

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

12 DECEMBER 2012

AGENDA ITEM D3

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES GROUP REPORT

Purpose of Report

To update Councillors on the Infrastructure and Services Group activities.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

1. Consents

1.1 Wastewater

As reported to the workshop held on 23 November, the Council continues to apply efforts to meet its consent acquisition obligations at the three WWTP sites.

1.2 Martinborough

The substantive discharge consent expired on 10 July 2012.

The consent variation approved late in 2011 required that a full AEE and consent application be lodged by 10 April 2012. This was done with a consent term of five years requested.

After consideration by the Regional Council the application was returned to Council under Section 88 of the RMA as being considered incomplete mainly in the area of the assessment of environmental effects and mitigation measures proposed to mitigate adverse effects of the discharge.

The re-submission of a new application is work in progress at the present time and aiming for re-lodgement by 7th December 2012.

1.3 Featherston

The consent expired on 25th August 2012. Council lodged a new consent application seeking an eight and one half year term on 25th May 2012.

Following lodgement of the consent application, Council has received a request for further information from the Regional Council. They wish to be assured that

Council is committed to improved effluent quantity and quality outcomes and that in terms of the Resource Management Act, the current discharge is deemed to be temporary only with improvements to be delivered early during the course of the new consent.

Further information was supplied but was deemed to be insufficient to satisfy the request and the application remains on hold.

Currently Council officers and advisors are aiming to re-submit to the application and associated requests prior to 24th December 2012.

1.4 Greytown

This consent expired in March 2008. Whilst some work has been achieved in regard of the new application, finalisation of improvement initiatives that can be undertaken during the early years of a long term consent needs to be determined.

The consent application has been subject to a series of delays, and is not expected to be lodged before February/March 2013.

1.5 Strategy Overall

Greater Wellington Regional Council is agreeable to the lodgement times stated above to equalise processing workload.

Further in river analysis of discharge impacts at all sites is underway to complete the knowledge set and underpin the proposed discharge quality improvements.

So far it is clear that the most significant negative environmental impacts are occurring at the Featherston site where it is now proposed that efforts be first directed at securing available land aiming over time to move to full land discharge.

1.6 Water

In addition to the Greytown Bore consent renewal recently acquired, Council has been recently advised that the Herricks Bore consent renewal application has been approved, both for 25 year terms but with reduced annual allocations.

1.7 Land Fill Consent

The Martinborough landfill consent application is still in progress with information regarding the green-waste operation still to be collated to assist with the final application.

1.8 Wastewater

Greytown, Martinborough and Featherston Wastewater treatment plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period with no non-compliance issues reported.

4 pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

Sludge Survey work at Featherston and Martinborough was completed during the period with reporting expected before Christmas.

1.9 Water Supply

Martinborough and the Featherston/Greytown Water Treatment Plants operated routinely throughout the period.

Community water usage records and trending is attached for Council's information in Appendix 2.

1.9.1. Capital

A suitable water source as advised has been found near the Ultra Filtration (UF) plant and with some expansion (two extra production bores nearby) has the potential to serve as a frontline source for Greytown and Featherston eventually producing potable water at less cost than the existing ultra-filtration plant.

As advised at the recent workshop and application subsidy from the MoH CAP assistance programme is being developed for consideration in February next year.

Cost estimates have yet to be developed but will be advised prior to any application being lodged.

1.10 Water Races

Both water race systems operated normally during the period with several blockages reported and attended to.

Policy issues around other uses of the water races are under consideration and were referenced at the recent work shop. These issues require additional development and work before reporting can be made available and this is expected early in the New Year.

1.11 Waste Management

Operations continued on a routine basis throughout the period. Waste export and recycling tonnage data for the period is attached in Appendix 3.

Kerb-side audit was due to be completed by the end of November.

1.12 E-Waste Collection Region Wide

Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils both supported an officer recommendation to allow Earthcare Environmental to provide a specific E-waste collection service at the transfer stations throughout the region.

Masterton District Council however have indicated a preference for a different community based provider and until this matter is settled, the programme remains on hold.

Council may wish to consider moving forward either on its own or in association with CDC in order to get a programme underway.

