

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 31 October 2008

SUBJECT: Report to meeting of 11 November 2008

1 Projects

The various Engineering projects – King Edward Street kerb and channel, Lower Moutere cycleway, Woodlands Avenue – Whakarewa Street water main – are nearing completion. These were essentially 2007/2008 works, budgeted and planned for completion by 1 July 2008.

Progress has been hampered chiefly by poor weather, but it is time now to look forward to the next stage of planning, tenders and workings.

2 Community Meetings

It has been another busy month for community associations in Motueka. Our Town Motueka has a heavy schedule ahead with the Christmas parade and the accompanying festivities.

I spent part of Labour Weekend (Sunday) at Kaiteriteri and there was hardly a car park available. It was a beautifully fine, sunny and calm day and everywhere seemed active – boats, playground, camp, restaurant as well as the beach.

Keep Motueka Beautiful is continuing its excellent work in developing and maintaining the estuary walkway. Plans are advanced to continue the walkway from Courtney Street east to Wharf Road and through to Link Park and York Park (off Trewavas Street).

Motueka District Toy Library holds its Garden Trail last weekend (1 and 2 November 2008) and was expected to be a success. This requires a considerable amount of effort by a small Committee and they deserve the rewards they achieve.

Another community group is the Clock Tower Trust which provides funding for the capital cost and the maintenance of the Clock Tower.

These are only a few of the many organisations which maintain the community fabric. So much is done with volunteer effort, time and commitment in community spirit.

3 Community Board responses to Council plans

a) Water Allocation Review

The Board's comments on the review are enclosed in this agenda, principally by asking questions of the policy planners.

Many of these questions arose from the public meetings in Riwaka and Motueka, as well as from informal discussions with residents.

The Motueka meeting had a disappointing attendance (25 – 30), although an afternoon meeting was organised later.

The main concerns involved the threat to private bores, the quantity of water likely to be exported to “water short” zones and the insufficient reservation of water for industry, horticulture and population growth in the wider Motueka area.

The Council’s planners will consider the comments and then present to the Environment and Planning Committee to be “notified”, probably in December 2008.

b) Walking and Cycling Strategy Review

This (also in the agenda) was presented to the Engineering Services Committee on 16 October 2008 and is to be put out for public consultation. The Board has offered to arrange meetings for the Review.

The Community Board has highlighted the need for more cycleways in Motueka (and outside the town area) and provided comprehensive plans to Opus (the Council’s consultants). Details of cycleways (and funding) will be of considerable interest in the draft review.

c) Nelson Tasman Arts Strategy

(Also in the agenda). This draft strategy will be open for public discussion.

d) Central and West Motueka Planning Strategy

The Board is waiting for the Council’s Planner, Rose Biss, to finalise a report for referral to the public for their comments. This was scheduled for October 2008 (deferred from July 2008) but progress has been slow. The Planning staff met with Wakatu Incorporation representatives earlier to discuss elements of the plan. The Board didn’t attend that meeting, but Rose Biss will be available at this meeting for a “confidential” report.

e) Annual Plan 2009 – 2010

There has been reasonable response to our one-page advertisement in the Guardian (22 October 2008) but I consider we will need other discussion methods prior to our submission being finalised by 30 November 2008.

f) Waste Management Plan

The Waste Minimisation Act became law in September 2008, and requires councils to review their current Waste Management Plan.

It seems likely that Nelson and Tasman will develop their plan jointly.

g) Motueka River Stopbanks

I attended a two-hour workshop on the Lower Motueka River Stopbank (16 October 2008), presented by Philip Drummond (TDC) and Ray Firth (MWH NZ Ltd).

Essentially, it was a background report on the various issues and possible solutions available.

It was a comprehensive discussion on standards, stopbank design, secondary flow paths, and of course, funding. Other issues – land purchase, impact on the aquifer, effect on the Motueka Bridge – were canvassed.

