

Queries arising from TCB meeting 16/2/10

Query	Officer's Response
<p><i>Tawa Motor Mower Shop, Main Road - parking problems following the realignment of the footpath.</i></p> <p>Local churches and their activities on Saturdays – resulted in extended parking and no place for customers to drop-off or collect goods at the shop Suggestion – restricted time limit in front for shop.</p>	<p>Officers will go through a traffic resolution process for restricted parking outside the mowing shop.</p>
<p><i>Parking problems on Main Road, in relation to St Francis Xavier School.</i></p> <p>Parking is a problem and poses a danger, especially in the afternoons, when local business opposite the school have customers parking in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>Suggestion – time limit placed on vehicles parking in this area. The businesses concerned like to retain parking outside their establishments for customers and not staff or vehicles left for servicing.</p>	<p>WCC has tried before to get restricted parking at this location but was met with several objections.</p> <p>WCC would not consider time restricted parking at this location until joint support is received from the businesses and school.</p>
<p><i>Street lights</i> were provided by the Lions Club of Tawa to celebrate their 40th Anniversary – in association with the TPRA. TPRA believe that when these lights were proposed it was agreed that they would become the responsibility of WCC.</p> <p>"Why do the street lights have to be turned off, when similar lights on Oriental Parade and other streets within Wellington city. We all pay the same rate! Is Tawa the poor relation to Big Brother? We would like a full Council response to our concern."</p>	<p>In November 2008 TCB resolved to:-</p> <p><i>"(a) Agree to fund the maintenance of the Christmas/Festive lighting from the Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund (C590) up to \$800 for the 2008/09 year and agree that in future the lights will be switched on on the first Saturday in December and switched off at the end of January.</i></p> <p><i>(b) Approach Wellington City Council to discuss the possibility of assuming the responsibility for the annual maintenance of the Tawa festive lights (both street and Norfolk Pine)"</i></p> <p>The longer the lights stay on, the more lamps fail and need replacing (maintaining). TPRA have apparently agreed to pay for maintenance of the lights for 2009/2010.</p> <p>Short report to come to future TCB meeting (possibly April) for future light maintenance to be resolved.</p>

<p><i>Larsen Park</i> – has no rubbish bins and is poorly maintained. The field is not mown until local residents complain.</p>	<p>There was a singular rubbish bin in this park prior to 2005 when it was removed as it was constantly being abused with domestic rubbish being dumped in the bin. WCC has only had one complaint since then about litter in the park.</p> <p>The following is a list of dates when the site has been mowed this financial year:</p> <p>29/8/09 19/9/09 3/10/09 31/10/09 10/12/09 26/12/09 04/02/10</p> <p>WCC does receive the occasional call for this site mainly from the neighbour of the reserve.</p> <p>WCC may look at increasing the frequency of the site from 13 times per annum to 18.</p> <p>There has been a flush of grass growth in the in the Northern Ward at the moment so WCC is aiming to keep on top of it with our current resources as much as it is practicable.</p>
<p><i>Recent District Plan amendments</i> – what supportive action has been considered by TCB in relation to the following recommended amendments that will affect Tawa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redwood village review from commercial to residential status - Increase in 'green spaces' for Tawa - Increased easement access to Porirua stream through Tawa 	<p>Submissions on Plan Change 73 (Suburban Centres Review) closed on 27 November 2009. In total, 132 submissions were received. Neither TCB or the TPRA made a submission on the Plan Change. Further submissions will close on 2 March 2010. WCC is currently writing the officer's report, which takes into account all of the submissions received. A hearing on the plan change is likely to be held in April-May this year. The officer's report will be made publicly available 5 working days before the hearing.</p> <p>Responding to each of the particular points raised::</p> <p><i>Redwood Village review from commercial to residential status</i></p> <p>The Redwood Village retirement village is currently zoned Suburban Centres. Officers are proposing to rezone this site to a Business 1 Area as part of the Suburban Centres Review (DPC73). Criteria that were used to determine whether a site should be rezoned from Suburban Centres to Residential included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the site is already used/developed for residential activities, and if so, whether is this likely to change in the future • Whether rezoning to a Residential Area zoning would constrain development opportunities in terms of bulk and location requirements • Whether the site would blend into residential areas <p>WCC has received one submission that has requested that the site be rezoned to Outer</p>

	<p>Residential rather than a Business 1 Area zoning. This request will be considered in due course, and will form part of the officer's report.</p> <p><i>Increase in 'green spaces' for Tawa</i> The Northern Reserves Management Plan was approved in August 2008 following public consultation. This plan sets out the management and direction of parks and reserves in Tawa for the next 5 to 10 years. In addition, the Outer Green Belt Management plan which includes the western hills behind Tawa was approved on 2004. Neither plan proposed additional green areas as such but did identify the Spicer Forest land above Tawa as having potential following logging of the pine forest in about 2015. Any new subdivisions will have green space provided as part of their development.</p> <p><i>Increased easement access to Porirua stream through Tawa</i> Regarding easements to Porirua Stream there is a proposal for a Porirua Stream Walkway and cycleway between Willowbank and Linden Park. This proposal will look at links between this track and the stream.</p>
<p><i>Hawkers in Tawa</i> Do they have a permit? Is this not detrimental to Tawa's two local greengrocers? What is the TCB's commitment to local businesses?</p>	<p><i>Officer's response:-</i> We have dealt with this extensively in the past, at the request of ward Councillors as well as the local greengrocer. We attended regularly for several weeks and eventually caught these people and issued formal cessation notices (at Linden, but also towards Johnsonville).</p> <p>Offences included illegal parking, trading without a licence and selling food produce without a food hygiene licence (sometimes BCLS officers attended with our street activities officers).</p> <p>At the last occurrence, the police also attended. We took down the details of the individuals present, took photos, issued them with warning notices and advised that if they turned up again in future they would face more drastic consequences (e.g. confiscation of their vehicle or prosecution). We explained to them why this is not appropriate and put them in touch with the Lions, who run a market in Tawa in the weekends (which would be a more appropriate place for them to sell their produce). We also provided them with all the application forms they needed in order for them to operate legally. We returned frequently to ensure that they had left and did not return (we used a number of our officers who live in the area to keep an eye out for them). We have not had any complaints regarding this for about a year now.</p> <p>If the problem has returned, it would be good to know exactly when and where this is occurring (to assist us with locating them).</p> <p>"Hawkers" such as "Mr Whippy" (please read carefully the definition in the link below) are</p>

allowed under our Trading in Public Places Policy:

<http://www.wellington.govt.nz/plans/policies/trading-public/trading-public.html>

This is referenced under section 8 of the Public Places Bylaw:

<http://www.wellington.govt.nz/plans/bylaws/public-places.html>

They are still expected to operate legally and safely (e.g. in relation to traffic/parking and food hygiene) such that they do not place anyone at risk. Therefore we would need changes to both the Public Places Bylaw as well as the Trading in Public Places Policy if Tawa wanted to introduce a restriction of some sort in relation to "Hawkers" as defined in the link above.

Setting up a stall by the side of the road (e.g. trestle tables on the public road or footpath separate from the vehicle) or a vehicle that remains at the same location even if there are no customers around would be considered a "temporary retail stall" under the policy and is not allowed without a licence. We would consult locally before issuing any such licence and they would need to comply with a host of other conditions (traffic safety, public indemnity insurance, food hygiene, licence fees etc).

<http://www.wellington.govt.nz/services/streetvending/index.html>

People operating on private property are outside our jurisdiction in relation to the Trading in Public Places policy but would still be subject to food hygiene requirements administered through BCLS's Public Health team.