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## **DIRECTOR REPORT BACK**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report provides the Board with information about matters of interest to the Tawa Community.

### **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. Footpath and Roding Projects are attached as Appendix 2.

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### **Tawa Community Board Monthly Report – August 2007**

#### **Kiwi Crescent**

The Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers Ass.(Inc) has sought assurance on the capacity of Council infrastructure to cope with any future developments at the top of Kiwi Crescent. Council has no records of capacity or infrastructural failures at this location and if any seepage is reported then we will investigate and fix it if it is public or serve notice if it is private property. The City will not approve developments if its local sewer system has not the capacity to accept the resulting flows.

#### **Cleaning of culverts**

The Board requested Council Officers to investigate and resolve issue around the general cleaning of culverts including items that are falling from council recycling bins and are not picked up by collectors, leaving roads unsightly and littered. Council officers have noted this as a general performance issue to ensure best quality service. For any specific complaints, the public is advised to call the Wellington City Council call centre (499-4444) so we can identify and deal with any problems and keep records. There is a general issue with our recycling bins in that they are prone to be blown over on windy days and are very labour intensive. We are reviewing our system to see if there is a viable alternative, possibly based on bags. This will come up later in 2007.

#### **General Parking Limits**

At the last Board meeting there was a request of Council Officers to examine whether it was necessary or advisable to have a fresh look at parking time restrictions in Tawa. Thus far there has been no pressure from retailers for such a request. For any changes to be made, retailers would need to get together and agree on the changes they would like for time limits along Main Road & Cambridge St before Council officers proceed with any traffic resolution changes. At this stage, we do not have an agreed parking proposal from the retailers along Main Road. The car park area in the mall is not owned by WCC and we are unable to use any enforcement to prevent the loss of car parks due to mobility parks and Woolworth's pallets.

#### **Walkway linking Victory Avenue and Davidson Crescent**

Issues of safety and vandalism were highlighted by the Board around the walkway linking Victory Avenue and Davidson Crescent. This walkway is frequently the target of vandalism, riddled with tagging and broken glass.

With respect of the graffiti problem, Council has recently established a "flying squad" to deal expeditiously with incidents such as this – complaints should be lodged with the call centre so we can respond. However, there is no guarantee that this response alone with cure 'waves' like the one described. This applies to other areas of Tawa that have also highlighted, including Hiran Street.

With regard to the levels of lighting on the walkway, Council officers have assessed the existing lighting as good and have no plans to upgrade the lighting. As the lighting is already adequate, we do not believe that any improvement would significantly reduce the levels of graffiti in this area.

### **Update on Northern Growth Management Framework**

This report provides regular updates on the Northern Growth Management Framework, and specifically current and future Council projects of interest to the Tawa Community. Three particular issues to note this month include:

- The Council has entered into a sale and purchase agreement to buy the majority of the land required to build the link road connecting Westchester Drive in Churton Park to Middleton Road, Glenside. We will be seeking consents for this work over the next 6 months followed by 18-24 months construction. This gives a target opening date of Christmas 2009.
- The District Plan change hearing for Plan Change 45 Lincolnshire Farm structure plan has been set down for the 27/28 August.
- The contract for the completion of Mark Ave extension from Grenada Village to SH1 / Westchester Drive has been let. Works are expected to begin on site shortly.

### **Updates on Parks and Gardens Projects**

This report provides regular updates from the Parks and Gardens business unit and specific matters of interest to the Tawa Community this month include:

- Construction of the new slide for Duncan Street Playground is occurring off site, and the installation date will be advised at the next board meeting.
- We are working on signage for the Tawa Cemetery with the Tawa Historical Society is ongoing.
- Council is looking at putting in a stile and stepping stones across the waterway at Woodburn Reserve.
- A Map board for the Charles Duncan Reserve is currently being designed, and
- The rubbish bin at Grasslees Reserve that was funded by the Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund has been installed.

### **Inorganic Rubbish Collection**

The Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers Ass.(Inc) requested that Council investigate the possibility of a special collection of inorganic waste material for Tawa residents. The Lions used to provide an annual inorganic waste collection where Tawa Residents would dispose of unwanted items like used furniture, appliances, kitchenware and clothes. Initial talks with Porirua City Council recommend that such a collection be organized in association with Trash Place (Mana Community Trust) who would recycle the majority of such waste. The Association envisions that such a project would be carried out over several weeks by collecting in designated areas following mail drops.