Although there were no firm resolutions developed, it is the Council's intention to consult widely on the particular issue. Again, the Board has offered to be an active participant in that consultation.

It is, as with other matters, of crucial concern to Motueka, Brooklyn, and Riwaka residents. I was pleased to be invited and allowed to contribute actively to the discussion. I have difficulty supporting the confidentiality of these workshops, because the more people involved in these preliminary discussions, particularly Motueka, Brooklyn, Riwaka landowners, the greater will be the acceptance of Council's recommendations/decisions at a later date.

4 Funding of Community Boards (Targeted Rate)

The Council resolved not to rescind the special rate at its 30 October 2008 meeting. In a division, only Cr Riley voted in favour to rescind.

I attended the Council meeting and spoke at the public forum, with a report for Mayor and Councillors (CEO's report and my notes included in this agenda).

5 Tourism Nelson Tasman Ltd

Lois Walker and I attended the AGM of Tourism Nelson Tasman Ltd on 30 October 2008 with Tim Cossar, CEO of The Tourism Industry Association of NZ (TIANZ) as guest speaker. He acknowledged the uncertain current economic conditions and emphasised the important role that tourism plays in New Zealand's economy (as it does in our Motueka's district economy).

Investment in infrastructure, improving New Zealand's environmental performance, providing excellent customer service were highlighted as he looked forward 3 to 5 years.

Much of his address applied (on a local scale) to Motueka and Tasman Bay tourism. The Motueka I-site and Information Centre are not part of the Tourism Nelson Tasman Ltd organisation (oversees Nelson, Golden Bay and Murchison centres), although liaison is positive and ongoing.

6 Motueka High School Fundraiser

A planned fundraising concert for Motueka High School has been running into significant regulatory hurdles which have the potential to effect future sports events and other events at Sports Park Motueka. The planned fundraising concern for the school will feature top names such as Nesian Mystik, Aardijah and The Herbs.

David Ogilvie
Chair, Motueka Community Board

Summary of Meetings – October 2008

Date	Meeting
1	Memorial park Sports Pavilion Committee. Upstairs refurbishment almost complete (kitchen, bathrooms, carpets etc).
6	Water Allocation Review. Public meeting in Motueka. Attendance disappointing (approximately 30).
7	Meet the Candidates (Motueka Grey Power organised)
	Inspect Motueka River stopbanks (western side from Bridge to the River mouth) and Lodder Lane walkway/cycleway.
10	Meet Dr Rob Liewering with Evolution 09 (D McLeod, S Cleaver) at Sportspark re the New Year event.
11	Recreation Centre's "Way 2 Go". Approximately 20 groups attended – active in morning, quiet in afternoon.
13	Motueka and District Museum Trust Board monthly meeting.
	Tasman Bays Promotion Association. Meeting rejects the proposed merger with Our Town Motueka, but supports working closer and developing a "Memorandum of Understanding".
14	Motueka Community Board
15	Ruby Bay Bypass: Turning of the first sod ceremony.
16	Engineering Services Committee: Comprehensive two-hour presentation and discussion re Motueka stopbanks. Philip Drummond and Ray Firth (MWH) facilitating.
	Our Town Motueka committee meeting. A busy period in December 2008.
	Clock Tower Trust meeting. Funding in place.
17	Water Allocation Review. Public meeting during the afternoon.
20	Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee. Good progress on various projects.
21	Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board. Attend the public forum to present the Community Board's position on the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri upgrade.
23	Thorp's Bush. Meeting with Roger Gaskell (DOC) and Tony and Beth Bryant re the Indigenous vegetation and plans for protection.
	Our Town Motueka SGM to elect the Executive Committee (Howie Timms as Chairperson).
	Attend opening of Simon and Melissa Floyd's ART Gallery.
30	Council meeting. Attend the public forum to explain the Board's position re the targeted rate following the Local Government Commission's recommendation.
	Nelson Tasman Tourism – Lois Walker and I attended the AGM