



GREY POWER MOTUEKA



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Date, 3 March 2011

His Worship The Mayor
Richard Kempthorne
Tasman District Council
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Private Bag 4
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Dear Richard,

Thank you very much for your letter of 9th December replying to ours of 10 September and 30 November regarding the UAG and other fixed district-wide rates. We are currently drafting a proposal in regards to the UAG and other fixed district-wide rates. We will provide your office with a copy.

While our previous letters were focused on the district-wide rates, we also very much feel the need to comment on the trends in local or "targeted" rates.

We've used the rate demands (copies attached) of our Secretary for the years 1997/98 and 2010/11 as an example – these have been circulated to our committee members who have noticed similar trends with their rate demands.

The total amount demanded by TDC has trebled over these 14 years. Of that, the amount demanded by the General Rate has increased by less than half, more or less in line with inflation. Demands for Fixed Rating (including both Uniform and Targeted Rates) have increased about 6 times over this period with Targeted Rates accounting for about half of the increase.

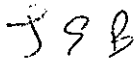
Presumably you are aware that the national superannuation rates are based on General Rates only. Therefore any rise in these other rates becomes an extra burden on pensioners, many of whom are Grey Power members. Forward budgets in TDC draft annual plans show the trend of the General Rate becoming a smaller and smaller component of overall rates with each passing year – the draft plan shows targeted rates exceeding General rates by 25% by 2018.

We wonder how much of this 3-fold increase, very much above the inflation rate, is due to the adventures like the proposed and actual expenditure on TDC's Richmond offices. Since 2006, based on figures in the Nelson Mail (see attached), over \$6.8 million of ratepayers' money has been spent, or is proposed to be spent, on these building. We can be asked to "tighten the belt" as our rates inexorably increase, yet the TDC can rarely be seen to deny itself anything – feeding an ever-increasing staff that are on wages and conditions that most Motueka Ward ratepayers, many of whom are our members, can only dream about.

What galls even more is that so few of TDC's Richmond office staff appear to be ratepayers in the Motueka Ward, and as a consequence, lack local knowledge. An example is TDC's preference for spending lots of ratepayers' money resealing perfectly serviceable Motueka carparks, when any local pedestrian is aware of the much more urgent work required on footpaths and curb crossings.

Thank you very much for being available to attend the public meeting in Motueka on the 16th of this month. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours Sincerely



Secretary

Rates as shown hereon are due and payable by you as Owner, Occupier or First Mortgagee, to the Tasman District Council on the 1/08/97 and must be paid on or before the 31/08/97. Payment is to be made at the Council Office, at Richmond. Dated at Richmond this 21 July 1997

RATES ASSESSMENT NOTICE

VALUATION ROLL No. 19560-29001 INSTALMENT 1 of 4

BUTLER JOHN EDWARD
BUTLER BERYL KATE G
3 MCGLASHEN AVENUE
MOTUEKA 7161

PERIOD FOR WHICH RATE STRUCK
1/07/97 to 30/06/98
INST DUE DATE: 1/08/97

THIS TAX INVOICE INCLUDES
\$ 21.53 G.S.T.

CAPITAL VALUE \$110,000
LAND VALUE \$44,000
AREA 822 sq m
DESCRIPTION 3 MCGLASHEN ST
31/1905 LOT 29 DP4650

CODE	DESCRIPTION OF RATES LEVIED	FACTOR	RATE/CHARGE	AMOUNT
3	GENERAL RATE-MOTUEKA DIV	110,000	0.3571c/\$CV	392.80
34	MOTUEKA SEWERAGE OP/MAINT		\$169.00/pan	169.00
70	MOTUEKA WATER WORKS/SERVS		\$36.50/ppty	36.50
81	STORMWATER-MOTUEKA	110,000	0.0789c/\$CV	86.75
120	MAPUA CHEMICAL CONTNMENT	110,000	0.0016c/\$CV	1.75
170	RIVERCARE -CLASS X	44,000	0.2010c/\$LV	88.40

A discount of \$31.00 from the total current years rates will be allowed if the balance is paid by 31/08/97

TOTAL CURRENT YEARS RATES	THIS YR RATES PAID/ PREV YR ARREARS O/S	THIS YR PREVIOUS INSTALMENT(S)	PENALTY ON PREVIOUS INSTAL	THIS INSTALMENT	TOTAL NOW PAYABLE
775.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	193.80	193.80

