
REPORT 8
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DIRECTOR POLICY REPORT BACK

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 roading and footpath projects in the Tawa area for 2006-07.

Contact Officer: *John McGrath, Director, Policy*

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Kerbing around Tawa

Pedestrian ramps will be installed on Rawson Street / Beauchamp Street to assist strollers etc crossing the road.

It is not practical to install pedestrian ramps at the Collins Avenue / Beauchamp Street intersection. There is a bridge structure on the northern side of Beauchamp Street which does not allow a ramp to be constructed. Also there is no footpath south of the bridge and unless a new footpath is installed we are unable to consider installing a ramp away from the intersection on this side. The construction of a new footpath would need to be prioritised along with the rest of the City's footpath extension programme.

Council could install one ramp on the other side (Service Station side) but the normal safe practice is to always construct pedestrian ramps in pairs opposite each other mainly to assist the partially blind users. Council would therefore not consider this option at this intersection.

Road maintenance programme

We have added Main Road, Tawa, from Victory Crescent to the Porirua boundary to our maintenance programme to repair large sections of road. This will be carried out within the next two months. Council officers will ensure that sufficient information about possible disruptions will be available to the public in advance of the works.

Bollards in Tawa

Officers met with members of the Board. There are two options for placement of the bollards:

1. in a line from chemist to chemist (5 bollards), or
2. around the kerb line (13-14 bollards).

Based on the Tawa Centre Development Contract, the price to supply and install the bollards is \$450 excl GST per bollard (\$600 per removal bollard). The current rate for asphalt reinstatement is approximately \$25 per m². Option one would cost \$2,400 excl GST, plus asphalt reinstatement and includes one removal bollard. Option two would cost \$6,450 excl GST, plus asphalt reinstatement and includes one removal bollard.

Both options will require pavement reinstatement. Guidance is currently being sought from the Footpath Protection team to confirm the area of reinstatement, prior to a decision being made.

Tawa Flower Sign

Officers met with members of the Board at the sign and agreed the front fence needs to be moved forward and the left hand one be removed completely. The other fence is to remain as it currently is. The Parks and Gardens unit has been informed of these decisions and will be scheduling the work. The contact officer is Martin Simonlehner.

Distinctive “i” sign on Welcome to Tawa signs at each end of Main Road

We have looked at the practicality of just removing the “i” from the Welcome to Tawa signs and believe a better outcome would be to replace the signs. The existing signs have the old Council Logo on them and our normal practice is to have the new Council Logo on all of our signs. The contractor expects to have them installed within a fortnight.

Historical signage outside Library

The sign has some minor modifications to be made to fit LED lights to reduce the overall life cost of the sign. It is expected to have these modifications completed in April. The information will also be formatted to more closely align with Council standards. The contact officer is Gerald Blunt.

Bing Lucas to Woodman Drive road link

The severe weather conditions of 2006 delayed the main earthworks on the completion of the road. The main earthworks are now completed including improving sight lines along Bing Lucas Drive. However, due to these delays, this has now led to the developer, John Walsh running into other contractual obligations and contractors are currently not on site. Mr Walsh’s agents, TCB have advised that they hope to have contractors back on the job by March, with a completion date in May 2007. The Council has placed conditions on the subdivision consent to ensure that the works are completed as early as possible and continue to put pressure on Mr Walsh to ensure the work is completed as quickly as possible. However, this remains a private job and ultimately the timing is under the control of Mr Walsh.

Tawa Heritage Walk Plaques

Neales Foundry has manufactured the plaques and a suitable contractor is being sourced for the installation of the plaques. The exact location is to be marked out and agreed by the Tawa Historic Society.

Aikido Club of Wellington

Council’s Parks and Gardens unit have approved in principle Scouts transferring the ownership of the Linden Scout Hall to Aikido. Officers will negotiate a new ground lease with Aikido that is consistent with Council’s leases policy.

Friends of Tawa Bush Reserve

Mike Oates from Council’s Parks and Gardens unit was unable to make the walk along the stream. However Mike Oates and David Halliday will make a time to meet with representatives of the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserve.

Elsdon Best Memorial in Grasslees Reserve

Tawa Historical Society requested that the Council turn the memorial 90 degrees and place an information board in the Reserve. Council’s Parks and Gardens unit have liaised directly with the Tawa Historical Society. It is not practical to turn the memorial however the unit has discussed the opportunity to change some of the landscaping to make the memorial more accessible. This will be followed up directly with the Historical Society and the unit will respond in writing.

