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Report to: Motueka Community Board
Meeting Date: 13 December 2011
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Subject: **Community Board Chair's Report (RMCB11-12-02)**

1. Summary

November has been a “mixture” of busy and quiet, of positives and negatives, of successes and failures, and of rewards and failures. Overall, probably a typical month – but it has been surprising how one “high” has been followed quickly by a “low”.

2. Motueka Arts Council : Environment Award : Community Groups

The award won by the Motueka Arts Council at Nelson’s Theatre Royal was an exciting occasion. The judge in his presentation clearly recognised the unique situation both of the Godwits flight to Motueka from Alaskan shores, but remarkably of an Arts Council transforming an environmental event into an artistic community celebration.

Shirley Frater, Pauline Samways and Eileen Stewart attended the Awards ceremony with Shirley giving a very good “thank you” address.

Congratulations Motueka Arts Council – the Godwits welcome weekend was well-organised, excellent displays, with wide public support – a deserved winner.

3. Traffic Signals at the Pah Street/Greenwood Street/High Street Intersection

The letter from NZTA’s Michael Kargar was very disappointing. This is an outright decline of a request that has been repeatedly made over many years. Reasons for declining the application in the past have varied from lack of funding, low volume of traffic, effects of traffic flow along a state highway, etc.

The Motueka Transportation Study of 2009 – 2011 conducted by MWH for NZTA and TDC recommended traffic signals and now this comprehensive and consultative study is being ignored.

That corner is undoubtedly a very dangerous intersection. The fact of few accidents is a credit to pedestrians and drivers. The level of goodwill is high and so is the level of skill.

In recent months I have monitored activity there on a Friday afternoon from 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm. There have been some hair-raising incidents. Vehicles turning right from Pah Street or from Greenwood Street have taken considerable risk. Pedestrians crossing at Greenwood Street have had to duck and/or run. Parklands School children usually have a teacher controlling them and all drivers are particularly watchful of them. Pedestrians who cross at Pah Street have a central “safety zone” for their security. But, for all these people there is an increased risk, which traffic signals would mitigate.

The decision by NZTA, on the advice of their consultants, is frustrating and worrying. A death, or serious injury, at this intersection is very likely. The risk is really quite frightening.

Probably this report will be called alarmist or scare-mongering, but I believe the message is crystal clear. It was supplied by the very recent Motueka Transportation Study and that has been endorsed by the residents of Motueka and by the Motueka Community Board.

Traffic signals at that intersection are urgent.
How do we get the message through?

4. Motueka High School : Community Issues

Attached to this report is the recently conducted High School survey of 331 people, (98% Motueka residents). The survey asked respondents to identify the strengths of Motueka living and also what issues needed improvement.

The friendliness of Motueka people and a strong sense of community, caring and safe community were highlighted.

More employment opportunities, more facilities for youth, improved cycle, walkways, roads and footpaths were some of those matters considered as negatives.

An indoor swimming pool was high on the list of requirements, and a “drop-in” centre for youth over weekend and holiday periods featured. Improved shopping (a mall) and a heavy traffic bypass were mentioned.

Rev Peter Norman initiated the survey (with Bruce Reid’s Community Issues class) and the results are to be analysed with the Department of Internal Affairs to progress

various items. The Community Board will play a “watching” role, although with the Long Term Plan submissions looming, it will be worthwhile to promote ideas and issues.

Overall, the community survey was very interesting.

5. Activity Management Plans

The following are available:

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| 1. Parks and Reserves | 8. Wastewater |
| 2. Library Services | 9. Rivers |
| 3. Community Recreation, Grants and Cultural Services | 10. Environmental Management |
| 4. Public Health and Safety | 11. Community Facilities |
| 5. Aerodromes | 12. Coastal Structures |
| 6. Property | 13. Water Supply |
| 7. Transportation | 14. Stormwater |
| | 15. Solid Waste |

These are important planning documents for the Long Term Plan and the Motueka aspects need to be studied. Each Board Member could review between 2 – 4 and report to our February 2012 meeting – your response please.

6. Special Projects

Following last month’s resolution, the recommendations are:

1. \$12,000 be allocated to the footpath project from Whakarewa Street to Pah Street on the eastern side of Queen Victoria Street. (The Engineering Services have indicated that the Departmental budget will pay the difference, including a timber border).
2. a) \$12,000 be allocated to constructing a gravel path along Staples Street from Thorp Street to connect with the shared path in High Street. (This is approximately 750 – 800 metres long); or
b) Widen and seal the pathway along Pah Street from the Te Awhina Marae eastwards (approx. 400 metres); or
c) Widen the pathway along High St South from approximately No 547 to the round-a-bout (approx. 450 metres).

Note:- Any moneys not spent could be held for a future low-cost project.

