
REPORT 6
(1215/12/IM)

**TAWA DRIVEWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION
PAPER**

1. Purpose of Report

To report to the Board on the Tawa Driveways and Rights of Way Scheme and the proposed programme of works for 2005/06

2. Executive Summary

The scheme commenced in 1998 and is to be fully reviewed in 2008.

Some 258 Tawa property owners served by 41 driveways and rights of way pay an agreed annual fee of \$100 for the maintenance of their private 'driveways'.

The proposed programme of significant works on Tawa driveways and rights of way for 2005/06 is included in Appendix C.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to the list of works proposed.*
- 3. Agree that the fee remain at \$100 per property per annum.*
- 4. Note that a copy of the report will be forwarded to the Tawa Ratepayers and Progressive Association for their information.*

4. Background

During 1995 Council reviewed its policy on the maintenance of private driveways, city-wide. These included private driveways formed on legal road, also over 200 private streets and many privately owned rights of way. As a result, Council resolved to continue its long standing policy of not funding maintenance of these private assets.

However, in the case of Tawa, the former borough council had, before amalgamation with Wellington city in 1989, a policy of maintaining driveways and rights of way serving 3 or more properties.

In a review in 1998, Council agreed to continue with the maintenance of the 41 driveways and rights of ways that served 3 or more properties in Tawa, provided the owners on these 'driveways' paid the cost of the works estimated to be \$100 per annum.

Each property served was given a copy of the "Terms of Agreement" attached as Appendix A.

Every year each 'driveway' is inspected with all maintenance prioritised, and the surfaces of the driveways are maintained to a reasonable condition.

The condition of the 'driveways' compares favourably with the publicly maintained streets in Tawa. This was one of the agreed standards adopted during discussions in 1998 when setting the annual fee.

There were some problems in the initial years in getting the street cleaning and growth control scheduled. However, this is now being well managed.

In 2004/05 the major item of expenditure was construction of a timber retaining wall on the edge of the driveway serving Nos 4 to 14 Bell Street in Linden. The cost of this work was \$19,539.91 funded partially from funds not spent in 2003/04. The balance of the funds was used for growth cutting and street cleaning.

The summary of expenditure and income for 2004/05 is listed in Appendix B.

5. Discussion

Significant works proposed this financial year are as follows:

- Repairs and resurfacing of the Mayfair Place Driveway.
- Replacement of fence/guardrail on the Lincoln Avenue Driveway.

Perusal of council files and call logs shows very few complaints or enquiries from owners served by the scheme. It has therefore been concluded that property owners are generally satisfied with the service they are receiving.

The costs of street cleaning and growth control can now be predicted with accuracy from the recent contracts let to Citioperations and the Council's Parks & Gardens business unit.

The proposed budget for income and expenditure for the coming year is attached as Appendix C.

Whilst the cost of resurfacing and maintenance items has increased over the last few years, officers believe the fee can be held at \$100 per property for the next year as the 'driveways' are in good condition.

6. Conclusion

The Tawa 'Driveway' scheme has proved to be an effective way of solving the issue of equity that resulted from the amalgamation of Tawa and Wellington and their different maintenance policies.

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Supporting information

a) **Strategic fit**

8.1.4 Service Provider-The maintenance of shared Driveways in Tawa (the continuation of a Tawa Borough Council programme)

b) **Annual Plan reference**

Relates to C312 Maintenance of Tawa Shared Driveways

c) **Annual Plan and Long Term Financial Strategy implications**

The implications for the Annual Plan and LTFS are a continuation of the scheme at least until 2008.

d) **Treaty of Waitangi implications**

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications

e) **Consultation**

The property owners on the Driveways being repaired will be consulted prior to works being implemented to minimise the disruption.

f) **Legal implications**

There are no legal implications.