equipment
3. Deck's Reserve
 - Seesaw – sideways movement
 - Module – toggle entrapment, exposed nails, broken upright strut
 - Slide – cracked and chipped
4. Eginton Park
 - Perimeter edging – surface scuffed
 - Junior swing – too low
 - Graffiti and dirty equipment
5. Thorp's Bush
 - Equipment in sound order, requiring paint maintenance, but is appropriate to the native bush environment.
6. North Street – Motueka Beach – Saltwater Baths
 - Perimeter edging split and surface scuffed
 - Equipment in good order and popular mix
7. Ted Reed Reserve and Riwaka Memorial Reserve
 - Limited equipment – swings, climbing bar. In sound condition but more choice in Riwaka would be worthwhile?
8. Brooklyn Reserve
 - Perimeter edging split badly
 - Old equipment needing repaint (also the BBQ and tables to be cleaned. Appears little used and unloved. (two children at the seesaw, swings and bars).

9. Tillson Crescent/Sanderlane Drive
 - “Adventure” style play equipment in new subdivision, accessed from three streets.
 - Modern and attractive – should be well used.

Generally, the audit noted that the bark should be at 200mm depth and in most parks needs to be topped up. A weekly inspection of all playgrounds was suggested. The equipment to be replaced at the end of its “asset life” (Memorial Park and Deck’s Reserve).

Recommendation:

That the Motueka Community Board:

- a) Refer this report on playground equipment to the Community Services Manager, and that the maintenance jobs be addressed urgently;
- b) The graffiti be removed and the equipment cleaned and painted at the Eginton Park and Brooklyn Reserves, which had the worst presented playground equipment;
- c) Consult Riwaka residents regarding the upgrade of playground equipment either at the Memorial Reserve or the Ted Reed Reserve. Any upgrade be scheduled in 2012 – 2013, when Memorial Park, Deck’s Reserve and Ledger Goodman Reserve projects have been completed.

4. Grants from Rates 2011

Motueka organisations which were allocated funds included:

Motueka District Brass Inc	\$2,000
Whenua Iti Trust Inc	1,500
Te Awhina Marae o Motueka Society Inc	4,000
Motueka Riding for the Disabled	1,000
Riwaka Scout Group	500
Motueka Toy Library	200
Motueka section NZ Council of Victim Support	2,000
Motueka Recreation Centre	1,500
Our Town Motueka	2,000
Motueka Search and Rescue	421
Motueka Branch SPCA	200
Keep Motueka Beautiful	3,000

Those Motueka applications declined included:

Motueka Online	Motueka Community Gardens
Riwaka Resilience	Motueka Community House
Skydive Abel Tasman Ltd	Motueka Tennis Club Inc

5. Council and Committee Items

Corporate Services

- Council's debt at 31 July 2011 was \$136.3m; average interest rate at 5.35%; net debt to equity at 11.03%;
- Council investments (disaster funds, self-insurance funds and general investments) totalled \$4.7m, average interest rate of 3.74%

Council

- Resolved:
 - a) Monthly meetings of Mayor with Community Board Chairs;
 - b) Formalised the dedicated officer within Council to oversee the Boards (Motueka – Murray Staite; Golden Bay – Lloyd Kennedy).
 - c) Approved, formally, the Community Board Chair (or the portfolio representative) from each Community Board to join Council members at the table with speaking rights, for each Standing Committee and Full Council meeting.
- The communitrak Residents' Survey which the Council commissions annually had some interesting conclusions:
 - a) Council decisions most supported were:
 - Cycleways
 - Beautification of parks, reserves, public places
 - Sports and recreation facilities
 - Walkways
 - b) Where should Council spend more on services/facilities:
 - Rivers and flood protection
 - Walkways and cycleways
 - Roads and footpaths
 - Emergency management/Civil Defence

Engineering Services

- Port Motueka Groyne – Jakkett Island Erosion report as a “backgrounder” prior to meeting the Environment Court.
- Water and Wastewater Capital Works Funding Guideline
- Rivercare groups to meet in November 2011
- Motueka Water supply to remain as a “stand-alone” water account.
- Tasman Cycle Trail named Tasman Great Taste Cycle Trail

Community Services (8 September 2011)

- Deck’s Reserves plaques on display soon
- Motueka Quay resource consent lodged
- Tapu Bay awaiting beach re-nourishment material
- Alex Ryder Reserve public planting later in September 2011-09-30
playground upgrades for Ledger Goodman Reserve and Memorial Park

6. Lower Moutere School

The traffic safety issue at the Lower Moutere School has led to discussions with Barbara Bowen (Principal) and Sarah Downs (TDC Transportation Planning Officer).

