
REPORT 7
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DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT BACK - PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Board with information about the Council's planned roading and footpath projects and programmes for Tawa, Grenada North and Takapu Valley in 2005/06 and other matters of interest to the Tawa Community.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

3. Summary

3.1 Projects and Programmes and Matters of Interest

The monthly report on general matters and the projects and programmes schedule for the 2005/06 financial year is attached as Appendix 1.

Appendix 2 identifies roading and footpath projects in the Tawa area for 2005/06 and classifies them by 'completed', 'to be completed' and 'no work required at present'.

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Petone to Grenada Roothing Link

The period for submissions on the Greater Wellington Regional Council "Western Corridor Study" has closed. Assessment of the 6,000 plus submissions received is likely to take until February 2006. Adoption of the Petone to Grenada link is dependant on a final decision to abandon the Transmission Gully option. The new "partial" Transmission Gully option may also adversely affect the Petone to Grenada roading link.

Work is continuing on collating the various potential alignments to investigate whether there is a common section of the route between the Belmont Stream land bridge and Horokiwi Road that could be incorporated into the landowner's roading proposals for the area.

Tawa Centres Project

The contract for the Tawa Centres Project has been awarded to Fulton Hogan. We received 6 tenders, all of very high standard. Due to previous commitments, Fulton Hogan plan to begin the works in May 2006 with a contract period of 6 weeks. Prior to the works beginning we will be undertaking communication with the businesses affected to ensure that they are aware of the works and wider communication through the local paper. As part of the works an electrical junction box will be installed at the base of the Norfolk Island pine to enable Christmas lights to be placed on the tree at a later time.

Parks and Gardens

Further work has taken place on the lookout at the reservoir above Kilkelly Place. The gate will be moved and a path developed around it by the end of January. Ten tree cages will soon be installed above the lookout ready for planting in winter - this is to begin the screening of the reservoir.

The Peterhouse Street entrance to Larsen Crescent Reserve will be developed by the end of January, this will include removal of the stile.

The Tawa Viewing Platform (179 Main Rd) will be improved by lowering the seat to make it more comfortable, giving the platform a general tidy up and installing panels.

By the end of February Arboricultural staff will have carrying out routine maintenance on trees in Grasslees Reserve and looked at the health of the general tree population in the Park. This may result in a future programme of tree removal and replacement.

Mexted Terrace Stormwater Upgrade

The Mexted Terrace work is currently 30% complete. It is anticipated to be finished by the middle of February at the latest.

Community Use of Former Bank Building (Tawa Community Centre)

Community use of the former bank building adjacent to the Tawa Service Centre will commence Tuesday 7 February 2006.

Work is nearing completion to make the facility accessible to the community and is being fitted out to provide for a range of opportunities including community recreation and arts programmes, dance classes, meetings and community events. Bookings and requests for use will be facilitated through the current community halls booking system and managed by the Recreation Centres and Community Halls team of Recreation Wellington. Further details or information can be obtained from the Manager of Recreation Centres and Community Halls, Lynda Rigler ph 476-7035 or 027-457-4248.

Appendix 1

Emergency preparation

The fit out of the buildings previously used by the Tawa Service Centre and ANZ Bank has now been completed.

The server infrastructure required to host the Council's critical business applications has been installed in the HdS Datacentre (Main Road, Tawa). The installation of the business applications is underway and progressing well and is expected to be completed by the first Quarter of 2006.

In the next financial year 2006/07 Council will be undertaking significant testing of the disaster recovery centre to ensure that processes and procedures are in place and to provide Council staff with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the disaster recovery capability.

Closure of Northern Landfill

The Northern Landfill will close to the public at 5pm on Thursday, 16th February 2006.

Transit has made arrangements for the removal of signage. They have also arranged access from the motorway to a monitoring station enabling Wellington City Council to continue to monitor the closed landfill.

Commercial customers have received letters advising of the closure. Public Notices and a press release are currently being prepared. Members of the public are being advised to use alternative disposal facilities at Porirua and Brooklyn.

Porirua City Council has been advised, and was requested to establish a green waste transfer station. A copy of the press release is attached.

Re-zoning

On 8 December 2005 the Strategy and Policy Committee approved draft District Plan proposals for the rezoning of land in the northern suburbs to assist the implementation of the Northern Growth Management Framework. These proposals will be further developed and consultation undertaken with key parties. It is intended that the Board be briefed on the proposals as early as can be arranged.

NEWS RELEASE

31 January 2006

Northern Landfill shuts down

The Council's Northern Landfill, north of Johnsonville, is nearly full and will not accept any more general waste from Thursday 16 February.

From 16 February, the only material accepted for dumping will be clay and soil that has been inspected by landfill staff. This will be used to cover the landfill and will be accepted only until 30 June – earlier if enough cover material is delivered before then. Anyone wanting to dispose of clay and soil can call the Southern Landfill Office on 383-4400 to arrange for an inspection.

Recycling bins will operate at the Northern Landfill until 1 March. They will then be removed and no further recycling accepted.

The landfill, 2kms north of Johnsonville off State Highway 1, has been operating since 1994. The 4.5ha site was leased by the Council from Lincolnshire Farms Ltd and will now revert back to its owners.

“The three fulltime Council employees at the landfill will be found alternative work, either at the Southern Landfill or elsewhere within the Council,” says Director of Infrastructure Stavros Michael. “Two staff will stay on at the landfill for a couple of months doing general tidying up work associated with the closure.”

With the end of dumping, the Council will compact and cover the last of the waste material and plant grass seed.

The closure leaves the Southern Landfill – behind Happy Valley Road in Wellington – as the only remaining landfill in the city. The Council's focus is on making the Southern Landfill last as long as possible.

If all goes well, the Southern Landfill has between 100 and 150 years worth of capacity – longer if the Council can reduce the amount of waste being dumped.

Aside from the Southern Landfill, people can also dispose of rubbish at the Spicer Landfill at Porirua City.

New Zealand's landfills are filling fast, but much of the rubbish people take to landfills can be recycled or composted. Landfills are for rubbish that can't be disposed of by recycling and kerbside collections.

The City Council recently approved a draft Environmental Strategy reaffirming its commitment towards cutting waste as a long-term goal.

Appendix 1

As part of its strategy, the Council last month launched Kai to Compost, an innovative year-long trial to turn food scraps from 50 Wellington restaurants and businesses into compost.

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