

The Tawa Community Board (TCB) Submission to the Wellington City Council (WCC) on the Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan 2020/11.

The TCB generally supports the WCC Community Facilities Policy, although we have a few concerns in relation to Tawa.

Swimming Pools

We are pleased that the planned maintenance to the Tawa Pool and the replacement roof will occur during the next financial year, but are concerned that the Pool will be potentially closed for up to six months whilst the roofing is replaced. The Tawa Pool is used extensively for 'Learn to Swim' programmes, not only by the general public, but also by the local schools. This programme is heavily promoted not only by the WCC, but also by the Ministry of Education and the Government as a whole. Alternative venues to support this programme should be advised as soon as possible so that essential services can continue to be provided.

Currently there are two school swimming pools in Tawa (at Linden School - open air and at Tawa School - indoor). In general terms the TCB supports cooperation and collaboration with local schools /Ministry of Education et al, to improve access to the populace of facilities, but do not think that it is the responsibility of ratepayers to provide additional funding to meet Governmental responsibilities.

Parks and Playgrounds

We look forward to the continuing development of playgrounds in Tawa. According to the 2006 Census Tawa has larger proportions of population aged under 19 and over 65 compared to Wellington City overall, both of which age groups make wide use of the Council Parks. We are hopeful that the Tawa Stream walkway project can be further developed during the next financial year.

Sportsfields

Wide use is made of all the sports fields in Tawa. The weather this year has again meant that there have been many closures of the sports fields. The WCC support for All Weather multipurpose pitches is admirable. The TCB suggests that WCC should consider the installation of an all weather pitch in Tawa in its own right, and collaborate with local schools/Ministry of Education, to provide more local accessibility for all weather pitches in Tawa and around Wellington.

Libraries

The TCB congratulates the staff and management of the Mervyn Kemp Library for their service to the Community. In the original plans for this Library there were the options for further development, including meeting rooms etc., very similar to those being suggested for the redeveloped Library in Johnsonville. We would like these plans considered for an expansion of Community facilities in Tawa.

**Tawa Community Board
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NB – Councillors Best and Wain were not involved in the drafting and approval of this submission