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1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Board with information about matters of interest to the Tawa Community, including a recommendation to expend the remainder of the Tawa Discretionary Fund available for the 2006/07 financial year.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to expend the Tawa Discretionary Fund on the following projects:*
 - a) *A rubbish bin at Grasslees Rose Garden (\$800); and*
 - b) *A commissioned report on the feasibility of building an over or underpass between Tawa College and Tawa Pool (\$7,870).*

3. Summary

The monthly report on general matters is attached as Appendix 1.

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The Council's Welcome to Tawa Signs

The Council's Welcome to Tawa signs are being replaced with new signs that conform with the Council's branding requirements. These should be in place prior to the Board's meeting on 14 June.

Tawa Discretionary Fund

The Tawa Discretionary Fund has \$8,670 remaining in it. The following are options that have been considered for expending this fund:

1. *Extra rubbish bin at Grasslees Rose Garden*

As outlined in the February Director's report, the cost of installing an additional bin in the Tawa Rose Garden (by the seats adjacent to the stream) would be \$800 and is not viewed as a priority for the Council's Parks and Gardens business unit.

2. *Investigatory work on a potential over/underpass*

The Board could engage the services of a contractor to investigate the feasibility of establishing an over or underpass that would provide a connection between Tawa College and Tawa Pool. Depending on how the Board wishes to spend the Fund, the contractor's brief could cover the remainder of the fund.

3. *Barbeque at Willowbank Park*

The Board has discussed using the Fund to install a barbeque in Willowbank Park. The estimated cost for such an initiative, however, is deemed to be approximately \$30,000 based on the cost of installing two barbeques in Shorland Park. The cost of the Shorland Park barbeques was broken down as follows:

Item	Cost
Power & 124 cable location*	\$200.00
Power Connection	\$8,540.00
Picnic Tables (2)	\$4,390.40
Stone Work	\$4,800.00
Digging	\$1,135.00
Misc & Mileage	\$130.00
BBQs (2) = 4 hot plates	\$14,289.00
Labour	\$1,084.82
Shelters (2)	\$14,000.00
Total (excl GST)	\$48,569.22

* The costs of power cabling are not exact, as this depends on where the barbeque is positioned and whether trenching for cables is required.

In addition to this, there is an operational cost of over \$1,000 per annum for cleaning each barbeque.

As the estimated cost considerably exceeds the amount remaining in the Fund, the option of a barbeque has not been recommended.

Parking on footpaths

The Council is conducting regular parking enforcement in Tawa. Parking Wardens are encouraged to be pragmatic about parking on the footpaths and exercise their discretion and initiative depending on the situation. In areas such as the Main Street, no cars would be expected to be on the footpaths. Enforcement may be more lenient in quieter suburban areas if sufficient space has been left for a person with a double buggy. However, such infringements would be ticketed if it was close to a school or a heavily used pedestrian area.

In the situation of people parking on the footpath outside the motor mower shop, the best option is for concerned members of the public to call 801 3555 so that the mobile complaints car can respond quickly and issue a ticket, if appropriate.

Clean-up outside the library

The lawn outside the library has been mowed and tidied up and the gardens outside the windows are programmed for planting in the next six weeks.

Commemorative roses

Martin Simonlehner, Horticulture Manager, Parks and Gardens is available to work with the Board and Plunket to plant and maintain the roses in the Tawa rose garden.

Community guardians

A meeting for all interested parties will be scheduled in the near future to discuss further opportunities for community patrols in Tawa. The initiative will be lead by the Board and supported by Council officer Jarrod Coburn, Senior Advisor for the Northern Ward.

Shopping centre bollards

Design work for the placement of bollards has now been completed. The bollards have been ordered and have a four week manufacture period. They will be ready on 25 June 2007.

Duncan Street – Cycling Plan

Further to the Director's report from the Board's April meeting, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) has employed school travel planning coordinators who are working with schools throughout the region to help them develop cycling plans. For more information, the appropriate contact at GWRC is:

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War memorial

Initial discussions about erecting a war memorial have been held between Bruce Murray from the Tawa Historical Society and Council officers Vikki Muxlow (Special Projects, Parks and Gardens) and Gerald Blunt (Manager Urban Design Policy).

The Council currently neither has a policy nor committed funding for erecting new war memorials. The only funding associated with war memorials is maintenance for existing ones. As such, requests of this nature are dealt with on a case by case basis.

Council officers support the erection of a war memorial, but would like to see that it has community support and is being driven by the community, and ideally involves such groups as the local RSA, Lions and Rotary.

If the community does support the idea, officers recommend that the Tawa Community Board put it up as a new initiative for the 2008/09 Annual Plan. Officers would be happy to work with the Board, and even a small working party involving key community supporters, to look into the details around the memorial's design, cost and location. Officers would also project manage the work if it proceeds.

Tawa Heritage Walk Plaques

The technical requirements of installing the plaques are being resolved. The final locations of the plaques need to be confirmed with the Tawa Historic Society as changes have been proposed since meeting on site.

Historical signage outside library

Ongoing technical work is being undertaken so that LED lights can be incorporated into the sign. As reported in the March Director's Report, the text and design is waiting on the information being formatted into the Council standard. The contact officer for this project is Gerald Blunt.

Kereru Sculpture update

Further information on the Kereru sculpture will be available in the July Director's Report.

Update – Lane Crescent resource consent

The resource consent application is currently on hold, awaiting further information.

Update – The Drive resource consent

The resource consent application for a third unit on 22 The Drive is on suspend as the application is being changed to only cover a car deck.

Roading and Footpath projects and programmes

Council officers are working through details for the roading and footpath work programme for the 2007/08 year. The detailed roading and footpath projects and programmes schedule for the Tawa area will be incorporated into the Director's report to the Board as soon as it is available.