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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 Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Delegate to Board Members to compile submissions to the 2006/07 DAP Consultation and the Tawa Speed Limits proposal.*

3. Summary

The monthly report on general matters is attached as Appendix 1. Appendix 2 identifies roading and footpath projects in the Tawa area for 2005-06 and classifies them by 'completed' and 'to be completed'.

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Grenada to Petone Roding Link and a Structure Plan for Lincolnshire Farm

A decision on when to construct a link road from Grenada to the Hutt Valley will be influenced by the outcomes of the Western Corridor study and an agreement on how and where the road could link to the Hutt Valley. The final decisions on this are expected around July this year. The “Proposed Western Corridor Plan” reported on by the Regional Land Transport Hearings Sub-Committee released in March 2006 recommended the implementation of the ‘Transmission Gully’ motorway option. This included a link between Grenada and Gracefield in the Hutt Valley as part of a potential package of works. The study rejected previous proposed alignments with alternative alignments to be investigated.

Transit is continuing work 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. Such alignments and the potential to construct part of the road will be considered as part of a structure planning exercise which is currently underway for the area of land called 'Lincolnshire Farm' (roughly the area between Woodridge and Grenada North). This structure plan builds upon previous consultation and the principles of the Northern Growth Management Framework and will be consulted on in late April - early May before being reviewed and reported to Committee in late June for approval for public notification. Following public notification, formal submissions may be made and if necessary, a hearing will be held. The Council will then make a final decision on the proposed plan change.

Other Northern Growth Management Framework (NGMF) Projects

Wellington City is working to deliver a number of other key projects to implement the NGMF in 2006, including:

- Proposed plan change to the District Plan covering the future development of existing rural land for urban purposes. This will be reported to Committee for approval for notification in June this year.
- A review of the Council's Subdivision Design Guide, which forms part of the District Plan. The reviewed SGD will be reported to Committee for approval for notification in June this year.
- Development of a structure plan for the Lincolnshire Farm area.
- Development of a plan change to allow a new neighbourhood centre at Churton Park on the corner of Lakewood and Westchester.
- Ongoing programme of roading linkages.
- Ongoing programme of constructing track and park linkages.

Further information is available from the Council website.

Walsh land Resource Consent Application

John Walsh has proposed a new subdivision of the 'Walsh Land' at Greenacres via the Tawa Community Board. This includes a link road between Bing Lucas and Woodman Drive. The consent for this subdivision has now been agreed. The conditions require that the road link be constructed and Bing Lucas Drive be upgraded prior to the bulk of the subdivision being completed. The works to Bing Lucas Drive will result in some disruption to traffic but the road will remain

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accessible for local Bing Lucas Drive residents. Traffic may be delayed at times to ensure the safety of motorist during earthwork operations. The informal link between Woodman Dr and Bing Lucas Dr will not be usable at the start of subdivision work and is expected to open towards Christmas when roading works are complete. As John Walsh is responsible for the subdivision implementation including construction of the link road and improvements to Bing Lucas Drive the timing of these works may therefore change.

Parks and Gardens

A basket ball hoop has been installed next to the skateboard park area opposite the Tawa pool.

The drainage lines have been turfed on the Soccer Field at Redwood Park.

Public Toilets - Update of Opening Hours

The toilets for Linden Park are only open when the park is booked and the sports field's facilities are being used.

Willowbank Reserve toilets are open until 9.00pm. The old signage is still up saying that the toilets are open until 7.00pm; this signage will be removed by officers.

Mexted Terrace Stormwater Upgrade

The Mexted Terrace Project is complete.

Liquor Control Bylaw

Following discussion with Board members around some concerns they had about the consumption of alcohol in public places in Tawa, a meeting was held with the Tawa Community Constable - Senior Constable Mark Oliver on 8 March 2006 to discuss the Board's issues of concern and to help quantify the problem and provide some advice.

Senior Constable Oliver stated that Police are principally concerned with youth and drinking in places the Council does not have control over, such as privately owned car parking areas behind shops. In relation to youth, Police can issue Liquor Infringement Notices to underage persons caught consuming alcohol. However, with respect to private areas used for alcohol consumption, for example car parks and driveways, a bylaw is not enforceable on private property. Senior Constable Oliver also acknowledged that enforcement of any bylaw would be limited given his hours and the frequency of Porirua Police patrols to the area, so in real terms it is unlikely that a bylaw would be actively enforced. Accordingly, a bylaw does not seem to be the most appropriate way of dealing with these issues.

Senior Constable Oliver suggested that, and officers agree, it would be prudent to take stock of any information the Police could pull together which may help quantify the issue and gauge more exactly the extent of the perceived problem. This would involve Police co-ordinating a "snap shot" of data from the Tawa area by requesting from Porirua Police and the Central Police Communications Centre a focus on accurate recording of the involvement of alcohol in incidents

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responded to in Tawa for a one month period. The timeframe and nights on which this "snap shot" data was to be gathered was to be decided by police.

Officers are waiting for this intelligence data from Police before formalising their advice to the Board. However, at this stage officers do not support a Liquor Control Bylaw for Tawa as an appropriate or justified solution to the perceived problem.

Time was also spent discussing a range of alternative options available to Police and the Community which might be more suited to tackling these issues.

Tawa Pool - Lane Issues

The Tornadoes Swim Team had three lanes up until Term 4 2004, when it was noticed that only two lanes were ever used for a period of five months, despite having three booked.

The Club then operated on two lanes from Term 4 2004 until Term 3 2005. Tornadoes' numbers in the lanes became problematic again around midway through 2005, which prompted pool management to actively monitor the numbers in the lanes. For the period of June 2005 the numbers in lanes for Tornadoes were monitored and the average number of swimmers over 27 sessions was 4 swimmers per session. It was obvious that Tornadoes were battling to even make sufficient numbers for one lane, let alone two. Tornadoes lane allocation was subsequently reduced from two lanes to one.

The status quo of one lane has remained up to this point in time. As expected, attendance at the pool across all user groups, including Tornadoes, has fluctuated over the summer months. However, historic trends would suggest that these numbers will taper off again over autumn and winter.

Further to the letter of 24 February the Pool Manager contacted the Club (Stuart Gordon) on 31 March who confirmed verbally and later in writing to the Pool Manager that the Tornadoes Swimming Club had made the decision to wind the club up effective from that date.

Tawa Speed Limits Consultation

Consultation started on Monday 3 April in Tawa on plans to reduce the speed limit to 40km/hr on all streets but the main road (excluding the shopping area which would also reduce to 40km/hr). Brochures have been sent through the post to all Tawa residents and ratepayers and feedback is required by 24 April.

New Zealand Community Boards Forum

The 2006 New Zealand Community Boards Forum will be held in Lower Hutt City and is being organised by Hutt City Council.

The emphasis of the Forum will be building and strengthening relationships between Community Boards and their Councils. Workshops and topics will address issues that are vitally important to Community Board members throughout the country. The Forum will be held at St Oran's College, Lower Hutt on 14-15 July 2006.

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2006/07 LTCCP Consultation

The Board will be aware that the consultation closes on 11 May 2006. The Board should form a working group to put together the Board's submission.