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Report to: Motueka Community Board
Meeting Date: 27 October 2011
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Subject: **Community Board Chair's Report (RMCB11-11-02)**

1. Condition of Roads and Streets in Motueka Ward

One of the most frequent comments I receive from our residents is to do with the poor standard of our streets and roads – the surface is rutted, edges are broken, potholes are frequent and corners are rough.

The Riwaka to Kaiteriteri Road must be the worst in Tasman District, allowing for the population it serves in Tapu Bay, Stephens Bay and Kaiteriteri (2006 census of 1,482) as well as it being a major tourist route for the District. An upgrade has been programmed since 1999 but not acted on.

In Motueka, the street most mentioned needing upgrading is Parker Street. Pah Street, Poole Street, Atkins Street and Whakarewa Street also have lengthy sections where the surface has deteriorated and where significant maintenance is required.

Streets east of High Street seem better, although sections of Tudor Street and Greenwood Street are rough. Along Motueka Quay, some wide, smooth ramps would remove the “abrupt” surface caused by the tree roots.

Some corners require repair – Queen Victoria Street intersecting with Whakarewa Street and with Pah Street, Wilkinson Street intersecting with Greenwood Street.

It is worthwhile to note that none of the streets mentioned have problems caused by the wastewater pipes renewal programme – this leads to a separate issue of surface roughness, but is generally accepted. Overall, the contractors have resurfaced these streets quite well.

There appears to have been an “under spend” on Motueka streets and roads surfaces in recent years. Improved maintenance is now urgent, to obtain the best result for the “life” of our roads and streets; or perhaps they are reaching the stage where a complete reconstruction is needed?

Recommendation:

That the Motueka Community Board:

- a) Refer this report to the Transportation Manager (Gary Clark) for his information;**
- b) Request the Transportation Manager to either improve the maintenance or reconstruct particular streets in Motueka;**
- c) Request the Transportation Manager to provide a timetable for the upgrade of the Riwaka to Kaiteriteri Road.**

2. Motueka water Reticulation – Ministry of Health Subsidy Application

The Ministry of Health has declined the Council's application for a subsidy for the construction of the Motueka Plains water Supply (reticulation of Motueka Township). The letter from the Ministry is listed with the correspondence.

The Utilities Asset Manager, Jeff Cuthbertson, in his report to the Engineering Services Committee proposed "to resubmit a subsidy application to the next round of applications".

I expect that the majority of Motueka residents will not be too disappointed with this decision. A significant majority opposed reticulation when it was suggested approximately three years ago.

The decision will also ease concern that Motueka ratepayers could be burdened with a water reticulation rate plus a Lower Motueka River Flood Protection rate, from 2012.

The Community Board's submission to the 2011 – 2012 Annual Plan regarding water reticulation was:

- a) A gradual (15 year) extension of reticulation;
- b) Funding to be by a mix of the Motueka water rate (\$77.02 incl GST in 2011 – 2012), water charges and development levies;
- c) Should Council investigations and bore tests indicate this, prioritise College Street, Queen Victoria Street, Thomason Avenue and the King Edward Street locality.

The Motueka water Financial Statement (2010 – 2011) states total income at \$545,722 (from rates and recoveries) and expenditure at \$435,856 (including interest and principal costs of \$79,234). The total loans were \$581,579.

The information does not describe balance sheet details.

Currently, approximately 25 – 30% of the town is reticulated and it is the Council's policy that all new subdivisions are reticulated; also, where practicable water pipes are being laid when stormwater and/or wastewater pipes are being renewed (eg Poole Street recently). Woodlands Avenue and Whakarewa Street were piped during 2008 – 2010.

The Motueka water for the reticulated supply is sourced from wells at Fearon Street and the Recreation Centre, Old Wharf Road. Private bores supply the remainder of residents. Regular tests demonstrate the high quality of all supplies.

