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1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Board with information about matters of interest to the Tawa Community and the Council's planned roading and footpath projects and programmes for Tawa, Grenada North and Takapu Valley in 2006-07.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

3. Summary

The monthly report on general matters is attached as Appendix 1. Appendix 2 identifies preliminary roading and footpath projects in the Tawa area for 2006-07. Council officers are continuing to work with our contractors to finalise the full roading and footpath work programme which will be carried out later in the year.

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Structure Plan for Lincolnshire Farm

The structure plan for Lincolnshire Farm was notified as a change to the District Plan on the 23rd September. Submissions close on the 6th November. This structure plan builds upon previous consultation and the principles of the Northern Growth Management Framework and provides for the future development of this area for housing, parks, roading and an employment area. The structure plan has been notified as part of a package of plan changes to guide the future development of the northern Greenfield areas. Councillors will consider public submissions on the plan changes early in the new year. If the structure plan and rezoning are approved, building work could start within the next two years.

Bing Lucas Drive Completion

Earthworks have started on the site but have been severely affected by poor weather and the enormous amount of rain recently. While it is unlikely now that the road will be open by Christmas, some dry weather may pull work back on programme. A key element to progress is the widening of the Bing Lucas cutting and any work in this area requires a good period of dry weather prior to starting and continued dry weather throughout the work. If conditions are right this could happen towards the end of October. The road could be available for use earlier if a gravel surface is acceptable but this is highly dependant on being able to control any dust generated. At best the road could be available to use before Christmas, but it is more likely that the road will not be available until February following the Christmas shut down.

Johnsonville Town Centre Plan

Wellington City Council is currently asking for public input on the future development of Johnsonville. Public input will help the Council to develop a plan that will manage the growth of Johnsonville's town centre.

Actions and issues covered by the Centre Plan may include:

- Where development, including new housing and businesses, should be located
- Traffic, transport and parking improvements
- What other infrastructure is required
- Design guidelines for buildings
- Changes to the District Plan to guide further development
- New or improved community facilities
- How public spaces and parks should be improved
- Works to celebrate Johnsonville's heritage and sense of place

Grenada to Petone Roothing Link Update

The "Proposed Western Corridor Plan" reported on by the Regional Land Transport Hearings Subcommittee released in March 2006 recommended the implementation of the 'Transmission Gully' motorway option. Transit have not included funding for this project in their 10 year State Highway funding plan as it is not yet identified as a State Highway. Crown funding was earmarked for the project, however this is yet to be confirmed. Funding therefore remains the key issue to be resolved before investigation of routes can be pursued.

Tawa Roller Skating Funds

The Tawa Roller Skating Club disbanded in December 2005 and donated the remaining club's funds (\$7,652.17) to Council. They requested that the funds be used for youth activities in Tawa.

These funds were received by Council on 16 January 2006 and are being held until a decision is made on how they should be distributed into the community.

Ken Bailey, Sports Engagement Officer, was liaising with in-line hockey regarding resurrecting the old roller skating rink using these funds. However this proposal has not progressed. It is now recommended that the funds be added to the Tawa Grants Pool, on the proviso that the money is earmarked for youth activities.

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Play Area Development in Tawa

Parks and Gardens has been looking at undertaking an upgrade to the play areas at either Duncan Park or Kowhai Park in Tawa this financial year (2006/2007). At this stage it is likely to be Duncan Park that gets the upgrade due to its location in relation to the Community Centre, its visibility and position. It is intended that the play area in Kowhai Park will be decommissioned due to its close proximity to the Duncan Park Play area. Early next year a site meeting will be held to start the consultation phase with the community. Concept plans for the equipment upgrade at Duncan Park will be available for discussion.

Other Projects

- A new Windsor heritage light has been installed in Duncan Park and play area to replace the one hit by a car.
- Officers have been working with the Friends of the Tawa Bush to develop a new walking track between St Anne Square and Greyfriars Crescent. Currently officers are consulting with neighbours over the route. If this proceeds, the track will be built by Friends of the Tawa Bush over the next two months.
- The Weed Control Team will be in Tawa over the next three weeks carrying out weed control on all main roads.

Tawa Heritage Walk

All 12 plaques have been made and are now ready to be installed. Currently the Manager, Public Delivery, Hamish Matthews, met the Historical Society at the end of September to resolve the budget for the project and the available funding sources. He will provide a report to the Chair of the Board about the issue in the next week.

Tawa Tree Lighting

The Wellington City Council can contribute \$2,000 towards installation of lights for the Norfolk Island pine. The Tawa Community Board has not spent any of its 2006/07 discretionary grant to date (\$10,000p.a.).

Hatchings on Key Intersections

Raymond Bailey (Works Infrastructure) has been asked to contact Penny Devine to discuss and then install yellow hatchings at some key intersections if warranted.