A number of options have been considered:

- extend the 70 kph limit further south along the Moutere Highway
- create a 70 kph limit for School Road
- paint a substantial orange/red “School” sign across the Moutere Highway and also School Road (ie three sites)
- improve visibility for vehicles turning right from Robinson Road into the Moutere Highway (bridge restrictive)
- erect a kerb, or preferably a guardrail, at the northern corner of School Road intersection with Moutere Highway
- construct a footpath from Moutere Highway cycle/walkway along School Road to opposite the school entry (approximately 100 metres).

The latter two seem to be the ones offering the safest option and are also cost-effective. Discussion is ongoing but a decision is needed soon.

Recommendation:

That the Motueka Community Board:

- a) requests the Engineering Services Department to consider the traffic safety issue at the Lower Moutere School;
- b) recommends a guardrail be erected at the northern corner of the School Road intersection with the Moutere Highway; and
- c) recommends a footpath be constructed from the Moutere Highway along School Road (northern side) to opposite the school entry (approximately 100 metres).

7. Port Motueka Development Proposal

Ken Leppien, has presented his proposal to both the Enterprise Committee and Engineering Services Committee of the Council.

He has requested the Board recommend the proposal be a project in the Long Term (Ten Year) Plan 2012 – 2022.

“This proposal, when developed, would provide employment opportunities, improved services in the district and also earn income ... the model would yield a return within a three or four year period from start up” – Ken Leppien (February 2011) (Report attached).

Recommendation:

That the Motueka Community Board support the Port Motueka Development proposal in principle and request it be placed on the TDC Long Term Plan for consideration and consultation.

8. Deck’s Reserve Plaques

A display of the Historical Plaques will be in Whitwells Menswear window on 10 October 2011, with a map of the area. It is planned to have 55 plaques – sponsorship subsidy cost is \$200 – to be manufactured and laid at Deck’s Reserve, professionally.

Eileen Stewart, Glenn Thorn and Tara Cater are overseeing this project.

9. Long Term Plan (2012 – 2022) Board's Submission

The Council Officers are asking for the Board's submission by Monday 17 October 2011. (This is earlier than first considered). The newspaper advertisements were inadvertently delayed a week and public comments close on 10 October 2011.

The Board's own submission will need to be written during the week 10 – 17 October 2011. The Board's 2011 – 2012 Annual Plan submission and the projects/facilities recommended in the 2009 – 2019 Plan can be a base for the 2012 – 2022 submission.

Please keep the events of 12 and 13 October 2011 free, to allow opportunity to discuss the submission.

10. Nelson – Tasman Cycle Trail Trust

I attended the AGM of the Trust in Nelson (29 September 2011). Darryl Wilson (who is a Trustee) and Lois Walker (Tasman Bay Promotions Association) were other Motueka attendees.

The Trust is enthusiastic about extending the Trail as quickly as funding, resource consents, engineering issues and construction allows.

I indicated that a cycle trail existed from Lower Moutere to High Street South roundabout, along the Inlet Estuary and the Coastline from Old Wharf Road to Staples Street. Also along SH 60 across the Motueka River Bridge. At this point, it might not meet the cycle trail standards (width, surface, signage etc, at least the basis was there. To reach the appropriate standard might not need a major effort.

Trustees appreciated the situation, and noted the popularity of the Kaiteriteri tracks.

They also commented the cycle tracks being very popular for local recreational cyclists, important for health and fitness of residents, probably more so than for visitors.

The Community Board's liaison with the Trust and also the Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee on this matter will be a continuing project. Cr Wilkins and I are on the Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee.

Relevant (partly) to this is the current project along Wharf Road and the proposed boardwalk between Link Park and York Park.

11. Litter Bins in High Street and Central Town Area

Liz Salt (Our Town Motueka) and I carried out a reasonably thorough survey of the various litter bins in High Street (from Woodlands Avenue North) and in the central town area side streets, approximately 50 bins.

There are maintenance and minor repair jobs needed for many of these:

- the “recycle” metal bins have only a single hinge and are mostly quite loose. Retightening and even a second attachment, is need.
- The “standard” bins were also quite loosely attached and require tightening. Some were bent, facing the wrong way and a couple “tagged”.
- The “Arts Council” bins had loose slats, some slats were broken and most need a repaint (same colour). (Arts Council supports these repairs being done; but have stipulated the “Arts Council” seats are not to be included in any Council/Sicon repairs and maintenance.
- Some of the small metal bins are too small and should be replaced with the standard larger ones.
- There are 5 – 6 places where extra bins are needed:
 - Video Ezy
 - European Bakery
 - Hotel Motueka
 - Elevation Café
 - Along Whakarewa Street, approximately 100 metres from High Street corner.
- There was also piles of dirt and muck underneath most of the bins.

