

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Property
DATE: 29 August 2006
SUBJECT: Manager Property's Report

OPERATIONAL PROPERTY

Anticipated rental values have been obtained for the first floor and part of the Queen Street frontage of the existing Richmond Library building. The market value of the property as a vacant lot has also been updated. The option of building a new library adjacent to the ASB Aquatic Centre has been costed and a meeting of the subcommittee comprising the Mayor, Richmond Councillors and staff will be held shortly.

A further report on options for the Takaka War Memorial Library is included in this agenda.

Tenders have been advertised for the removal of the building at 3 Wensley Road, Richmond. The tenders will be considered by the Enterprise Committee and if a tender is accepted the bare site will be utilised to meet car parking requirements for the recent building development.

COLLINGWOOD MOTOR CAMP

The managers are continuing to tidy up the camp and undertake much needed maintenance to the grounds and buildings. A programme of works in priority order is being prepared and timeframes will be attached to these to monitor progress. While the manager's contract was only for a 12 month period expiring 31 May 2007, it may be necessary to extend this to ensure that the camping ground facilities are at the desired standard before offering a new lease by tender.

RICHMOND TOURISM SERVICES ZONE

Sicon have vacated their former depot site at Salisbury Road and the house, garages and glasshouses have been tendered for removal. The Enterprise Committee is expected to interview prospective developers for this site at the September meeting of the Committee.

MUSEUMS

A variation of the lease from the fire service incorporating the Collingwood Museum and playground has been executed. The variation tidies up areas of the original lease that should have been attended to when the new fire station is built.

A local consultation process will be undertaken regarding the proposed Aorere Centre building on this leased land after confirmation has been received from the Trust that they have received satisfactory responses regarding resource and building consent issues for its siting.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

An agreement is being negotiated to purchase approximately 900 m² of land adjacent to the existing Brightwater reservoir.

An agreement is being negotiated to purchase land to enable a further section of Borkes Creek at Headingly Lane to be widened.

ENDOWMENT LAND

Iwi of the region were forwarded information recently regarding proposals to freehold harbour endowment land in Motueka, Redwood Valley and Richmond. On 10 August 2006 a meeting was held with representatives of Wakatu Incorporation and four iwi to discuss this proposal. The outcome of the consultation process will be reported back to this Committee in due course for a decision on whether or not the Council should be proceeding to freehold endowment lands as signalled in the LTCCP.

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http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/community_services_committee/reports/2006/rcs060906_report_manager_property.doc