3. Meeting with Kathy Tohill-Curnow (Council Horticultural Officer)

This regular (approximately an hour) meeting is worthwhile. During the Motueka tour the following matters were canvassed:

- Poole Street to Memorial Park walkway; maintenance of the gateway improvement on the path's drainage;
- Memorial Park gates to be cleaned and repainted;
- Motueka Quay landscaping/car parking job to start soon;
- Glenaven Drive – retention pond and re-grassing (Kim Arnold);
- Thorp's Bush pathways. New signage is being prepared. The proposal to close one pathway to be discussed with Beryl Wilkes;
- Goodman Park surface will be discussed with Glenn Thorn. (The fenceline work has been completed.)
- Inspection of the various gardens – Pethybridge Gardens, Wallace Street, Memorial Park. Discussed the possibility of other garden areas (especially along High Street).
- Maintenance of the Sanctuary Ponds and the "Rest-a-While" area at the southern entry.

4. Council and Council Committee Items

4.1 Community Services (20 October 2011)

- RDT Pacific will provide project management services for the Motueka Library redevelopment project;
- Deck's Reserve historical plaques are on display at Whitwell's Menswear;
- Little Kaiteriteri public plantings well supported at the Alex Ryder Memorial Reserve;
- Sportspark toilet and shop. Plans are being prepared.

- “Get Moving” recreation programmes begin in November 2011.
- Motueka Tasman Youth Council are organising a “Magic Moments in Motueka” photographic competition.
- Talks at Motueka Library by Ruth Moore and also by Justin D’Ath;
- Tapu Bay sand nourishment programme was approved. 4000m³ of mixed soil and granite sand to be used from the Turner’s Bluff realignment works.
- Activity Management Plans. The Committee endorsed the following draft Activity Management Plans:
 - o Parks and Reserves
 - o Community Facilities
 - o Libraries
 - o Community Recreation
 - o Grants and Cultural Services

(Note: these are significant Activity Management Plans and will be the basis for the LTP 2012 – 2022. They need to be studied for likely submissions in the LTP process.)

4.2 Engineering Services (27 October 2011)

- Rivers:
 - o indiscriminate dumping of rubbish in the Lower Motueka riverbed continues to be a growing problem.
 - o Rivercare Group to meet in November 2011
- Turner’s Bluff Realignment:
 - o The contract for the work has been awarded and is due to be completed by 31 March 2012. It involves the domestic watermains, phone and power relocations.
- Wharf Road:
 - o Good progress with the rock revetment and reclamation work. The gravel path should be completed before Christmas. Plantings on the slope and other sections to happen over the coming year.
- Inlet Road, Kaiteriteri
 - o Parking improvements programmed to provide extra parks (80) and more orderly parking.
- Footpaths:
 - o The Brooklyn path and the Kaiteriteri paths (along Martin Farm Road and to Rowling Road) are scheduled for 2012.
- Jakkett Island
 - o Interim work has been completed. A resource consent to remove the groyne is underway with the expectation that the groyne be removed in mid-2012.
- Watewater pipe renewals:
 - o Progressing well

- Treatment Plant discharge
 - o Now compliant
 - Mariri Resource Recovery Centre;
 - o Drainage works complete, hopefully resolving the leachate issues. Major work to be tendered in November, including a recycling dropoff area which will separate the recycling and refuse sections. This should improve the “waste diversion” and improved safety for those using the area.
 - Great Taste Cycle Trail:
 - o The future stage (Mapua to Motueka) to be included in the Long Term Plan and will proceed once that Plan is approved.
- (Note: The Council is currently discussing the Lower Motueka River Flood Protection (Stopbanks) options and the various funding choices. A draft decision for the Long Term Plan is expected for 8 December 2011 meeting.

4.3 Council (29 September 2011)

- Approved the extension plans for the Richmond Office building and the tender of almost \$2 million for the project.

4.4 Environment and Planning Committee (6 October 2011)

- A major review of the Council’s Rural Subdivision and Land Use policies was agreed. The review’s scope to include:
 - o Protecting and providing for productive opportunity
 - o Provide for rural living and rural business opportunities;
 - o Develop a landuse monitoring system and an information base
 - o A review of the rural zones and their provisions.
- The review is planned for completion by mid 2014.
- A preliminary assessment of the liquefaction hazard in Tasman noted that the “coastal margins of Motueka and Riwaka” were vulnerable. Offsetting the hazard is that the main fault lines run along the Richmond Ranges – 35 km distance. The report noted that all new developments and upgrades of existing developments consider the potential for seismic liquefaction damage.
- Tasman-Nelson Environment Awards to be held on 17 November 2011 (Theatre Royal, Nelson). Guest speaker to be Gillian Wratt (CEO, Cawthron Institute).
- The Committee endorsed the following Activity Management Plans:
 - o Environmental Management
 - o Public Health and Safety