Recommendation:

That the Motueka Community Board:

- a) refer this report to the Engineering Services Manager;**
- b) request a maintenance repair job be carried out by 30 November 2011;**
- c) request that new bins be installed by 31 January 2012.**

12. Projects/Notes

- Wastewater pipe renewals in York Street/Boyce Street areas
- Stormwater drain at the northern end of Ledger Goodman Reserve
- Wharf Road project (walkway/cycleway) begins
- Old toilets at Memorial park painted; storage extension completed
- Brigitte Thomas wins TV Top Model Award in Auckland – congratulations!

- Motueka parks, reserves and gardens looking very good. (Some positive and very favourable comments made by visitors recently). Thanks to all those concerned.
- Reminder that the “Big Beach Clean Up 2011” is planned for Saturday 19 November 2011 (TDC staff contact is Rob Francis).
- River Flow readings for September 2011 – another dry month with rainfall on 12th – 14th. Woodstock high was 100.3 cusecs (July 1983 at 2148 cusecs). Woodmans high was 120.0 cusecs (October 2007 at 1349 cusecs).

13. NZTA/TDC State Highway Liaison Meeting

As mentioned at the September 2011 meeting, I reported to the NZTA/TDC State Highway Liaison meeting, emphasising the traffic signals for the Pah Street, Greenwood Street intersection with High Street and the Clock Tower corner round-about priorities.

There were other, lower priority, issues but for traffic safety in Motueka they are all significant. For pedestrians, crossing High Street (even at the marked crossings) can be hazardous. (Copy of the written report is appended).

14. Reports for your Information (Note: available at meeting)

- a) Motueka Flood Control Project (RCN11-09-02) by Sarah Downs, Project Planning Officer. (Approved by Council on 22 September 2011).
- b) Local Government Commission – arrangements for submission hearings, next stages in re-organisation process, summary of main points raised in submissions. Michael Coles, Advisor, LGC, 13 September 2011
- c) Community Consultation Funding 2011 – from Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee 14 September 2011.
- d) Motueka Recreation Centre – Report for May – July 2011 from Jody Maru (August 2011).
- e) Community Services Committee Report (RCS11-09-04) by Beryl Wilkes, Reserves Manager – Motueka Community Board and Playground Equipment Upgrade.
- f) Motueka High School: Community Issues Survey Results. Alana Behringer, Cody Golding, Benita MacLean, Mr Bruce Reid, September 2011.

15. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair’s Report (RMCB11-10-02).

Meetings and Activities : September 2011

September	
2	Luncheon at Motueka Recreation Centre with All Blacks Ali Williams and Ben Franks. An exciting children's day at Goodman Park. Eventful day and well organised by those concerned. Not much lunch eaten by the two All Blacks – they were ambushed!
6	Met with Jeff Cuthbertson and inspected drainage/stormwater issues at Thorp Street north, Riwaka/Little Sydney and Whakarewa Street/Queen Victoria Street intersection.
7	Attended Motueka High School Community Issues class of Bruce Reid's. The survey results show 53% opposed to the amalgamation proposal; strong support for a strong Community Board (halls, community cottages, pathways, aerodrome).
7	Submission on the Lower Motueka River Flood Control project closed.
8	Attended Community Services Committee meeting where the playground equipment matter was discussed. Council supports an upgrade on Memorial Park equipment.
10	Attended Motueka Residents' Association meeting. Questions to Ward Councillors by 30 attendees. Rates levels a prominent comment.
12	Motueka District Museum Trust Board monthly meeting.
12	Marahau and Sandy Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting. Concern re erosion north of Marahau Beach; debris beneath River bridge and playground location.
13	Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.
14	Our Town Motueka AGM. Howie Timms re-elected as Chair.
15	Motueka Arts Council. Address by Keith Woodley (Miranda Naturalists Trust) "In Pursuit of Champions" re the Godwits migration.
19	Community Board workshop on "small projects"
19	Keep Motueka Beautiful monthly meeting.
20	Met with Barbara Bowen (Lower Moutere School Principal) re the safety concerns with traffic. Sarah Downs (TDC Transportation Planning Officer) included to consider the preferences to mitigate dangers.
20	Tasman Bays Promotions Association monthly meeting.
22	Attended Council meeting for report on Lower Motueka River Flood Control project. Also annual survey by "Communitrak" on residents' responses to TDC activities.
23	Motueka Arts Council: Godwits opening. Attended by Hon Kate Wilkinson (Min of Conservation); Mayor Kempthorne; Neil Clifton (Regional Conservator). Opening by Rev Gladys Taingahue. Splendid exhibition well organised and excellent attendance both days and also at the Historic Wharf to view godwits.
27	Met Ken Leppien re Motueka marina and servicing proposal.

28	Attended Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Stakeholder Group meeting.
28	Attended Tasman Bay Promotions I-site AGM.
29	Attended Nelson-Tasman Cycle Trail Trust AGM
29	Hearings of submissions by Local Government Commission on the Draft Re-organisation Proposal.