The Board has previously raised the question of an inorganic waste collection along the lines of the Porirua City Council service. Wellington City Council currently does not offer such a service. Porirua City Council provides a service (through the Trash Palace) whereby residents and businesses can arrange to have items collected for eventual re-sale at Trash Palace. These items are usually bulky household items like furniture, clothing, kitchen ware and appliances.

WCC does not provide a similar service because of the cost involved with collection. Instead, Wellington City Council relies on residents and businesses to bring their second-hand goods to the recycling centre at the Southern Landfill.

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Wellington City Council also sees problems with running such a service in that residents or businesses might arrange for the Council to collect goods that are not suitable for re-sale. It should be noted that organisations like the Salvation Army provide a service for collecting re-usable household items.

However, Wellington City Council does offer 'Community Cleanup' assistance where the Council provides trucks, labour and disposal fees in assisting residents groups to dispose of their unwanted household materials. Some of this is then recycled through the Council's Recycle Centre. This has worked well for many years and some groups use this service as a fundraiser.

If the Tawa Community Board is interested in learning more about the Community Cleanup programme please contact Pita King on 381-6850.

### **City Housing**

At a discussion at the last board meeting on housing issues, questions were raised on Council's housing policy, turnover rates and possible rent increases. City Housing has confirmed that tenants over 80 years of age do have their rents frozen and the general turnover rate for 05/06 was 24.54% and 06/07 was 25.47%. The fit elderly are one of City Housing's target groups. We have complexes where we predominantly house older persons as this tends to be their preference. Access to our housing is on needs based points system. We have noted a decline in the number of older persons applying for Council housing.

### **Bollards**

The bollards in the Mall have now been installed. The location of the bollards is away from the Kereru Sculpture so as not to affect the additional tawa seedling sculptures.

As part of the installation of the bollards we did not consider removing the large advertising sign as this was not requested to do so by the Board. The large advertising sign was approved by the Tawa Borough Council back in 1985 and linked to Lot 1 DP 56794, being the then Tawa Shopping mall (37 Oxford St). However, we do have an opportunity to have the structure removed as it is currently unlicensed. The Board should advise on this.

### **Fibre optic Rollout**

Council's broadband project is ongoing and a range of initiatives are being progressed. We are in the early stages of developing fibre optic capacity to schools. Many schools currently have 'broadband' access - what we are talking about here are much higher capacity links (50-500 times faster). In the last week the Wellington Loop project has received funding for the connection of five secondary schools with fibre (Wellington Girls' College; Wellington College; Wellington High School; St Mary's College and Wellington East Girls' College). This project is being managed by a trust which has the ultimate objective of connecting all schools in the Wellington region. The aim is to get to all schools including those in Tawa but as of yet we are unable to be specific on exact timeframes.

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We are also working on an urban fibre network for the city - this would accelerate these plans because it would provide a fibre backbone that would facilitate connection of schools. There are some schools that are not on main routes or close to other fibre, these will be more expensive to connect but there is good scope to 'average' connection costs across all schools.

There will be a range of funding sources for such projects - schools have existing telecommunications funding, there are other government funding sources, and some Council funding may be required – although these issues are still being worked through and have not as yet been quantified or sourced.

### **Tawa Swimming Club**

Following discussion of the Swimming Pools report at the last meeting, further investigation by officers has identified that the pool covers for the main pool of Tawa Pool are pulled infrequently at night due to some health & safety concerns identified by staff. Management are therefore reviewing the configuration of both the pool covers and starting blocks as work on replacing the latter is likely to be significant due to the way that the existing blocks have been secured to the pool surround.

Existing children within the *learn to swim* programme at Tawa Pool have priority booking rights over those outside the current programme. These existing customers have a two week period in which to re-book for the following term before new customers are permitted to start booking. The booking system does not guarantee each customer their first choice of day and time for their lesson but does ensure that there are sufficient places available each week to accommodate all those currently in the programme.