Plaques (in Grasslees Reserve)

Ruth Graham from Council's Parks and Gardens unit (phone 801 3762 or 027 431 7583 or email ruth.graham@wcc.govt.nz) is the contact officer for this area. Ruth is happy to meet Robert Tredger or any Board member on site. The approximate cost of a seat and plaque is \$1,400 (plus gst).

Graffiti

We now have a program where the Council's Tawa assets are checked every Friday afternoon, including identifying graffiti. If graffiti is identified we arrange for its removal. Aside from that we have our standard CONFIRM notification process which does rely on someone reporting graffiti to us.

Annual Plan New Initiatives Update

Kereru Sculpture – Funding to complete the Kereru Sculpture is now being sought from the Public Art Fund. An application for funding is being considered at the next meeting of the Public Art Panel on 15 March.

Tawa Skatepark – This initiative has been referred to officers to investigate options around the proposed upgrade of the facility, including funding implications. Stuart Baines, from the Parks and Gardens Business Unit, will attend the Board March meeting and update the Board on progress.

BMX Park – Officers are working with members of the Tawa public on this proposal. It is anticipated that any work required will be met from existing resources and the use of volunteers. As with the item above, Stuart Baines will be in attendance at the March meeting and will update the Board on progress.

Policing in Tawa Update

The Board raised the issue of the level of policing in Tawa. Laurie Gabites, Council's City Safety Manager advises that the level of policing in each area is determined by the number of staff allocated to each district. Allocation of staff has been a regular topic discussed by the 'Metro' Mayors and CEO's. Currently the Wellington Police District (which includes Wellington City, Hutt Valley, Porirua, Kapiti Coast and Wairarapa) is developing a Community Engagement Plan which will include its approach to Community Policing. The allocation of the first of the new promised staff has been decided at a national level, and while the Wellington District only receives a small number, Police planning has decided that these staff will be allocated to the priority Hutt Valley and Porirua areas. A further group of staff (which is expected to be larger) will be allocated to Wellington later this year.

The issue of sufficient policing hours in an area will always be raised by communities. It is important to note that Senior Constable Oliver is not the only policing resource that is deployed in the area. Police have indicated that it does appear that there is a reasonable level of regular patrols in and through the Tawa area and that they will continue to monitor patrol levels to determine their ongoing appropriateness.

In respect to the Police Act Review, the initial consultation round has been completed. The purpose of this was to gather high level information on what the

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legislative process might look like for the new Act and the future look of Policing. This has resulted in a cabinet paper setting out progress in 2006 and information on the timetable into the future. It is likely they will release a wide ranging public discussion document in mid 2007 and the first look at what a new Bill might look like towards the end of the year.

It should be remembered that this is a review of the Policing Act and not a review of the operational activities of Police. While it will define some legislative framework, employment issues and some engagement issues, it won't decide on staff levels and where they are deployed. Once the public discussion document is released, the City Safety Manager will advise the Board of the details for making a submission.

APPENDIX 2

2006-07 Council Planned Roading Projects in the Tawa Community

PRESEAL PREP			
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	Complete
COLLINS AVE	LITTLE COLLINS ST	RANGATIRA RD	Complete
MATAI ST	RANUI TCE	DEAD END	Complete
RAWSON ST	NATHAN ST	DEAD END	Complete
VICTORY CRES	FRANKLIN	FORGLEN	Complete
PAVING			
BRASENOSE PL-#9 ROW CDSH	BRASENOSE PL	DEAD END	Complete
COLLINS AVE AC	LITTLE COLLINS ST	RANGATIRA RD	Complete
MATAI ST- AC	RANUI TCE	DEAD END	Complete
RAWSON ST - AC	NATHAN ST	DEAD END	Complete
VICTORY CRES - AC	FRANKLIN	FORGLEN	Complete
SEALING			
BRASENOSE PL-#9 ROW - CS	BRASENOSE PL	DEAD END	Complete
COATES ST - CS	COLLINS AVE	CUL DE SAC	Complete
WOODMAN DR - CS	PECKHAM GR	COLONIAL GR	Complete
WOODMAN DR - CS	WOODMAN DR-#79 EXT	PIKITANGA CL	Complete
COLONIAL GR - CS	WOODMAN DR	CDSH	Complete
RANUI TCE - SL	MCLELLAN ST	COLLINS ST	February