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1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Board with information about matters of interest to the Tawa Community.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the addition of a hoarding site on the Main Road in Tawa (corner of Main Road and Sunrise Boulevard) for candidate advertising.*

3. Summary

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

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Discretionary Fund

The Tawa Discretionary Fund is established on an annual basis with a budget of \$10,000. As at the end of May the Fund has a remaining unspent balance of \$8,550. Financial Commitments have been identified for both the Tawa Community Awards and the Community Board newsletter, although financial estimates for these are still being sought. In addition, it is possible that the Discretionary Fund may be called on to fund part of the Community notice board previously discussed at last month's meeting.

Proposal for Approved Hoarding's Site (appendix a)

As board members will be aware during a local body or general election the Council makes available sites for candidates or parties to promote themselves. The Council generally sets aside certain areas to avoid the potential uncontrolled proliferation of advertising etc. Differences in the size and composition of the General election boundaries means that the Council needs to carefully consider the proposed advertising sites for this year's General Election.

In order to provide sufficient coverage for candidates campaigning in the northern areas of the Ohariu and Te Tai Tonga electorates the Council believes it is necessary to extend the number of sites to ensure that advertising reaches the intended population centres. The Council is proposing one additional site on the Main Road in Tawa (corner of Main Road and Sunrise Boulevard) for candidate advertising.

I have attached a consultation document prepared by the Council's Infrastructure team on the proposed additional approved site. The Council welcomes feedback and any comment on the proposal from the Board.

Tawa Shopping Centre – Walkway Access

Officers advise that the contractors are sourcing a new piece of glass and a new metal bracket that the glass fits into. The new bracket is required as the last time the glass was broken this was damaged. Property Services advise that the damage which has been caused is happening after school by teenagers hanging around the site. The situation is not helped by the painting of the windows along the northern wall of the walkway. This is providing cover for the culprits to carry out their vandalism. Property Services have had discussions with the Tawa Community Constable over the damage which is occurring and solutions are being sought to curb this antisocial behaviour in this area.

Tawa Community Civic Awards

Planning is underway for the Awards. The Awards ceremony is to be held on Friday 18 July 2008 at the Tawa Community Centre. The nomination form can be found on the Wellington City Council website at and is also attached to this report (appendix b):

http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/meetings/comgroup/Tawa_Community_Board/profile.html

Takapu Island Update

In recent weeks some discussion / concern has been expressed over whether the Council has received and approved an updated resource consent application for the Takapu Island site. We have followed this matter up directly with the local area planning team as there is no mention of any application being received on the monthly Resource Consent report.

As advised by Dougal List, Manager – Local Area Planning, **no** new resource consent has been received from the developer of the site. The Planning team have had some initial discussions with the site owners but **no** application has been received. As reported in the media, the developer's current intentions are for a Mitre 10 based development. We will keep the Board updated on any resource consent application as the development progresses.

Tawa Junction Update

The Chair of the Board has sought an update on development of the Tawa Junction site. In this respect I can advise that the Council's Planning Team has just received confirmation that the site owners wish to proceed with the resource consent application. The Planning Team are currently seeking further information relating to how the development addresses the southern end site relationship with the railway station over bridge. Advice and information is also being sought on how the development may impact on the Porirua Stream.

Once this information is received the Local Area Planning Team will look to make a notification decision on the resource consent application.

Tawa Driveway Levy Consultation Update

Neil Johnstone, Planning Team Leader, Transport Assets, previously presented a proposal to the Board to consult with residents who currently participate in the Tawa Driveway Levy scheme. It had been intended that this consultation be undertaken concurrently with the Draft Annual Plan deliberations so that any change in the levy contribution be approved as part of the finalisation of the 2008/09 Annual Plan. During discussions with the Board a number of issues

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were raised that required further analysis and investigation. The consequence of this is that the consultation with residents was delayed.

I have followed up the current status of this consultation with the Transport Planning team. Further analysis of current and historic expenditure has now been completed. Asset planning and maintenance commitments in future periods are still being worked on. Until this is complete it is not possible to finalise the proposed levy expectations. Once complete, the Transport Planning team will issue the consultation document to affected residents. Given the delay in completion of the consultation process any changes to the scheme and/or levy will now take effect as part of the 2009/10 Long Term Council Community Planning process.

Tawa Citizen Street Cleaner Update

At its Ma 2008 meeting the Board received an overview of the Council's position on support for and assistance to citizens who assist the Council in keeping the community and streets clean by picking up rubbish etc. Manager, Citioperations Mike Mendonça and Citioperations staff have been asked to liaise directly with the Tawa Citizen who undertakes this activity to provide him with background on health and safety issues and to provide access to rubbish bags and other appropriate equipment.

As discussed with the Board, the Council supports initiatives and actions from citizens if they help to make the City cleaner and safer. Achieving the outcome of a clean safe City is something that can only be achieved if the Council works together with its communities and if citizens in the community understand that they have an important role to play. The Council remains conscious of its primary role in delivering this outcome but also that it relies on us collectively doing our own "bit" to assist.

Tawa Community Newsletter

Final drafting for the Tawa Community Newsletter is currently underway by the Chair of the Board. Once complete the Council's Publication and Design Business will be assisting with the production, formatting and distribution of the newsletter. Council staff will liaise with the Board to ensure the smooth production and circulation of the newsletter. The newsletter will be funded from within current project budgets.

Appendix A

Appendix B