PENALTY DATE: A 10% ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF 19.38 WILL BE ADDED IF NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE 31/08/97

For 1997/1998 Year Fixed Rate Total \$205-50
Value Rate Total \$569-70
\$775-20



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RATES INVOICE

Tax Invoice/Credit Note	(G.S.T) Reg No 51-076-806
Instalment Number	1 of 4
Instalment Date	1 August 2010
Rating Year	1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011
VALUATION ROLL NUMBER	19560-29001
Capital Value	\$240,000
Land Value	\$150,000
Area	822 sq m
Location	3 McGlashen Street, Motueka
Legal Description	LOT 29 DP 4650



Paying by Internet Banking?

Pay into Bank Account No: 12-3193-0002048-03
Use this reference: 19560-29001

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Payments received after 27 July 2010 are not included in this statement

Considered paying by Direct Debit? Contact your nearest office for an application form or email info@tasman.govt.nz

Balance owing at 1 July 2010	\$0.00
Plus previous instalments charged	\$0.00
Plus penalty charges (GST exempt)	\$0.00
Plus/less adjustments	\$0.00
Less remissions	\$0.00
Less payments since 1 July 2010	\$0.00
This instalment (Includes \$57.37 GST)	\$516.30

If payment of \$2024.20 is made before 31/08/10 you will make a saving of \$75.70 (includes discount & GST saving) if this option is chosen then GST at 12.5% for the year is \$224.91

TOTAL NOW DUE	\$516.30
LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT	31 August 2010

Any portion of the current instalment remaining unpaid after 31 August 2010 will incur a 10% penalty of up to \$51.63

Total Annual Rates	\$7,099.90
Total Annual Remissions	\$0.00
Annual rates less discount if paid by 31 August 2010	\$2,024.20

Details of rates shown overleaf

The 2010/2011 year rate demand

runs to two pages

Total \$2099.90

2010/2011 Year for 3 McGlashan St Motueka

Valuation Roll Number 19560-29001

ANNUAL RATES ASSESSMENT

DESCRIPTION OF RATES LEVIED	RATING CATEGORY DETERMINATION	FACTOR	VALUE OF FACTOR	RATE/CHARGE	AMOUNT
General Rate	Use	Capital Value	240,000	0.2232c/\$CV	\$535.67
Uniform Annual General Charge	Districtwide	Fixed Amount	1	\$264.33/property	\$264.33
Wastewater Charge - 1st Pan	Service Provision	Fixed Amount	1	\$631.52/pan	\$631.52
Motueka Water Works/Services	Location	Fixed Amount	1	\$75.10/property	\$75.10
Stormwater - Motueka	Location	Capital Value	240,000	0.0435c/\$CV	\$104.40
Refuse/Recycling Rate	Location	Fixed Amount	1	\$116.90/property	\$116.90
Shared Facilities Rate	Districtwide	Fixed Amount	1	\$52.16/property	\$52.16
Mapua Rehabilitation Rate	Districtwide	Fixed Amount	1	\$12.20/property	\$12.20
Museums Facilities Rate	Districtwide	Fixed Amount	1	\$54.10/property	\$54.10
District Facilities Rate	Districtwide	Fixed Amount	1	\$41.84/property	\$41.84
Motueka Community Board	Location	Fixed Amount	1	\$11.13/property	\$11.13
Facilities Operation Rate	Location	Fixed Amount	1	\$29.10/property	\$29.10
River Works - X Classification	Location	Land Value	150,000	0.1078c/\$LV	\$161.70
Motueka Stopbank 'A' - Direct	Location	Land Value	150,000	0.0065c/\$LV	\$9.75
Total Annual Rates (Incl GST)					\$2,099.90

For 2010/2011 year

Fixed Rate Total \$288-38

Value Rate Total \$811-52

Total \$1099-90

For 2010/2011 year

For 2010/2011 year = one quarter of \$2099-90

For 2010/2011 year = one quarter of \$2099-90

TDC to boost office space

Nelson Mail 12/06/2008

The Tasman District Council wants to spend an extra \$315,000 on its Richmond headquarters, including a new office for its chief executive, only two years after a \$3.8 million refurbishment was completed at the site.

The council's property manager, Jim Frater, made a late submission to the council's annual plan asking for the funding. The move drew strong criticism at annual plan hearings in Golden Bay this week.

Mr Frater told the Nelson Mail the \$3.8 million remodelling of offices completed in 2006 was designed to provide space for eight years.