5. Reports for your Information (available at the meeting)

- Motueka Water Supply Subsidy (report by Jeff Cuthbertson, 27 October 2011)
- Tapu Bay Sand Renourishment (report by Stephen Richards and Eric Verstappen, 20 October 2011)
- Community Services Activity Management Plans (4 – Lloyd Kennedy, 20 October 2011)
- Environment and Planning Activity Management Plans (2 – Dennis Bush-King, 20 October 2011)
- NZTA/TDC Liaison Meeting Minutes (16 September 2011)
- Inlet Road, Kaiteriteri – Parking Upgrade
- High Street and Lowe Street – Wastewater Renewal

6. Projects/Notes

- Wastewater Pipe renewals along High Street, from Monahan Street north to Lowe Street (continuing). Also Boyce Street/York Street area.
- New STOP sign at Aerodrome corner, pedestrian crossings repainted;
- Road repairs along Waiwhero Road;
- Heavy rain (125mm 1 – 3 October 2011) caused some local stormwater concerns:
 - o River flows at Woodman's 390.09 cusecs (887.1 = annual)
 - o River flows at Woodstock 317.59 cusecs (966.0 = annual)
- Fanzone at the Recreation Centre for the Rugby World Cup was well attended, especially for the All Blacks' games against Australia and France.
- Wharf Road walkway progressing, to be completed by Christmas.
- Brooklyn Valley Road – drainage culvert.

7. NZTA/TDC State Highway Liaison Meeting

The next Liaison meeting is scheduled for 19 December 2011. The proper process for agenda items is via the Ward Councillors and then reviewed by Cr Norriss and Mr Kargar (NZTA). (Letter of August 2010 is appended.)

The high priority recommendations of the Motueka Transportation Study have not been implemented, particularly the traffic signals and round-a-bout issues.

A report that was presented to the September Board's meeting highlights these matters:

- 1. Traffic signals at the Pah Street, Greenwood Street intersection with High Street**

This is the highest priority for Motueka residents, many of whom avoid the intersection particularly during the October-March period.

Parklands Primary School, Laura Ingram Kindergarten, Senior Citizen's Association, Senior Net, Motueka Library, Toy Library, Memorial Hall, Memorial Park (football, cricket, tennis, bowls) – all are situated from Pah Street to be accessed by 50% of Motueka's population (8,000) from Motueka East.

There was a tentative promise arising from the Motueka Transportation Study in 2009-2010 that traffic signals would be installed for Christmas 2011. For all segments of our population, young – middle-aged – and old, this is an urgent safety requirement.

2. Roundabouts

- a) High Street South – the plantings in this roundabout require attention – pruning, weeding etc (are plantings similar to those at Three Brother's Corner possible?)
- b) Clock Tower Corner (Old Wharf Road and King Edward Street intersection with High Street). A roundabout at this difficult intersection would give drivers more security and certainty – this was recommended in the Transportation Study. A roundabout similar to the one at Salisbury Road/Queen Street/Oxford Street in Richmond could be appropriate and successful at this corner.
- c) Woodlands Avenue and Whakarewa Street intersection with High Street. Another difficult intersection requiring a "small" roundabout – recommended in the Transportation Study.

Recommendation:

That the Motueka Community Board request the Ward Councillors to place these items on the 19 December 2011 agenda, subject to review by Cr T E Norriss and Mr M Kargar.

8. Central High Street – Accessibility Matters

Some "accessibility" concerns have been mentioned recently, particularly relating to tables/chairs and the various notice boards on the footpaths outside shops. These can constitute obstacles for people on crutches, mobile scooters etc.

It is impractical to request their total removal, but can we ask that they be placed on the path, nearest to the shop frontages, so that at least there is obstacle-free space on the street/kerb side. This would apply on both sides of High Street (from Poole Street to Woodlands Avenue/Whakarewa Street) and on the side streets: Pah, Greenwood, Wallace and Tudor.

