

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

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**REFERENCE:** RD3544

**DATE:** 28 January 2008

**SUBJECT:** **RURAL ADDRESSING ROAD NAME CHANGE – MOUTERE HIGHWAY**

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## 1 PURPOSE

To report and recommend on the proposed road name change of Moutere Highway between Edwards Road and Hursthouse Street, at Lower Moutere.

## 2 BACKGROUND

Council initiated rural property numbering in 2004 with Golden Bay being the first ward to be tackled. Since then, the numbering exercise is virtually completed across the district with exception of the Moutere Highway.

## 3 COMMENT

The issue with Moutere Highway is that it has a cluster of houses at Lower Moutere which are currently numbered from Hursthouse Street. In Council's road asset management database, Moutere Highway start displacement is from the intersection with State Highway 60 at Pea Viner Corner Appleby and extends approximately 29 kilometres to the intersection with Queen Victoria St, Wildman Rd and Hursthouse St. Ideally, rural property numbering and the road displacement distances should be synchronised to prevent confusion.

Initial options included the following which were later ruled out:

- Revising the displacement distances in Council's road asset management database so they start at Wildman Rd/Hursthouse St intersection. This would have then suited the property numbering at Lower Moutere, however the exercise would have been costly due to changes to data for Moutere Highway in Council's road asset management database as well as altering on site distance pegs and culvert numbering pegs;

Extending Queen Victoria Street to Central Road, however the start displacement for this road is at the end of the Moutere Highway at Wildman Rd/Hursthouse St intersection. Also, by extending Queen Victoria Street to Central Road this potentially would have caused confusion from a postal perspective, i.e. currently the southern end of Queen

Victoria Street is the separation between Motueka post code 7120 and RD 2 Upper Moutere post code 7175.

Therefore, the alternative option was to consider a new road between some appropriate landmarks, the following choices were therefore put forward for consultation after initial discussions with locals. Further to this, it was suggested the proposed renamed section should be extended out to Edwards Road intersection as this is the recognised demarcation between Braeburn and Lower Moutere.

- Rename the Moutere Highway between Wildman Rd/Hursthouse Street intersection and Edwards Road, as ***Tom Funnell Drive***.
- Rename the Moutere Highway between Wildman Rd/Hursthouse Street intersection and Edwards Road, as ***Main Road Lower Moutere***.

All affected property owners were then sent a submission form with the above two new road name proposals.

### **Submissions**

Of the submission forms sent out approximately 80% were returned.

- 38 were in favour of ***Main Road Lower Moutere***
- 5 were in favour of ***Tom Funnell Drive***
- And 4 wanted the name Moutere Highway to remain.

## **4 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council approves the renaming a section of Moutere Highway between Wildman Rd/Hursthouse Street intersection and Edwards Road, as *Main Road Lower Moutere*.**

Steve Elkington  
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