7. Motueka Airport : Financial Statements to 30 September 2011

The Airport financial statements (1st quarter and the 2011 – 2012 budget) raise questions:

1. Income
 - a. Landing fees seem low, given the aircraft activity overhead in Motueka. (who monitors these?)
 - b. Rentals – are the rents set professionally by a valuation? When are they reviewed?
 - c. General rates. It is disappointing that there still requires some rates income to balance the books, although the annual amount is low. The objective must be a nil from the ratepayer.
2. Expenditure
 - a. Management fee of \$7,583 for the 3-month period seems very high. What does this involve?
 - b. Maintenance at \$8,976. What does this include?
 - c. General operating expenses at \$8,237. What does this include? (Adding these two costs totals \$17,213, and appears high, just for a 3-month period).
 - d. Depreciation of \$7,490. What is being depreciated? (buildings, tarmac, fencing, car parking?) is this amount transferred into a “cash” account? The annual depreciation is budgeted at 1.53% of the fixed and infrastructural assets. How is this being accounted?
3. Balance Sheet
 - a. When is the loan due to be paid?
 - b. Is there any cash in the assets?
 - c. Detail the valuations of 2005 – 2008 – 2011 to show the increased values.
4. General
 - a. In the 2011 – 2012 Annual Plan a sum of \$15,000 was provided for a Management Review. What form will this take – is there opportunity for Community Board input and community consultation?
 - b. An upgrade of the grass runway was planned for 2011 – 2012. This was deferred – when is it likely to take place?
 - c. Has the Motueka Aerodrome Development Plan been completed? Are there asset management plans and activity management plans available?
 - d. When was the last meeting of the Operations and Safety Committee for the Motueka Airport? Are there agendas/minutes for these meetings?
 - e. Are there other user groups meetings for the airport, and if so, what are their status and procedure?

Comment

1. Noise levels overhead generate complaints from some Motueka residents (eg Thursday 24 November 2011 – helicopter noise). Are there TDC or CAA noise regulations, and if not, should there be?
2. Is the time opportune to reinstate a Motueka-based Governance committee which would meet two or three monthly and report to the TDC. (Two Ward Councillors, one Community Board member, manager, two representatives of the airport users, and secretary).
3. Could a Motueka resident manage the Airport? Establish a contract with objectives, performance requirements etc and apply for interested people. Initially, there would be a 12-month contract – cost \$10,000 to \$15,000, requiring a maximum of 4 hours weekly?? (Who manages Takaka Aerodrome?)

Suggested Recommendation:

That the Motueka Community Board request a report on the items specified from the Airport Manager. Such Report to be made to the Community Board for its meeting on 13 March 2012.

8. Cycleways, Cycle Lanes; Walking/cycling shared paths
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1. Cycleways
 - a. The existing cycleways are as follows:
 - i. Lower Moutere from the Riverside Community, along the Lower Moutere Highway to Wildman’s Road and partly along Wildman’s Road. Also, along Queen Victoria Street to No 141.
 - ii. Brooklyn from Umukuri Road to Brooklyn School.
 - iii. SH 60 from No 1 High Street along SH 60, over the Motueka River Bridge, along Lodder Lane to School Road and then to Riwaka School.
2. Cycle lanes
 - a. There are no cycle lanes on any Motueka streets/roads (refer Section 4 of this report for streets which may qualify for a cycle lane).
3. Shared Pathways
 - a. The cycle ways listed above are also “shared pathways”.
 - b. Inlet Estuary, outer Estuary, Wharf Road, Motueka Quay, Raumanukas, Harbour Road, Thorp’s Bush – Woodlands Canal have been constructed and maintained by Keep Motueka Beautiful Inc in collaboration with the Council. They are valued by walkers and cyclists as recreational pathways, constructed of gravel and crusher dust and usually less than 1.5 metres wide.

4. Streets where cycle lanes could be road-marked
 This would assist in achieving the general objectives of the Tasman Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Cycling Strategy.

1 High Street to Woodlands Avenue	13.2 metres wide
Woodlands Avenue to Monahan Street	9.0 metres wide
Monahan Street to Clock Tower Corner	12.4 metres wide
Clock Tower Corner to round-a-bout	13.2 metres wide
Old Wharf Road	13.0 metres wide
King Edward Street	10.2 metres wide
Whakarewa Street (east of Grey Street)	11.2 metres wide
Grey Street	12.0 metres wide
Pah Street	13.0 metres wide
Fearon Street	10.4 metres wide
Saxon Street	10.8 metres wide
Greenwood Street	12.0 metres wide
Wilkinson Street	10.2 metres wide
Tudor Street	9.5 metres wide
Thorp Street	9.7 metres wide
Atkins Street	8.4 metres wide
Wilkie Street	8.8 metres wide
Fry Street	10.6 metres wide
Parker Street	7.7 metres wide

The ideal roadway provides for each side: carparking (2m), cycle lane (1.5m), vehicles (2.5m), ie 6 metres each side, a road width of 12 metres.