Recommendation

That the Motueka Community Board:

- a) requests Our Town Motueka to ask all CBD retailers and offices to adopt the procedure suggested above, as a voluntary gesture;
- b) ask the Engineering Services, Tasman District Council, whether a bylaw for Motueka and Richmond would be helpful in requiring the relocation of the “obstacles” and improving the accessibility along the two towns’ CBDs.

9. Petition: Large Trucks on High Street, Motueka

A petition (signed by 50 people) has been passed to me: “for the Community Board to follow up”.

The petition reads:

“Please divert large trucks from High Street to an alternative route to get through town, with the exception of service vehicles for the retailers.

The Minister of Transport has also advised that a plan for revised traffic control on the High Street/Pah Street/Greenwood Street intersection will be reconsidered in the 2012 – 2015 years programme.”

The petition raises many questions – why – how – where – when. Many of the suggested answers are long term and expensive.

The issue raises the basic question of High Street conflict – State Highway versus Main Street. It also raises the question as to what importance is State High traffic (ie through traffic) to our retailers.

10. Pedestrian Crossings

Over recent years there have been requests for additional pedestrian crossings in Motueka:

- a) from New World/Taylor Arcade to the Warehouse (High Street);
- b) from Top of the Town to Motueka RSA (High Street);
- c) Greenwood Street kindergarten to 50Greenwood Street (Greenwood Street);

Note: A safety zone (traffic island) may be needed for each of the High Street crossings, similar to the existing situation at Motueka South School.

Additionally, there have been requests to relocate the Greenwood Street and Wallace Street crossings, so that each is moved five metres further eastwards. This is to accommodate a “safety space” for at least one vehicle turning from High Street prior to the pedestrian crossing. At present, a right-turning vehicle is prevented sometimes from completing a turn because of people on the pedestrian crossing. This can put the pedestrians at risk, and also hold up south-bound traffic along High Street. The situation at Greenwood Street may be the more urgent given the traffic flow issues at that intersection, but there can be dangers to pedestrians at the Wallace Street crossing as well. It may be opportune to relocate the Wallace Street pedestrian crossing at the same time as the erection of the Kaka Beak sculpture, which is scheduled before Christmas 2011.

11. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair’s Report (RMCB11-11-02).

Meetings and Activities : October 2011

October	
3	Our Town Motueka monthly meeting. Specific committees set up
4	Heavy rain (1 – 3 October – over 125mm) with some stormwater ponding problems.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Kathy Tohill-Curnow (Horticultural Officer) for monthly tour. Refer main report. - Met with Dave LeLong (Residents' Association) re the gravel pit/backfill concerns - Met Mark Wentworth re particular areas where security cameras would be helpful (liaise with Police)
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environment and Planning Committee meeting – a review of Council's Rural Policies begun; liquefaction concerns; Biosecurity and Pest Management; Environment Education. Presentation by Fonterra representatives. - Monthly meeting with Mayor Kempthorne – flood protection, water reticulation, playground equipment. - Congratulated Paul Sangster on his election success – well done, Paul!
10	Motueka District Museum Trust Board monthly meeting.
11	Motueka Community Board meeting
12	Inspected the gravel pits of Terry Johnston (64 Douglas Road) and of CJ Industries (river berm, Douglas Road) with Fred te Miha (representative of Ngati Tama iwi and Tiakina te Taiao as kaitiaki). Met Terry Johnston on site and spoke with Des Corrie-Johnston and Rod Markham (CJ Industries) at their Hau Road business.
13	Community Board workshop on the Long Term Plan
16	Visited Motueka Fanzone up to game start.
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abbeyfield Motueka Management Committee meeting - Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee meeting. Progress on Wharf Road walkway
18	Tasman Bay Promotions Association monthly meeting. Tourist numbers are up.
19	Motueka Community House AGM. Ron Sharp steps down as Chair, Barry Simkin elected as new Chair. (A Community Board representative on this committee could be a useful link).
20	Attended Community Services Committee; some Motueka projects highlighted (see main report).
21	Met Des Corrie-Johnston on site at the Douglas Road gravel pit.
23	Rugby World Cup Final – 8-7 win – phew! Nail-biting, but well-deserved.

26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tasman Bay Promotions Association. Special meeting to consider interior design upgrade- Our Town Motueka subcommittee on street design, landscaping et.- Attended Tasman Area Community Association monthly meeting.
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