

STAFF REPORT

TO: Council's Enterprise Subcommittee
FROM: Manager Property Services
DATE: 4 March 2008
SUBJECT: Manager Property Report

TAKAKA LIBRARY

This project is nearing completion. The carpet tiles are scheduled to be laid during the week 3-7 March following which the issues desk will be installed. After this, the air conditioning units will be removed from the old library and moved into the new one. The next site meeting is to be held on 10 March 2008 after which we should be in a position to determine when the new building will be open for business. Arrangements to complete the memorial and install the flagpole are underway and will be completed before Anzac Day. An appropriate opening ceremony will be held after a settling down period.

Negotiations are being held with a prospective lessee of the old library building and it is expected that a lease will commence towards the end of the this year.

Work has commenced on the new car park which includes the running of a fibre optic cable from the service centre through to the new library.

COLLINGWOOD CAMPING GROUND

The existing manager's contract expires at the end of May 2008. Although substantial improvements have been made to the camp during this two year management contract, there are still further improvements to be undertaken and some land issues to be addressed before we consider the camp to be sufficiently viable to run as an independent business. While it would be possible to operate the camp solely within the boundaries of the Council's own land, it would have an effect on the viability of the business and this could have a flown effect to the commercial area of Collingwood.

There is the potential to develop this camping ground into a substantial business but the alternative is to downsize the operation to fit within the existing legal boundaries. It is considered that the latter option would not be good for Collingwood as the business generated by the camp is vital to the commercial community.

New managers will be appointed for up to 12 months during which time it is expected that most of these issues will be sorted.

MOTUEKA AERODROME

The drag racing events have proceeded smoothly. I have engaged a person to act as the Council representative during these meets and have received positive feedback from him.

I have arranged to meet with a potential new tenant at the aerodrome which would involve the erection of a further hangar.

The Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand have carried out their annual inspection of the aerodrome. The report contains mainly minor issues except for a build up of rubber on the runway surface and options to have this removed are being pursued.

PORT TARAKOHE

Briefings on the proposed business plan for Port Golden Bay have been held with the Golden Bay Community Board and some of the strategic stakeholders. There are still further briefings to be held over the next month or so. The concept that the proposed developments will open the way for the creation of business and industry which would in turn provide the opportunity for skilled employment, has been well received.

The farmer from whom we have been carting water for the port has withdrawn his permission effective from the end of February. The cost of carting water has been about \$300.00 a month and this has been necessary because the port supply was not potable. We have used a redundant ultra violet filter from the Collingwood Motor Camp and repaired the sand filter at the port, flushed out the dam, cleared out the settling ponds and now have water that is suitable for drinking. Storage capacity is 700,000 litres and the total cost is between \$4,000.00 and \$5,000.00. It is still not the total solution as the storage capacity is the equivalent of about three days use. We will need to investigate options for further storage and provision for this is set aside in the 2008/09 Annual Plan.

The Port Tarakohe Advisory Committee has made submissions on variations 55-60 concerning the indicative roading patterns in the Tarakohe-Pohara vicinity as well as recommending that the harbour and the Port Tarakohe limited land be identified as a special development area.

The harbour manager is attending the New Zealand Petroleum Conference in March as part of an awareness exercise.

A meeting was held with mussel industry representatives in February who expressed concern at the delay in building the new wharf. It is noted that the additional allocation area of 105 hectares almost doubles the capacity of the existing grow farms (excluding spat) in the Golden Bay area.

A 110 passenger cruise ship will be visiting Port Golden Bay on 16 January 2010 for one day. Following this it will visit Port Nelson. Security and other issues will need to be addressed and are provided for in the Annual Plan and LTCCP.

January and February have continued to be busy at the port and the total income from the port to the end of February is \$217,000.00 which is to budget.

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