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### Footpath and Roding Projects – August 2007 Update

Suburb	Road Name	Start Name	End Name
TAWA	BALLIOL DR	ORIEL AVE	PETERHOUSE ST
TAWA	BALLIOL DR	PETERHOUSE ST	ST HILDAS GLADE
TAWA	BEAUCHAMP ST-TAWA	RAWSON ST	COLLINS AVE
TAWA	BELL ST	MASSEY ST	ANTHONY ST
TAWA	BELL ST	ANTHONY ST	ROBERTS ST
TAWA	CARLETON TCE	COURT RD	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	CHESTER RD	LYNDHURST RD	WOODSTOCK TCE
TAWA	CHESTER RD	WESTHAVEN DR	WILFRED ST
TAWA	CHESTER RD	WILFRED ST	FRANKLYN RD
TAWA	CHESTER RD	WILFRED ST	FRANKLYN RD
TAWA	COURT RD	CARLETON TCE	DEAD END
TAWA	COURT RD	CARLETON TCE	DEAD END
TAWA	GREER CRES	FRANKLYN RD	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	KIWI CRES	TAINUI TCE	CHESTER RD
TAWA	KIWI PL	KIWI CRES	DEAD END
TAWA	LANE CRES	REDWOOD AVE	PROCTOR LANE
TAWA	LEADLEY LANE	DAVIDSON CRES	LEADLEY LANE-#12 EXT
TAWA	LEADLEY LANE	LEADLEY LANE-#12 EXT	CUL DE SAC
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TAWA	LYNDHURST RD	TAINUI TCE	CHESTER RD
TAWA	MAHOE ST	COLLINS AVE	RAROA TCE
TAWA	MAHOE ST	RAROA TCE	ALLEN TCE
TAWA	MAHOE ST	RAROA TCE	ALLEN TCE
TAWA	MAHOE ST	ALLEN TCE	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	MAHOE ST	ALLEN TCE	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	MAHOE ST	ALLEN TCE	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	MCLELLAN ST	MAIN RD	NATHAN ST
TAWA	MCLELLAN ST	DAVIES ST	HINAU ST
TAWA	MCLELLAN ST	HINAU ST	RANUI TCE
TAWA	NEWNHAM CT	GREYFRIARS CRES	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	NORTH ST	COATES ST	TREMEWAN ST
TAWA	ORIEL AVE	GONVILLE ST	ACHILLES CL
TAWA	ORIEL AVE	ACHILLES CL	BALLIOL DR
TAWA	ORIEL AVE	BALLIOL DR	NUFFIELD ST
TAWA	ORIEL AVE	NUFFIELD ST	LARSEN CRES
TAWA	RAROA TCE	DEAD END	MAHOE ST
TAWA	ROBERTS ST	BELL ST	TREMEWAN ST
TAWA	ROMNEY SQ	ROY ST-TAWA	LINCOLN ST
TAWA	ROSSITER ST	RAWSON ST	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	ST CATHERINE'S TCE	NUFFIELD ST	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	ST EDMUND CRES	PEMBROKE ST	DEAD END
TAWA	TAINUI TCE-TAWA	LYNDHURST RD	KIWI CRES
TAWA	TAINUI TCE-TAWA	LYNDHURST RD	KIWI CRES
TAWA	TAINUI TCE-TAWA	KIWI CRES	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	TAINUI TCE-TAWA	KIWI CRES	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	TAINUI TCE-TAWA	KIWI CRES	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	THE DRIVE	TE REINGA VIEW	KERERU BEND

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TAWA	WESTHAVEN DR	CHESTER RD	WESTWOOD RD
TAWA	WESTHAVEN DR	WESTWOOD RD	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	WESTHAVEN DR	WESTWOOD RD	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	WILFRED ST	LINCOLN AVE	CHESTER RD
TAWA	WILFRED ST	LINCOLN AVE	CHESTER RD
TAWA	WILLOWBANK RD	MAIN RD	MIDDLETON RD
TAWA	CHESTER RD	KIWI CRES	LYNDHURST RD
TAWA	KIWI CRES	KIWI CRES	TAINUI TCE
TAWA	KIWI CRES	TUI St	KIWI CRES
TAWA	KIWI CRES	KIWI PL	TUI ST
TAWA	LANE CRES	PROCTOR LANE	CUL DE SAC
TAWA	THE DRIVE	MAIN RD-THE DRIVE RAB	TE REINGA VIEW
TAWA	MCLELLAN ST	NATHAN ST	LUCKIE ST
TAWA	MCLELLAN ST	LUCKIE ST	BEAUCHAMP ST
TAWA	MCLELLAN ST	BEAUCHAMP ST	DAVIES ST

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