
REPORT 5
(1215/12/IM)

DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT BACK - PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Board with information regarding the 2004/05 Council Plan Projects and Programmes for Tawa, Grenada North and Takapu Valley and any other matters of interest to the Tawa Community.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

3. Summary

3.1 Projects and Programmes

The Projects and Programmes report for the 2004/05 financial year is attached as appendix 1.

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APPENDIX 1

Tawa Community Board Monthly Report – June 2005

Safer roads

A meeting was held, at the Tawa Community Board rooms on Thursday 23 June, to allow residents of Tawa to meet project staff and discuss issues arising from the engineering works in the area. Members of the Tawa Community Board were also present for parts of the meeting.

Of the 33 residents who attended the meeting, it appeared that only 5 or 6 people had serious issues with the completed work. Most of the issues related to either the Redwood Avenue roundabout or the islands along the Main Road between each end of Redwood Avenue.

Responding to this feedback and that received from cycle groups, we have now removed the side islands at two locations between the squash club and the timber merchant. Officers are currently developing a proposal to alter the other two locations to better cater for cyclists but still provide sufficient narrowing to slow traffic.

There were a number of residents who came along and were either in support of the safer roads work or who wished to see further work undertaken. A group of Fyvie Avenue residents came and presented their concerns relating to speed in their street. It was agreed that officers would investigate the concerns and report back to the Tawa Community Board at its September meeting.

Suggestions made by other residents were noted and contact details taken. Officers will investigate these concerns and respond to the residents directly.

Speed limits

A contractor has been commissioned to survey vehicle speeds in Tawa and over the next 4-6 weeks tubes will be placed on a number of roads to record the volume and speed of vehicles. A report will then identify roads that should have a reduced speed and will include a consultation process. The report should be presented at the October Community Board meeting and consultation with the community will occur during November.

Footpath upgrades

The detailed design plans for the three sites: Collins Avenue; 175-185 Main Road and the Library Heritage Area; have been approved by Council asset managers subject to some minor modifications. A consultant will make these modifications and develop the contract drawings and specifications over the next few weeks. An estimate for the footpath works has been received and indicates this project is on budget. This will be reviewed at each stage of the project.

Lions Pergola

The panels for the Lions pergola have been made and are ready for installation. However, recent wet weather has exposed the foundation of one of the timber posts holding up the Lions pergola by the stream. A structural engineer will review the safety of the pergola. Once this assessment has been completed we will have a better idea of any additional work required for the pergola. The representative from the Lions has been informed of this issue.

White Light

A price from the lighting contractor has been received and accepted. The materials have been ordered and work will start in six to eight weeks.

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Willowbank Park

The old furniture that was originally donated by Tawa Rotary Club has been removed. New picnic tables will be installed at various locations throughout the park - the new seats are made from Macrocarpa taken out of Tinakori Hills. We are trialling two shade sails (a first for parks) over the picnic tables in the play area. A lot of the furniture has been moved into more open spaces so they get some sun. Picnic tables have been placed in the grass area across the river from the public toilets - to allow people to use these areas, stones have been put in the river that are easy to walk across.

Tawa Cemetery

The picket fence will be repaired and painted and the weeds and overgrown areas will be tidied up. We are also considering building a fence on the south side of the cemetery.

Wilf Mexted Memorial Reserve

Following construction of the Redwood Bush Loop Track last year, tracks in Wilf Mexted Memorial Reserve will be upgraded in 2005. This is part of the Northern Growth Management Framework's ongoing development of an area-wide network of walking tracks in the northern suburbs. Planning has started on track upgrades in Wilf Mexted Reserve in conjunction with Friends of Tawa Bush. The proposals will recommend some major improvements and re-routing of tracks in the reserve. Concept plans will be brought to the Tawa Community Board for comment in July 2005.

Petone to Grenada roading link

The Western Corridor study commissioned by Greater Wellington Regional Council has identified the Petone to Grenada link as a potential measure to relieve road congestion and enhance access to Wellington from the north. The alignment is not defined at this stage because geo-technical and ecological studies have yet to be carried out. However, there is the possibility of a direct connection to the Tawa interchange to avoid through traffic in Grenada North. Work is ongoing to provide more certainty over the project.

A roading link from Bing Lucas Drive to Tawa town centre

Duffill Watts and Tse have investigated four options for the link and are finalising traffic modelling for the two best candidates. Gradient problems at the Tawa end have proved more difficult than anticipated and the final report will now be completed on 11 July 2005.

Glenside to Tawa walkway along Middleton Road

The concept design for the Middleton Road walkway is well advanced and preliminary costings are being prepared. The concept will be available for further discussion with affected groups in July. The proximity of the road edge to the stream at several points will necessitate the use of retaining structures and this aspect of the work will need to be integrated with roading asset management programmes. It is envisaged that a phased programme will be required for construction.

Tawa College stream bank works

At the 9 June 2005 TCB meeting a report was considered regarding the responsibilities for the banks of the stream in the Tawa College land in Duncan Street. The college has applied to Greater Wellington Regional Council for resource consent to carry out the works. Currently (as at 28 June) GWRC are waiting for written comment from the neighbouring properties before issuing the consent. When this consent is issued, work is expected to proceed shortly thereafter.

At the same meeting the Board requested officers to write to both the GWRC and Tawa College. Copies of those letters are attached.

15 June 2005

Marie Prescott
Property Committee Chair
Tawa College
Duncan Street
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WELLINGTON

Dear Marie,

Stream - Tawa College – Duncan Street

Recently the Tawa Community Board discussed the bank erosion along the stream in the strip of Tawa College land between Duncan Street and the railway. As we discussed on Friday 10 June 2005 the stream banks were cut vertically by a Ministry of Education contractor under emergency provision some months ago and subsequently this has caused further erosion. The owners of No 41 Duncan Street are particularly concerned as the current rate of erosion could place their house at risk.

The Tawa Community Board decided at their meeting on 9 June 2005 to request Tawa College to carry out the required works as soon as possible. I am advised that a resource consent application is currently with that Greater Wellington Regional Council for approval. The Board commends this progress and trusts that the work will be carried out as expediently as possible.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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15 June 2005

Greater Wellington Regional Council
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WELLINGTON

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stream - Tawa College – Duncan Street

Recently the Tawa Community Board discussed the erosion of the banks of the stream that flows through the strip of Tawa College land between Duncan Street and the railway. These banks were cut vertically by a Ministry of Education contractor under emergency provision some months ago and this has caused considerable erosion. The owners of No 41 Duncan Street are particularly concerned as the current rate of erosion could place their house at risk.

The Tawa Community Board decided at their meeting on 9 June 2005 to request GWRC to ensure that the RMA is enforced and the works are carried out. I am advised by your Pollution Control Officer that the College have been told that works are required and that these are to be commenced by 1 July. A Resource Consent application is currently with your Council for approval. The Board commends this progress and requests that your Council ensures that the works are carried out as expediently as possible.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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