

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 30 June 2008
SUBJECT: Report to meeting of 8 July 2008

1 Transportation

a) Projects in Motueka

It's pleasing to note the various projects currently underway in and around the town. Footpathing in Pah Street and Whakarewa Street, kerb and channel improvements at the intersections of Queen Victoria Street with King Edward Street and also Whakarewa Street; carriageway and drainage and kerb improvements along King Edward Street and also High Street/SH 60; cycle lane/footpath in Wildman Road and along Queen Victoria Street towards Lower Moutere.

These are part of the projects outlined for 2007/2008 and we can look forward to a continuation in this new financial year.

b) Inspections

Steve Elkington, Roading Engineer, had an inspection recently and noted a number of possible improvements. (The itinerary I prepared and the report are in the information pack). One of the more urgent needs is to mark cycle lanes: we discussed High Street (between Whakarewa Street and King Edward Street), Grey Street and Pah Street, Thorp Street – in all cases some road markings would probably be suitable. We have cycle lanes in Riwaka and Lower Moutere, and the need in Motueka township is similar. (See letter/e-mail from Ross Maley).

It is disappointing that the Manoy – Talbot Street link and the Riwaka – Kaiteriteri upgrade have not been prioritised in this year's annual plan – unless I have missed something.

c) Transit Meeting

The meeting with Transit (Jack Hansby), Opus (Royce Greaves), Tasman District Council (Roger Ashworth) on 16 June 2008 was encouraging. Transit is aware of the various concerns relevant to SH 60 and High Street although solutions are not easy or forthcoming. The proposed Transportation Study may help; although there are projects (eg High Street carriageway improvements) which will be contracted out in the next few months).

d) Regional Cycling and Walking Strategy Review

The report in the Engineering Services Committee meeting on the review does not indicate much public consultation. The Council's "brief" is limited; there has been no response from Opus (Peter Kortegast) to our letter dated 26 May 2008.

The International Charter for Walking is an interesting document. The Committee received the Charter and will consider becoming a signatory as part of the Cycling and Walking Strategy review.

It is opportune to quote from page 37 of the 2008/2009 draft Annual Plan: *"Council will encourage further development of ...facilities for cycling and walking, particularly within urban centres. ...Council manages the transport services to a level that satisfies the community. The community will have sufficient opportunity to provide input on strategic plans for transportation."*

2 Festival of Lights (4 – 13 July 2008)

The programme for this has been finalised and it offers to be a successful ten days. Last year the lights were great but the weather was awful – let's hope we can get some typical clear, calm Motueka days and nights this year. It is a keen and enthusiastic Committee with excellent support from the community – there are a lot more lights this year with the fireworks display on the last Friday (11 July 2008).

3 Reserves DILs

There has been a balance sheet change (\$50,000) to the DILs as per the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

The only criticism received has been that more playground equipment is desired as a higher priority to the Tea House. (I expect the Tea House is too far provided for). Next year, the DILs programme could be considered with better consultation and consideration of priorities.

How much money from Fearon Bush goes into our DILs?

4 Riverworks – Flood Control Proposals

MWH NZ Ltd were awarded this contract and the proposals/recommendations are of considerable interest. It is one of the major priorities for our residents. MWH NZ Ltd's scientific and technical analysis of the river, stopbanks, and secondary channels will be important in so many ways.

In recent years the rivers rate raised in Motueka has been only partly spent on local rivers and streams, leaving some spots particularly vulnerable for lack of maintenance (especially the Lower Motueka). Other rivers in the District have benefited from the Motueka ratepayer.

5 Targeted Rate and Budget

The Council approved a special rate of \$12.50 for Motueka. There were 850 submissions against the rate (including organisations like Grey Power with 1,500 members) and only 12 in favour.

I was hopeful that the Council would reject this rate and am disappointed and disillusioned that it didn't.

6 Community Bus

By the August 2008 Motueka Community Board meeting, we should have established partnerships with transport providers, potential users and supportive organisations and be moving towards confirming routes for a trial local public transport project.

7 Burn-offs

Following from last month's discussion about concerns over orchard and forestry burn-offs, it is suggested that the Board initiate dialogue with Conservation Corps, Corrections Department, Whenua iti, etc as well as orchardists, forest owners and social service organisations to work out a way that the wood currently being burned on site can be used as firewood for low income residents of the Motueka Ward.

8 Absence 11 July 2008 to 25 July 2008

I will be in Australia for two weeks from Friday 11 July 2008. If I **need** to be contacted, my programme is with Berny Wallace at our Ray White office. Duncan will be equally adept at handling the correspondence and answering the various concerns which arise.

We will give the people of Motueka very good value for their \$12.50 rate.

David Ogilvie
Chair

Summary of Meetings – June 2008

Date	Meeting
2 June	Keep Motueka Beautiful. Planting of 400 – 500 shrubs along the Inlet Walkway. About 20 people for 2 hours of planting.
5 June	Draft Annual Plan hearing by Mayor/Council in St John's Hall. Very good submissions on a wide-range of topics.
9 June	Motueka and District Museum Trust. Liaising with the Arts Council re the location of the marble seat.
9 June	Motueka Cadets. Met with the Area Commander (Guy Bendall) at a social function. Alan Plaisted received his Vietnam veteran award.
10 June	Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.
13 June	Inspection with Steve Elkington of streets in the township.
16 June	Transit (Jack Hansby), Opus (Royce Greaves), Tasman District Council (Roger Ashworth) with Motueka Ward Councillors met the Board over SH 60/High Street issues
16 June	Interview Discretionary Fund applicants
16 June	Festival of Lights Committee meeting
17 June	Tasman Bay Promotions Association meeting
17 June	Our Town Motueka/Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce introduce ACC discussion (BNZ-sponsored).
23 June	Abbeyfield Annual General meeting
23 June	Keep Motueka Beautiful meeting
26 June	Tasman District Council – decide on special rate for the community boards and also decide on the budget for each Board. Attended public forum only and spoke briefly. A Aubrey highlighted a perceived anomaly in having a special rate for the ASB Aquatic Centre. (If this rate is removed, it will have helpful impacts for our Motueka Swimming Pool project).
26 June	Meeting with the Chief Executive of the Charities Commission (Trevor Garrett) who outlined the "Charitable Entity" status as very worthy for all charitable groups (ie community, religious, cultural, sporting).
28 June	Motueka Memorial RSA Annual General Meeting
30 June	Fresh FM Radio programme on Tasman District Council's 2008/2009 Annual Plan.
30 June	Festival of Lights meeting. Programme finalised (including fireworks) for 4 July to 13 July 2008.