

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 25 July 2007

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – JULY 2007**

Welcome to today's meeting. This report will be somewhat brief but some subjects may be expanded at the meeting as there are issues still to be discussed and other meetings to take place before 2 August 2007.

Firstly my thanks to our contractors for the excellent job that has been done on our roads over this rather cold and frosty period. I have not heard of any bad accidents due to frozen corners etc. The grit truck has certainly been working overtime in our valley and is much appreciated.

Nelson to Brightwater Corridor Study

Council Bryant and I attended the open day from 2-7pm run by the consultants in Nelson city. There was a steady stream of people asking questions and expressing their concerns and it appeared that it depended on where they lived as to what option they supported.

A second open day will be held at TDC on 31 July (2-7pm) and I will update the committee on this event at the meeting.

I have some concerns over how long it may take to get through the process of getting a regional strategy in place and there may be considerable benefit for Tasman to go back to having its own Regional Land Transport Strategy.

It is a pleasure to be part of a Council that have not turned this topic into an election issue or to grandstand on. I also note there have been no letters to the editor from Tasman Councillors.

Takaka Firefighting Supply

There appears to be a number of suggestions being made as how to provide and fund this activity. We need to progress this issue urgently before more rumours and misinformation is spread around Golden Bay. It is amazing how something that was asked for by the community has clearly divided it. I suspect that at the end of all this the subsidised option may still have been the most affordable.

Regards

Trevor Norriss
Chair - Engineering Services Committee