There is potential for a lesser width requirement by removing one car parking width and reducing the cycle lanes to one metre. This requires a road width of 9 metres.

The measurements shown demonstrate that the streets accessing Parklands School and Motueka High School meet the 12 metre criteria: Pah Street, Grey Street and Whakarewa Street.

Providing a sequence of other cycle lanes would require the Council to exercise its discretion re the parking lane.

This would allow all those streets named to the east of High Street to be given cycle lanes. There is limited opportunity on the other streets west of High Street.

Recommendation:

THAT the Motueka Community Board:

- a) Refer this report to the Engineering Services Department for their consideration and action;**
- b) Request that cycle lanes be road-marked along Pah Street, Grey Street and Whakarewa Street as indicated by 30 June 2012;**
- c) Request that all other streets with width greater than 9 metres be considered for cycle lanes in the 2012 – 2013 year;**
- d) Request funding be provided from the Minor Safety Projects fund.**

9. Council and Council Committee Notes

9.1 Tasman District Revaluation (effective date 1 September 2011)

Representatives from Quotable Value NZ made a presentation to the Corporate Services Committee, concentrating on changes in capital values and land values since the September 2008 valuation:

District	(a) Capital Value change +0.6%
(Residential)	(b) Land Value change -1.8%
Motueka	(a) Capital value change +2.0%
(Residential)	(b) Land Value change Nil
District	(a) Capital Value change -5.0%
(Rural)	(b) Land Value change -5.0%
District	(a) Capital Value change -5.4%
(Lifestyle)	(b) Land Value change -8.9%

Notices to property owners will be posted from 9 December 2011 and objection period closes 27 January 2012.

The new valuations will be used for rating purposes from 1 July 2012.

9.2 Corporate Services Committee (10 November 2011)

The Chair, Deputy Mayor Tim King, commented on the financial challenges that the Council is facing in preparation of the Long Term Plan. He highlighted likely impacts on the capital programme, the roading budget (affected by NZTA deciding not to fund inflation), and possible on other operations and maintenance programmes – as a consequence of the national economic situation reflecting locally on ratepayers' incomes. "Unpalatable as it may be, levels of service may have to be

reviewed in order to keep the impact on ratepayers to an acceptable level” – Cr Tim King.

Council’s debt at 30 September 2011 was \$131.7 million, with an average interest rate of 5.39%. The debt is forecast to be \$153m by 30 June 2012.

Port Nelson Ltd’s Statement of Corporate Intent (2011 – 2012) was approved.

Council “investments” (disaster funds, self-insurance funds etc) total \$4.68 million with an average interest rate of 3.74%.

The Committee deferred finalising Council’s LTP Vision and Community Outcomes until a subcommittee had reported.

Peter Darlington, Information Services Manager, reported on progress with Broadband rollout, GIS/Explore Tasman 2, Citrix system upgrade and the Asset Management services (Confirm).

The Activity Management Plans (Property and Engineering) were endorsed, ready for audit by Audit NZ.

9.3 Council Meeting (3 November 2011)

The LTP is likely to be released for public submissions in February 2012. The delay results from the need to balance the various projects across departments, relate these to funding/accounting principles, and to provide the opportunity for the Council to establish priorities.

The Acting CEO has been asked to report on dis-establishing the Enterprises Subcommittee and transfer its functions and powers to the Corporate Services Committee.

9.4 Engineering Services Committee (27 October 2011)

The minutes contained details of the Transportation Budget’s under-expenditure values for the 2010 – 2011 year, to be carried forward into the current 2011 – 2012 year:

	Under-spend \$	Budget \$
Minor Road Safety Improvements	148,486	-913,760
New footpaths	71,564	-106,514
District Kerb and Channel	14,236	-76,690
Cycle Facilities	109,691	-237,111

These were of particular Motueka interest (especially the footpath item, as both the Brooklyn path and the Kaiteriteri path were high priority and deferred until 2012 – 2013? Similarly with the Minor Road Safety item. This category covers various areas

including signage, road markings, street lighting, intersection layouts, street alignments etc.

The annual budget for Minor Road Safety is approximately \$1 million, and it is useful for the Community Board to submit items for inclusion.

9.5 Environment and Planning Committee (23 November 2011)

Annual Compliance Monitoring Report for 2010 – 2011 was presented including wastewater treatment plant, Mariri Transfer Station, Prime Pine, Talleys – generally with very good compliance.

Greenwood Kindergarten has achieved Enviroschool's Silver Level.

