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

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Norfolk Island Pine Christmas Lights

Commercial Signals have indicated that they are aiming to install the lights on the tree in the last week of November. This is due to recent weather conditions, with the contractor undertaking a large amount of emergency work and there has also been some vandalism to the lights on the trees in Oriental Bay. The necessary connections to the tree will be in place prior to the installation of the lights.

Light Poles

Tawa Ratepayers and Progressive Association and other Tawa service organisations have agreed to fund the installation of Christmas lights on the light poles along Main Road. Commercial Signals will sub-contract this work out and it will not affect the timing of the work on the Norfolk Island Pine.

Request by Tawa Ratepayers and Progressive Association for Pruning and Planting

No further plantings are planned in the area near the 'TAWA' sign at this time. However, Parks and Gardens will be scheduling the crown lifting of the pine trees in and around the Tawa entrance in the next four weeks in an attempt to tidy the area. In particular, work will be done on some of the trees along Takapu Road which should open the area up as well as address any safety issues. The pines adjacent to the 'TAWA' sign were crown lifted by Parks and Gardens staff several months ago.

Tawa Service Centre – Community Space

Officers met on 10 November with the Board's subcommittee to discuss their draft proposal for community usage of the site. A separate report on the proposal and related matters is being prepared for the Board's December meeting.

Bing Lucas to Woodman Drive link road

Following on from The Board's recent press release about the road, the Council made a letter drop to local residents updating them on the progress on 11 November. The letter drop stated that

“... work is progressing on the link road between Bing Lucas Drive and Woodman Drive. This work is being undertaken by the developer, John Walsh, and his contractors, Goodman & Sons Ltd, as part of a subdivision of this land.

Due to the extremely wet winter and spring, there has been considerable unavoidable delay to the earthworks. Progress has been made, but the contractors now need a decent stretch of dry weather to allow the ground to dry out sufficiently.

The developer, John Walsh, is responsible for the subdivision implementation, including construction of the link road and improvements to Bing Lucas Drive, and he may find it necessary to change the timing of these works. If you require further information,

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please contact the project managers for the subdivision, Barry Evans of TCB on 478 0342, or the contractor, Stan Goodman on 0274 475 651”

Unfortunately, the last two weeks of wet weather will not have helped progress.

A Structure Plan for Lincolnshire Farm

The Lincolnshire Farm structure plan has now been notified as a change to the District Plan. Submissions on the plan change closed on 27 of November. Submissions will be summarised and published allowing for a further round of submissions. The outcomes of the process will then be reported to Council before a final decision on the structure plan is made. This is likely to be around April 2007.

Takapu Island Plan Change

The Council received an application for a private plan change to rezone the “Takapu Island” area. The plan change proposes to rezone the land from outer residential to suburban centre. In addition, it is proposed to apply additional rules for the control of future buildings on the site in terms of building materials and design elements, location of buildings, earthworks and landscaping. Retailing activities that exceed 1,000m² in floor area (per site) will be considered a discretionary activity (restricted).

On 23 October the Regulatory and Processes Committee accepted the private plan change request and it was publicly notified on 28 October. The submission period ends on 11 December 2006. No submissions have been received to date.

Graffiti

While the Council has an effective removal process in place, graffiti is sometimes not removed smartly because it is not reported. Encouraging people to report graffiti on Council assets to the Council and to Police will mean removal will happen quicker. The Council’s Community Services Unit are working with Police developing a database of ‘tags’ in the hope we can identify offenders earlier.

The Community Services Unit is developing a ‘standard’ to ensure a consistent best practice response to graffiti. The Unit is planning to provide information to private property owners about graffiti, giving reasons for removal and describing how to protect property. The Unit is also working with other organisations who own assets in the public realm to see if there is a consistent approach they can take to graffiti removal.

Crime Prevention Funding

Wellington City Council has an agreement with the Crime Prevention Unit to provide funding over a three year period. The current funding agreement expires in 2007. The current agreement provides money for specific projects that have a focus on vehicle crime, burglary, alcohol and violence. We have been developing a number of initiatives both within Council and with other agencies to deliver projects aimed at those issues. The management of the agreement locally is through a Safety Advisory Group that has representation from Police, CCDHB, Regional Public Health, Crime Prevention Unit, MSD and Council. If the Board wanted to develop a specific project that was aimed at reducing burglary, vehicle crime, alcohol or violence, then the Council’s City Safety Manager, Laurie Gabites would

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take this up to the Safety Advisory Group for consideration. However, Tawa is generally not viewed as a high crime area.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Council's Community Services Unit is looking at options for Neighbourhood Support. In Wellington in general, across the suburbs, there has not been a high level of interest in Neighbourhood Support that some other areas of the country have enjoyed. There are also questions around Neighbourhood Watch's narrow focus on crime and crime related matters. There is a suggestion that a wider focus providing sustainability for communities and social cohesion might be a better way to deliver some of the safety options Council is looking for. Early in the New Year, Laurie Gabites plans to allocate some time to look at this issue alongside the work that the City Communities Unit are engaged in. He will look for a response that will not only contribute to safety but improve community capability.

Weed Busters

Friends of Tawa Bush with support from the Council's Parks and Gardens Unit organised a weed busters event in road reserves adjacent to Redwood Bush on Sunday 12 November. This involved removal of agapanthus, pampas, gorse, wandering willie and arum lilies to prevent spread into the bush areas. Prior to the event the group prepared a leaflet and distributed it to 30 neighbouring properties to create greater awareness of nasty weeds and to also promote the Friends group.

All sports field renovations have been completed in Tawa including the spreading of 75 cu metres of turf sand on Linden Park.

Parks and Gardens are working with the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves to develop a track between St Anne's Square to Greyfriars Crescent.

Tawa Roller Skating Club & BMX Track upgrade

The Community Services Unit is to meet with the representatives of the skate park to work through their request to extend the Tawa Skate Park in Davies Street and the upgrade of the BMX track near Duncan Street. A meeting with the BMX track supporters group to be arranged for the coming weeks.

Tawa Mall Brick Works/Pavers

Work was carried out on Wednesday 22 of November and the patch next to the sign was prepared and actioned during the week ending 26 November.

Hatchings on key intersections

The Contractor Raymond Bailey has spoken to Board member Penny Devine. He is reviewing each of the crossings and will order hatchings accordingly.

Dumping of rubbish in Porirua Stream and surrounding area

The track has been cleared by Citioperations and there is no rubbish in the stream. Access will be organised with the property owner (Mutual Trust Properties Ltd) for the removal of the cars.

Auto Doors – Tawa Access way

The auto doors have been serviced and Council officers have met with Mark Goddard (Director, All Door Services) on site and discussed putting together a maintenance regime to mitigate the likelihood of the doors breaking down in the future. Signage has been erected advising the public to ring the Council if there are faults.

Representation Review

The Council received eight appeals/objections to its final representation proposal, as notified on 7 October 2006. Two of the objections relate to community boards. The appeals/objections have been sent to the Local Government Commission who will hear the appeals next year and make a final decision on the Council's proposed changes by 11 April 2007.

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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	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