2. Roding

2.1 Roding Maintenance – Oldfield Asphalts

The routine grading of unsealed roads and the maintenance of signs and drains is satisfactory.

In addition to maintenance, Oldfields are concentrating on pavement repairs on the roads scheduled for resealing in February/March next year, and the repair and sealing of drop outs on the White Rock Rd at Whakapuni Hill.

Oldfields have recently placed further rock on the boulder beaches at Te Kopi on the Cape Palliser Rd to repair storm damage. More rock is being delivered and will be placed early in the new year.

Oldfields have started the mowing of berms on our more heavily used roads, this will be done before the Christmas holidays.

In the new year Oldfields planned works will include, pavement repairs, the regarding of low shoulders, culvert cleaning, and cutting back vegetation to improve visibility.

The contractor responsible for weed spraying on rural roads has completed spraying of water table drains and around signs. In the new year they will concentrate on spraying road side noxious weeds

3. Parks and Reserves

3.1 City Care Contract

City Care has completed the second month of the contract. Requirements around berm mowing have now been clarified with City Care staff. Articles about berm mowing are being placed in the next issues of *Martinborough Star*, *Greytown Grapevine* and *Featherston Phoenix*. Householders will be reminded that they are expected to mow their own berms, and advised of the process if they are unable to do so.

City Care have completed the weed spraying of urban footpath and kerbs.

Most of the issues with City Care's IT system have been resolved, although we are awaiting the development of the reporting function, and there have been a number of errors in the claim for November.

In other respects City Care are performing well, their maintenance of sports fields and reserves is satisfactory, and they have been willing to provide additional litter and toilet cleaning services during weekends for community events.

3.2 Featherston Wind Sculpture

Work on preparing the ground for the wind sculpture began on 26 November. The artist is now on site, and the installation and landscaping are expected to be completed by 5 December, with the opening ceremony planned for 7 December.

4. Property and Facilities

4.1 Properties

Martinborough Library – The library continues to operate via the temporary Portacom, where it is expected to remain until the end of February. New premises have been identified, and we are nearing the end of negotiations with the landlord.

ANZAC Hall, Featherston – The draft building assessment prepared by Opus is being reviewed for costs and likely timing of work, given the 2016 centenary.

Building Warrants of Fitness – the BWOFS for ANZAC Hall, Martinborough Town Hall and SWDC offices are due on 6 December 2012. The BWOFS for Greytown Town Centre is due on 9 February 2013. City Care will coordinate the IQP checks as a variation to the contract.

4.2 Pensioner housing

All pensioner flats were tenanted as of 16 November 2012.

4.3 Cemeteries

There was one burial in November, at Featherston.

4.4 Pools

All three swimming pools will open on Saturday 1 December as scheduled. There are some ongoing issues with plant at Greytown and Featherston, but CLM staff are confident that they can manage the pools through the season.

4.5 Leases and Licenses

Old Stella Bulla Park – the grazing licence to John Jury expired in September although Mr Jury has maintained stock on the land. The area on the north side of Pierce St is unusable due to the road extensions to Cotter and West streets for the Governor's Green development. A new grazing license is to be issued excluding this area, and the south side of Pierce St abutting the land is to be fenced off. The availability of the land on the north side of Pierce St makes possible the development of a dog park for Greytown, we are currently looking at for a future report to Council.

Current expired leases/building vacancies include:

- Stella Bull Park Building – the short lease for the art exhibition has concluded and a new tenant is being sought. A proposal is expected from St Luke's church.
- Greytown Town Centre Upstairs Office – the office vacated by Rightway remains vacant. This space has been advertised however no interest has yet been received.

Currently under review is Considine Park, Martinborough – licence to occupy by South Wairarapa Pony Club.