However, growth in the district and extra staffing requirements arising from the passing of government legislation such as the Building Act meant that some departments had outgrown those predictions already.

Mr Frater said the council's chief executive, Paul Wylie, wanted to move offices, which meant his assistant would also have to move.

Mr Wylie said he came into an office that was already full, and staff numbers had probably grown by about six in the time he had been in the job.

He said he wanted to shift offices because he had an "open door" policy and it was "embarrassing" and "daunting" for the public to visit him. They had to go up the back stairs past a toilet and then wait publicly in a busy open office space if he was not free.

"It's not businesslike, it's not professional. We should have a system where people coming to visit us can come directly to a reception area to see me."

Mr Wylie said he was personally "quite happy" with his office, and stressed that just because staff numbers had grown, and were predicted to grow further with the "avalanche" of central government legislation, this did not necessarily have an impact on rates.

Growth in the district meant the pool of ratepayers had grown, and the cost of the extra staff was recovered through charges and fees.

Council to decide on \$2.7m expansion

Tasman District councillors will vote tomorrow on spending close to \$3 million on modernising and enlarging the council's Richmond offices.

The \$2.725m proposal comes only five years after the Tasman District Council spent \$3.8m on revamping and extending the Queen St buildings.

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne said councillors would examine the latest project's affordability during tomorrow's full council meeting.

"There is no doubt we need more room for staff," he said. "But one of the questions is the cost to ratepayers."

Ratepayers are already looking at a general rate increase of around 6 per cent this year, and the council is considering recharging its depleted disaster

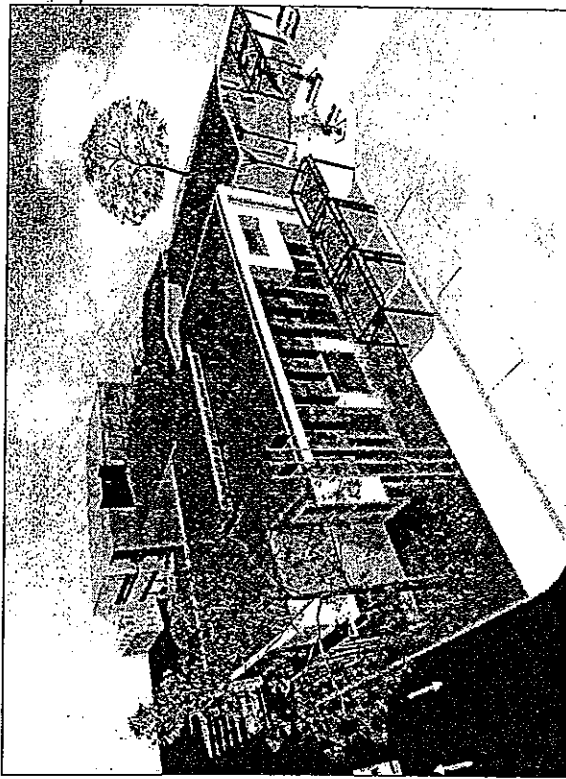
funds, which would add a further 1 per cent to future rates.

Funding for the latest project was approved in principle by councillors last June.

Mr Kempthorne said last year's discussions were held in open session, but previous planning may have taken place as part of confidential business.

The council's property manager, Jim Frater, said the proposal would rehouse 16 council staff who shifted across the road to 186 Queen St 15 months ago because of the lack of space in the present building.

The council employed more staff last year to cope with government changes to the Building Act and consent processes, he said.



More room: A view of the proposed redevelopment from Queen St.

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Council plans to expand

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The lease on the temporary office space would expire in August, Mr Frater said.

He said the proposed renovation would see the current drive-through entrance of the main building removed and the building extended to the street frontage.

A report to councillors last year said the ground floor extension would create an extra 380 square metres of space, which would accommodate building, regulatory and customer services staff.

It is proposed that the first floor will also be extended, by 450sqm, to cater for the needs of the community services and strategic policy departments and the chief executive.

If the budget allowed, the project would also modernise office space not touched in the last upgrade, Mr Frater said.

The extension would future-proof the building for the next 10 years and provide space for 30 extra staff over the next 10 years.

The construction of a 450sqm second floor was considered by managers, he said. But the council's failure to find a guaranteed tenant for the floor space for the next 10 years may see the proposal dropped. A second floor was not included in the budgeted finance.