

## **DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT BACK - PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES**

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### **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 Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

### **3. Summary**

The monthly report on general matters is attached as Appendix 1. Appendix 2 is additional information requested by the Board outlining types of users of sports fields in Tawa and Appendix 3 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. This structure plan is now undergoing consultation until the 19 of May. Further information is available from the Tawa Library or the Council website. Officers will attend the meeting to make a brief presentation and answer any questions. It will then be reviewed and reported to Strategy and Policy Committee in August 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 the Strategy and Policy Committee for approval for notification in August this year.
- A review of the Council's Subdivision Design Guide (SDG), which forms part of the District Plan. The reviewed SDG will be reported to the Strategy and Policy Committee for approval for notification in August 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 and works have begun on site. 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 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 is now closed during the subdivision works and is expected to re-open towards Christmas

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when roading works are complete. All homes in this area were notified of this ahead of the road being closed. 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. Officers will be in attendance at this month's meeting to answer any questions regarding this.

## **Parks and Gardens**

We have received some proposals from the Tawa Progressive and Ratepayer Association to beautify parts of the suburb. We will be working closely with them over the next few months to identify priority areas for work. The proposals involve weed removal and planting in reserve areas and parks throughout Tawa.

New seats are being installed in Wilf Mexted Reserve and Redwood Bush.

Winter bedding displays have been planted.

Nets have been put up on the concrete tennis courts at Taylor Park. These are available for use by the public.

## **Tawa Centre upgrade**

The Tawa Centre upgrade starts the 1 May 2006 and continues until mid June 2006.

The works include:

- The installation of new clay paving on the footpaths, kerbs and street furniture on the western side of Main Road, between the Salvation Army and the fitness studio and the area adjacent to the Library.
- Alterations to improve pedestrian and traffic safety at the intersection of Main Road and Cambridge Terrace (at the end of the library). As part of this work the plaque for Mr and Mrs Turkington will be installed on a seat.

The Linden (shopping) Centre upgrade starts 6 June with completion due before 23 June. New clay paving on the footpaths, kerbs and street furniture will be installed on the north and southern sides of Linden Avenue and the southern side of Collins Avenue.

Fulton Hogan will be undertaking the work on the Tawa Centre upgrade, including the Linden (shopping) Centre between 7 am and 6 pm. Enquiries contact Dale Hardgrave at Fulton Hogan Ph: 387 4850.

## **Location of Seat between Redwood Village & Tawa Town Centre**

The Community Board agreed to have a seat installed between Redwood Village & Tawa Town Centre. This site now needs to be agreed to by the Board.

## **Lions Pergola**

The Tawa Lions Club is now set to proceed with the Lions Pergola and have pencilled in Saturday 27 May 2006 to do the job.

## **Tawa Heritage Walk**

The plaques for the Tawa Heritage walk are being made at present and will be installed in the next couple of months. The route has been agreed to by the Tawa Historical Society and starts at Gee Street in the north and runs to Boscobel Lane in the south.

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## **Tawa Community Civic Awards – Update**

Nominations for the Tawa Community Civic Awards closed on April 12 with a total of 69 nominations. A subcommittee comprising of Board members and members of the public are currently judging the nominations. The award ceremony is to be held on Thursday 18 May from 7.30 pm in the Tawa Community Facility.

## **Tawa Speed Limits**

It is proposed to lower the speed limits on most Tawa roads as part of the Council's SaferRoads project. In March 2004 consultation took place on a proposal to implement an area wide traffic calming scheme. The Tawa community were informed that it was also proposed to lower the speed limit, but this would be undertaken once engineering works were completed and an evaluation undertaken. The engineering works have now largely been completed.

During April 2006 the Tawa community were asked to submit on the proposal to lower the speed limit. Approximately 850 submissions have been received during the four week consultation period. Collation of the submissions is currently being undertaken.

The speed setting rule requires Council to formally consult with a number of key stakeholders. In the case of Tawa, this will include the Tawa Community Board. The process from here is that Paul Barker will be in attendance to speak on this item (as part of this paper) at the Board's Thursday 11 May meeting. He will table a letter outlining the reason for the proposed change; a report on speed and crashes over the last five years; a summary of community consultation and a copy of all 850 submissions. The Community Board will then have four weeks to make a submission.

As a submitter to the process the Community Board will have an opportunity to present their submission to the Strategy and Policy Committee when they meet to hear the oral submissions. It is unlikely that Committee will hear the submissions before August 2006.

## **Tawa Sports fields Users**

A table has been attached as Appendix 2 of this report, showing the types of users of sports fields in Tawa with a breakdown by sports field and usage during summer and winter over a weekly period. This is in response to the Board's request about sports field utilisation in Tawa.