

Report to Motueka Community Board : 12 February 2008

1. Resource Management Strategy For Motueka West

Following the presentation by Rose Biss, I drafted a report and schedule for her consideration. (It is included in Outward Correspondence). She phoned her support for the report and accepted the schedule was manageable. We will have progress statements prior to June 2008 when a discussion document will be available for public comment.

I had earlier e-mailed the Council's Policy Manager (Steve Markham) suggesting two areas in the TRMP for a Variation to align Motueka with Richmond (also in Outward Correspondence). This was a result of a meeting we had prior to Christmas on various Resource Management issues for Motueka. I offered to be involved in the Intensification / Housing Density issue with Nelson City.

At Thursday's Environment and Planning Meeting (31 January 2008) both Tara and I spoke for Motueka to be included in the Nelson – Richmond Intensification Programme but the request was declined by the Council, a most disappointing result, despite the planning managers noting the merits of our arguments.

The project has strong relevance for Motueka, particularly for the Motueka West strategy, and we will endeavour to keep in touch with Rose Biss over the project's programme and any resolutions. It would, however, have been satisfying to have been an active participant in the project.

2. Greenwood Street Kindergarten Pedestrian Crossing

The Council's letter rejecting a crossing at the kindergarten is also disappointing, although not surprising given the restrictive criteria for a warrant.

300 vehicles per hour is a rigorous requirement (ie 5 vehicles per minute); not to mention at least 150 pedestrians to pass that point in an hour.

I readily acknowledge the Council's assistance with signs, bulbous kerbs, and no parking lines – all of which will help mitigate the risk. A pedestrian crossing would have given extra protection (and the Council's responsibilities satisfied) for the kindergarten children who are lively, quick and unaware of danger and therefore highly vulnerable.

Is not the safety of these children paramount, and beyond pedestrian crossing warrant criteria and Land Transport NZ requirements?

Recommendation: The Motueka Community Board request Council to have the word SLOW painted either side of the bulbous kerbs.

3. Community Meetings

A number of Community Groups have restarted after the holidays. I've attended the Pool Committee and Our Town Motueka this week – both with "follow-ups". The proposed

merger of Tasman Bay Promotions and Our Town Motueka is being fully canvassed with an important discussion/debate set for 21 February 2008 at Community House.

4. Community Projects / Activities

- ◆ Well done to all involved in the Crusaders – Hurricanes Rugby match.
- ◆ Considerable progress on the Lodder Lane wastewater pipe.
- ◆ Met Steve Elkington, Barry Dowler, Richard Brown, Andrew Horrocks at the Marae re: the footpath along Pah Street; also Brian Bird at Poole Street West.
- ◆ Phone call from Fabian Marsh (Transit NZ) re Riwaka cycleway not in the Council's Cycling Strategy, but pointing out that traffic speed restrictions would be implemented soon.
- ◆ No response to the \$71 Water Rate letter; nor from the Property Manager re: North / Everett Street matters.

5. Induction – Orientation; Delegations; Motueka Office

You will have received dates for the Orientation afternoon (10 March 2008) at Richmond and the Community Board's delegations meeting (17 March 2008).

There have been initial meetings regarding the future of the Council Office in Motueka and the Motueka Information Centre office. An update may be possible at the monthly meeting.

6. Strategies!

The next 4 – 5 months are critical in developing the Council's (and therefore the Motueka Community Board's) plans and projects for the next 2 – 3 years. It will be a very busy period, but important for debating and deciding a number of local issues. Our defined role to advocate for the interests of the Motueka community will be highlighted.

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