Entrance to Dressmart

Dressmart have resource consent to use the entranceway as it is now. As part of that resource consent there is a review clause that is triggered if the intensity of the traffic reaches a threshold. It is believed that traffic movements currently do not exceed this threshold.

At the time of installation of the Redwood Avenue roundabout, discussions were held with the property managers for Dressmart. An option has been provided for an entranceway to be created off the roundabout. There is a parcel of land between the roundabout and the Dressmart car park. This land is owned by the same owner as Dressmart, but held in a separate title. Council has no power or ability at this time to require the owners of Dressmart to either relocate their entrance way to the roundabout or to make improvements to the existing entranceway.

For the entranceway to be improved it would need to be funded from Council's Transport Safety Programme. A review of reported crashes at the entranceway shows two reported crashes, neither of these relate to the vehicle turning out to be hit by southbound traffic from the roundabout.

Council Officers will talk with Dressmart property managers again to see if they would be willing to make changes of their own accord.

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Tawa Flood Protection / Porirua Stream

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) have stated at this stage that they have nothing to report. Wellington City Council officers have asked Sharon Westlake from GWRC to attend a Tawa Community Board meeting within the next two months to discuss GWRC plans for the stream.

Tawa Mall Brick Work

The Council's maintenance contractor (Works Infrastructure) has been instructed to attend the problem of loose paving blocks and bricks around the Tawa Mall and Hazelwoods. We expect this problem to be rectified by 31 October 2006.

Footpath Materials

The material chosen for footpath renewals is chosen by the engineering staff. The decision is based on our Transport Asset Management Plan, maintenance strategies, existing materials unavailable and the actual footpath renewal budget. We generally replace like with like. However if the path is unlikely to be disturbed by trenching activities, for example if there is sufficient berm area for utility services, then we favour a concrete surface. A concrete surface has a higher initial cost but generally lasts longer. Other materials, such as block pavers are used in specific situations where aesthetic appeal is deemed to be important.

Audit of Tawa Driveways

The 41 Tawa driveways are audited yearly for maintenance and renewal purposes (last audit was Jan/Feb 2006). Growth cutting and/or weed spraying by Parks and Gardens growth and the cleaning and emptying of sumps by Citioperations are also carried out on an annual basis. However, if there is additional damage or repairs needed e.g. slips etc, the residents are expected to phone into Council and the faults are entered in our system and attended to by the appropriate officer or contractor.

When the scheme was set up eight years ago, each owner was advised by a circular letter to note what Council would do and the fact that they need to report additional faults that occur from time to time.

Mervyn Kemp Library Return Slot

Following vandalism of the return slots, Massey University School of Design were contacted for assistance. Since then, Wellington City Council internal design staff have offered to help with looking at alternative designs for Karori and Tawa Library return slots.

Mutual Trust Properties

The Boards request regarding what is planned by Mutual Trust Properties include what land they are not using, and what is planned for that, will be answered by e-mail as soon as officers have sources the information.

APPENDIX 2

2006-07 Council Planned Roading Projects in the Tawa Community			
PRESEAL PREP			
			Complete
BRASENOSE PL-#9 ROW	BRASENOSE PL	DEAD END	Complete
COATES ST	COLLINS AVE	CUL DE SAC	Complete
WOODMAN DR	PECKHAM GR	COLONIAL GR	Complete
WOODMAN DR	WOODMAN DR-#79 EXT	PIKITANGA CL	Complete
COLONIAL GR	WOODMAN DR	CDSH	Complete
RANUI TCE	MCLELLAN ST	COLLINS ST	Week Starting 2 October
COLLINS AVE	LITTLE COLLINS ST	RANGATIRA RD	Complete
MATAI ST	RANUI TCE	DEAD END	Week Starting 2 October
RAWSON ST	NATHAN ST	DEAD END	Complete
VICTORY CRES	FRANKLIN	FORGLEN	Complete
PAVING			
BRASENOSE PL-#9 ROW CDSH	BRASENOSE PL	DEAD END	2nd Week October
COLLINS AVE AC	LITTLE COLLINS ST	RANGATIRA RD	2nd Week October
MATAI ST- AC	RANUI TCE	DEAD END	2nd Week October
RAWSON ST - AC	NATHAN ST	DEAD END	2nd Week October
VICTORY CRES - AC	FRANKLIN	FORGLEN	2nd Week October
SEALING			
BRASENOSE PL-#9 ROW - CS	BRASENOSE PL	DEAD END	1st Week December
COATES ST - CS	COLLINS AVE	CUL DE SAC	1st Week December
WOODMAN DR - CS	PECKHAM GR	COLONIAL GR	1st Week December
WOODMAN DR - CS	WOODMAN DR-#79 EXT	PIKITANGA CL	1st Week December
COLONIAL GR - CS	WOODMAN DR	CDSH	1st Week December
RANUI TCE - SL	MCLELLAN ST	COLLINS ST	3rd Week November