A variation to the TRMP to co-ordinate Council's regulations with the Central Government's 2010 regulations for the Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes, is to be prepared for the public consultation process.

10. Council Projects : November 2011

Wastewater pipe renewals along High Street (Lowe Street and Wratt Sstreet) and also along Moffatt Street continue.

Motueka Quay landscaping/car parking work begins.

Turners Bluff project (Riwaka to Kaiteriteri Road) begins with a completion date of 31 March 2012.

Memorial Park gates repainted.

High Street marking of individual car parks.

Tudor Street (outside Nos 51 and 52) repaired.

New computer system for the District Libraries established.

Thorp's Bush direction signs erected.

Building Consent Officers attending the Motueka office on alternate Thursdays.

11. River Flows

The Motueka River catchments suffered a period of heavy rainfall during Sunday and Monday (20 and 21 November 2011). The river levels flashed up, as the flow levels demonstrate, but did not reach the “Annual Flood Level”.

	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Annual Flood Level
Woodstock	24.25 cusecs 20 November 2011	643.25 cusecs 21 November 2011	966.0 cusecs
Woodmans Bend	33.32 cusecs 20 November 2011	708.14 cusecs 21 November 2011	887.0 cusecs

12. Meeting with Kathy Tohill-Curnow

Our local tour included the Lt Tarrant Memorial at the Historic Wharf, the new directional signs at Thorp’s Bush, Wharf Road walkway and the High Street South round-a-bout.

High Street matters discussed covered possible plantings between Staples Street and Fearon Street, weeds along High Street and maintenance of the High Street trees including the maples at the Museum.

It is pleasing to note the work that has been completed in recent months and the high standard of the gardens (Pethybridge, Wallace Street, Memorial Park) in central Motueka. Favourable comments from visitors are not unusual.

The recreational areas at the Recreation Centre, Goodman Park, Sanctuary Gardens, BMX track, skateboard, are well used.

Memorial Park and Deck’s Reserve present very well, particularly Memorial Park with its mature trees, open space and sports facilities.

Council staff, the Sicon contractors and volunteers need our congratulations for the efforts they make in contributing to the way the town looks at present.

13. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair’s Report (RMCB11-12-02).

Meetings and Activities : November 2011

November	
3	Attended Council meeting
4	Inspected street sweeping job of Central Suction Cleaners. Reasonable job considering rain and strong winds
7	Attended Senior Net AGM. New President is Maureen Hutton, Vice-President is Colin Hooker. Senior Net membership 300.
	Met with Cr Wilkins, Fred te Miha (Director of Tiakina te Taiao), Dave Le Long (Residents' Association convenor), Arthur Walker (Residents' Association) and Warren Galbraith (TDC Compliance Officer) over the concerns for the "backfill" of the gravel extraction resource consents in Douglas Road.
	Attended Our Town Motueka monthly meeting.
8	Inspected with Cr Wilkins and Warren Galbraith, the CJ Industries and the T Johnston gravel pits. Further information may be forthcoming. Both its acceptable and no evidence of contamination.
	Attended Tasman Bays Promotions Association monthly meeting (late). Tourist numbers remain high.
	Motueka Community Board meeting.
	Attended the Nelson Marlborough Conservation Management Strategy presentation by DOC. Approximately 20 "stakeholders" present.
10	Attended Council's Corporate Services Committee meeting.
11	Attended the Motueka Memorial RSA service to commemorate the signing of the armistice for the first World War in November 1918.
12	Attended the Motueka Tennis Club's Centennial Dinner at the Memorial Hall.
14	Motueka District Museum Trust Board monthly meeting.
17	Nelson Tasman Environment Awards at Theatre Royal, Nelson. The Community Groups award won by the Motueka Arts Council for its "Welcome to the Godwits" weekend. Shirley Frater, Eileen Stewart and Pauline Samways received the award – very exciting!
	Tasman Bays "Speed Meet" at the Top Ten Conference Centre.
21	Heavy rain in the western hills (esp Baton, Pearse, Graham, Pokororo) raised Motueka River levels almost to an "annual river flood" level.
22	Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee monthly meeting.
23	Attended the funeral service for Harry Holmwood, a former Golden Bay County Councillor and Golden Bay Community Board Member, in Pohara.
24	Attended Mr Bruce Reid's Community Issues class at Motueka High School, to receive results of the class survey of Motueka issues.
27	"Best Town in NZ 2010" function at the Sprig & Fern. Presentation of the sign (to be placed in the Museum frontage) and brief formalities by Cr

	Wilkins, Bob Cooke and myself.
28	Motueka District Museum Volunteers Christmas lunch.
30	Met KathyTohill-Curnow for the Reserves and Gardens inspection.
	Attended Tasman Area Community Association monthly meeting.