4.6 Toilets

The new toilet at the Diversion (Lake Ferry) has been installed, and work has begun on the toilet for Palliser light house. Work begins on the new Martinborough toilets in January 2013.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Monthly Water usage

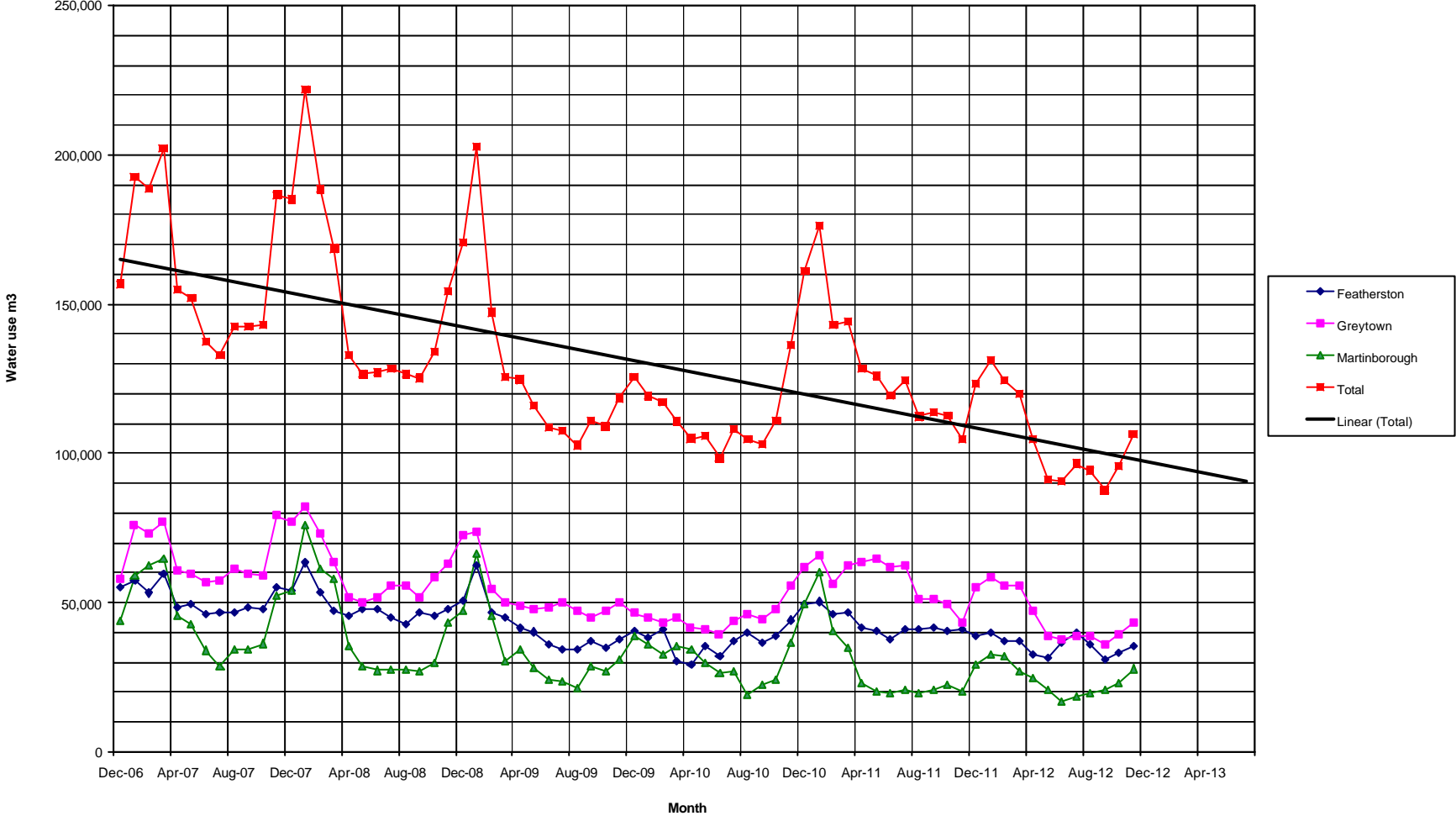
Appendix 2 – Waste exported to Bonny Glen including Recycling

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Appendix 1 – Water Usage

Water use South Wairarapa District Council



**Appendix 2 – Waste
Exported to Bonny Glenn
Including Recycling**

Monthly weight of waste transferred from Martinborough transfer station to Bonny Glen

