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REPORTS BACK FROM COMMITTEES/PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Community Board members with a reporting back facility regarding their portfolio responsibilities and other activities they have been involved with as a member of the Tawa Community Board. A copy of activities covered by the Chair of the Board is attached as appendix 1.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

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CHAIR'S REPORT covering August 2012

It's a busy time right now with a lot happening in the community. Two more community eNewsletters were sent out in August with a certain amount of TCB information included.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Christine Grace (chair, Makara-Ohariu Community Board) and I joined Wellington City Councillors at their table to hear Sir Geoffrey Palmer and Sue Driver from the Local Government Review Panel speaking on the issue of "amalgamation".

Members of the board and a couple of guests from the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association invited Sir Geoffrey Palmer and Sir Wira Gardiner to discuss the same issue with us, and how we see community boards fitting into all of this. Sir Geoffrey appears to be very much of the view that boards play a vital role in looking after the interests of local people.

A matter of hours after this report is being compiled (early September), the Tawa Union Church is hosting a public meeting on this issue. Sue Driver will be speaking.

The Tawa Community Board is considering putting in a submission on this. The closing date has been extended from Friday 7 September to Friday 21 September.

RE-BUILD OF TAWA RAILWAY STATION

Members of the board met with Richard Noakes (Senior Fixed Assets Advisor, GWRC), David Parsons (Tawa Historical Society) and Andrew Gray (Tawa resident who happens to be a landscape architect with the PCC) to discuss the re-build of the station. Our three primary areas of concern are security, adequate weather-proofing and "telling a story", i.e. inclusion of something of Tawa in the design of the new structure. The GWRC seem to be taking our concerns on board.

Twelve days later we met at Tawa Railway Station. This time the architect drawing the concept designs was also present, as was Bruce Murray (Tawa Historical Society). The Tawa community now has the opportunity to provide input on the art designs that will appear on as many as eight large panels at the re-built station. A real Tawa flavour will be sought, both current likenesses as well as something of the historical record. We will be following this one through.

TAWA SHARED PATHWAY

I am playing a part in publicising the competition to come up with a name for what is currently known as the Tawa Shared Walkway. The Rotary Club of Tawa has kindly agreed to offer a prize to the value of \$200 to whoever comes up with

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a suggestion for the best name. Most of the proposed names are coming through to my email address. At this stage 34 have been received. Either two or three members of the community board will be asked to be judges on the panel to decide the best name.

SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY

This will take place this coming Saturday with 64 stalls booked, a record number, and at least half-a-dozen having been turned away because of lack of space. The main organisers of this event have been the chair of the board and, to a lesser extent, Cr Ngaire Best.

There will be a Tawa Community Board stand at Spring into Tawa to provide publicity about the board and to provide the opportunity to interact with members of the community..

OTHER MATTERS

There is a regular stream of emails coming through from members of the community asking questions or concerned about one matter or another. It's good that they know we're available "to assist".

Roading and parking matters are a common concern. Graeme Hansen puts a lot of time into dealing with these. I sometimes meet with him and council officers on site to discuss a particular problem, such as work that had recently been carried out at the corner of Linden Ave and Beauchamp St.

Another ongoing one is parking near the bottom of Sunrise Boulevard, and I have had conversations (either in person or by email) with at least three parties in the past month about this. Graeme has had considerably more. The problem has arisen to a large extent because of insufficient parking space being available at Takapu Road Station. The GWRC seemingly have no funding to do anything about this, so the problem is likely to worsen in the future, especially when Tawa Station is closed for three months for the proposed re-build.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN AUGUST

- 07.08.12 Meeting with roading officers at corner of Linden Ave & Beauchamp St
- 13.08.12 Meeting with chair of Tawa Shared Walkway committee to discuss naming competition
- 14.08.12 Ratepayers' AGM
- 15.08.12 Meeting to discuss re-build of Tawa Railway Station
- 16.08.12 Informal get-together of community board members to discuss where we're at with 2010-13 Tawa Community Plan
- 17.08.12 LGNZ conference with Jim Diers on "Unleashing the Power of Neighbourhoods". Robert also took part.
- 19.08.12 Shared Walkway committee meeting
- 21.08.12 Joined Council table to hear representatives of Review Panel
- 27.08.12 Meeting at Tawa Railway Station to further discuss re-build
- 27.08.12 Get-together with representatives of Review Panel
- 29.08.12 Meeting with PCN journalist

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- 30.08.12 Meeting with Tawa Temporary Store manager
- 31.08.12 Twice-yearly meeting with the Mayor of Wellington, Celia Wade-Brown, to discuss Tawa issues.
Further visit to most of the Main Road shopkeepers to hand out a community newsletter and a “Spring into Tawa” poster.

Malcolm Sparrow
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