

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

16 MAY 2018

AGENDA ITEM E1

REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Purpose of Report

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

Recommendations

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the information.*

1. Featherston Ward Vacancy

On 8 April Cr Dayle Harwood resigned as a Featherston Ward Councillor. I would like to thank Dalve for his work as a councillor, Featherston Community Board member and SWDC council representative on outside organisations over the last eighteen months.

The election process to find a replacement councillor started immediately. Nominations closed on Monday 14th May at 12pm.

At that time five nominations had been received so an election will be held. Final results will be known on 10 July.

Council appointments, Councillor Harwood was appointed to the Featherston Community Board, the Audit and Risk Working Party, Wairarapa Moana Governance Group, the Wairarapa Trails Advisory Group, Wairarapa Policies Working Group,

There have been some changes in councillor's time availability since the beginning of the triennium due to new work commitments and other time commitments. I propose to reassess all appointments to council working parties, Community Boards, Maori Standing Committee and outside organisations once the by-election result is known in July.

Council will complete a governance review led by Equip.

2. Featherston Land

The sale and purchase agreement between SWDC and Featherston Central Ltd has been terminated by a joint agreement of the parties due to issues regarding resource consent conditions and easements across the property not being resolved.

Following the termination of the agreement I requested that the CEO investigate land title and sale history of the land from Daniell St to Birdwood St and also the history of the land swap, the Town Square and the Menz's Shed. I asked for a report to be completed by this Council Meeting, much of the background work is complete but not all the information is available regarding the Chorus easement. Councillors have requested further information be provided so have agreed that the formal report to Council is not presented at this meeting. Council has requested that the Audit and Risk Working Party receive and evaluate the material and prepare a report to be presented to the June 27th Council meeting. The Working Party is also tasked with assessing the need for the report to be reviewed independently.

Public participation from the Featherston Community Board meeting raised a number of questions from members of the public regarding the land purchase and council processes. These questions are being answered by the CEO and published on the SWDC and Featherston Community Board websites and Facebook pages.

The Featherston Community Board has called for a Public Meeting to discuss the issues raised at the Community Board meeting, this meeting is to be held on 19 May at 2pm in the ANZAC Hall. The meeting will be facilitated by Jenny Rowan an independent facilitator. The aims of the meeting are; answer questions regarding the land and council process, understand what the community would like to happen on the land and discuss future options for the land.

3. Meetings

I have attended a variety of meetings including LTP Public Meetings, Combined Council, Construction Team meetings, CE Review mid-term update and CE Review Working Party, Regional Transport Committee, Audit and Risk Working Party, Community Boards, Maori Standing Committee pre meeting discussion regional development, Maori Standing Committee, Wairarapa Mayors meeting, Regional Mayors and CEO's meeting at Parliament with Minister Phil Tyford, Minister Meka Whaitiri, Minister Chris Hipkins, Minister Kris Faafoi and Wellington meeting Labour Party MP's, Waihinga Centre Opening group, Provincial Growth Fund, Wairarapa Mayors and Mr John Doorbar, Whaitua Public Meeting, Infrastructure and Planning Working Party, Meeting Audit NZ, Mayors meeting with Wairarapa Civil Defence Controller, Wairarapa Water. Various meetings with individuals and groups.

Meeting – Date & Venue	Regional Transport Committee 24 April 10am 15 Walter St Wellington
Present	Wellington Regional Transport Committee members
Key issues from meeting	<p>Regional Land Transport Plan mid-term review- a number of submitters presented to the committee, most of the submissions covered cycling and walking modes and the importance of these in communities for not only transport but health and social benefits. The next meeting on 29th May will receive an updated version of the draft update to discuss. The Final update document will be approved in mid June.</p> <p>Government Policy Statement update from Ministry of Transport- the new GPS has been released, there is to be another version next year as there was too much to put into this year. The key focus is safety, regional transport development, this will include money for footpath maintenance which TLA's will be able to apply for.</p> <p>The RTC has completed a submission to the GPS which is in the agenda papers sent to councilors, The RTC is generally supportive of the direction and focus of the GPS.</p> <p>NZTA Project Updates – NZTA have just released their programme changes to meet the new GPS. This is available to be viewed on the NZTA website.</p>

Meeting – Date & Venue	Meeting with Government Ministers and MP's Select Committee Room Parliament Buildings 30 April 5.00pm
Present	Misisters Phil Twyford, Meka Whitiri, Chris Hipkins, Kris Faafoi, wellington Regional Labour MP's, Wellington Regional Mayors and CEO's and officials
Key issues from meeting	<p>Regional Development Planning and Collaboration</p> <p>The meeting was to inform the government on what the Wellington Region is planning in regard to the Wellington Regional Investment Plan. Key government initiatives were discussed including regional economic development, transport and housing.</p> <p>The government is certainly sending very clear messages that it needs to work in partnership with Local Government to achieve its goals and targets.</p>

4. Correspondence

DATE	INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE	SUBJECT
April	Luca Duncan, Gladstone School	Lake Onoke and how to manage pollution.
April/May	Several Residents of Featherston	Expressing concern at the performance of CE.

29 April	Greytown RSA	.Thanks for attendance and address at the ANZAC Day Civic Service
DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
5 April	Robyn Brady Linley Thorburn	Congratulations on being awarded a South Wairarapa Rotary Award for pride of Workmanship.
5 April	Kate Mead, Helen Gray, AJ Dawes Ian & Rosie Montgomerie, Vicki Jones & Edward Allen, Jill Baker, John Gray, Gail Vidulich, Kathy Lenihan, Stella Smith, Scott Macdonald	Letters of congratulations on being awarded a South Wairarapa Rotary Award for Community Service.
19 April	Hon Ron Mark	Outlining intentions to apply to the applying to the Provincial Growth Fund.
4 May	Chair of Board of Trustees, Kuranui College	Further sporting facilities in Greytown
9 May	Garrity's Transport	Congratulation to Garrity's Transport on the 125th anniversary of the company.
14 May	Luca Duncan, Gladstone School	Thanks for sharing advice on pollution management at Lake Onoke .

5. Events

Wairarapa Riding for the Disabled, Kuranui College Powhiri for new Principal Simon Fuller, unveiling of the painted services box in Martinborough Square, Featherston Booktown Launch, Blessing Incident Vehicle Martinborough, Martinborough ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Featherston ANZAC Day Ceremony, Greytown ANZAC Day Ceremony, Q & A TV filming, Opening of Greytown Bayleys office, Greytown Heritage Society AGM, Dinner with African Diplomats, Chamber of Commerce Lunch Air NZ guest speakers, Dark Sky Reserve Powhiri at Hauriki Marae for John Barentine International Dark Sky Society leader from the USA, Dinner Dark Sky Society, Science and Space Festival Greytown Primary School, Dark Sky talks Carterton Events Centre, Transmission Gully Site visit, Greytown Trails Trust AGM, Featherston Art Sale Opening, Featherston Booktown events, Opening Union Square Martinborough Hotel,

Transmission Gully – the trip was amazing the group travelled from Linden to Pahautanui via the new road and side roads. There is a very good website that gives you updates of progress and animations of how one of the major bridges will be put in place. It is well worth a look.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/transmission-gully-motorway>

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