

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2009 AT 1.00 PM

PRESENT:

Dave Pullen (Chairman)
John O'Neill (Mayor)
Graeme Page
Graham Smith
Evan Williams
Simon McDermott

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr O'Sullivan.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Operations Committee held on 17 February 2009, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graham Smith/John O'Neill

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Legalisation of Hayman Road:

The Asset Manager advised that currently Hayman Road was Crown Land. The options were for it to become part of the Council's roading network or to be passed to Meridian and become part of Meridian's core land. He said if the latter was contemplated, the potential impacts on the community would need to be carefully considered.

3. District Water Policy:

It was clarified that the proposal to develop a District Water Policy referred to the townships' water supplies. A draft would be submitted to the Council for consideration.

7. District Medical Facilities

The Mayor undertook follow up request that the Chief Executive Officer of the SCHB and Karen Foster be invited to meet with the Council

III REPORTS:

1. INCREASE OF WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGES:

This report from the Asset Manager was accompanied by a proposed schedule of fees and charges for the disposal of waste at the Council facilities.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graeme Page/EvanWilliams

It was noted that the reference to tyres should be clarified to state *car* tyres only.

Resolved that the following new fees and charges be adopted:

	2009/2010 Incl GST \$
Purchase of Council Approved Refuse Bags	
Clear Bag for clean, sorted recyclables	\$0.70ea (\$3.50 for 5 bags)
Green Bag for compostable materials	\$0.70ea (\$3.50 for 5 bags)
Black Bag for rubbish	\$1.50ea (\$7.50 for 5 bags)
Charges for off-loading of refuse by the public at a Resource Recovery Park	.
Recyclable materials	\$6.00 per cubic metre or part thereof
Green Waste	\$10.00 per cubic metre or part thereof
Green waste – car boot or stationwagon	\$5.00
Green waste – single axle trailer or ute	\$10.00 per cubic metre or part thereof
Putrescible Waste	\$90.00 per tonne or part thereof
Rubbish	\$55 per cubic metre or part thereof
Rubbish – single bag (not in official bag)	\$3.50
Rubbish – car boot (minimum charge)	\$7.00
Rubbish – car boot (maximum charge)	\$15.00
Rubbish – single axle trailer (minimum charge)	\$15.00
Rubbish – double axle trailer or ute (minimum charge)	\$25.00
Bedding mattresses	
Single	\$10.00 each
Double or larger	\$20.00 each
Pick up rejected bag	\$20.00

	2009/2010 Incl GST \$
Demolition materials (residual)	\$55.00 per cubic metre or part thereof
Cleanfill: deposited with Council cleanup required (Note: a 50% discount will be allowed if the disposer clears or remediates the tipface immediately after disposal)	\$25.00 per cubic metre or part thereof
Other Items	\$12 ea screen & hard drive
Whiteware	\$18.00 each
Car bodies	\$50.00 each
Tyres (car tyres only)	\$5.00 each

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

2. TWIZEL WATER SUPPLY INVESTIGATION:

This report from the Asset Manager was accompanied by the following reports:

- Twizel Water Supply Investigation – Issues and Options and the Addendum to that report
- Twizel and Manuka Terrace Water Supply – Implementation Issues and Options

Resolved that the report be received.

Evan William/Simon McDermott

Dave Pullen noted that the Twizel Community Board had agreed that the proposed water supply for Manuka Terrace should proceed on a stand alone basis.

Resolved that the following recommendations made by the Twize Community Board be adopted.

1. *That Greg Birdling of Opus International Consultants Ltd be asked to clarify for elected members the details of the work required for, and the estimated costs associated with, the two options, viz upgrading of the existing water scheme and a new scheme from a new source.*
2. *That Greg Birdling be requested to prepare documentation required to accompany an application for a CAP subsidy by October 2009.*

Dave Pullen/Evan Williams

It was requested that information on the details of Option 5 be made available for consideration at the next Council meeting.

3. TWIZEL OXIDATION PONDS PROJECT:

This report from the Asset Manager updated on the state of the various projects associated with the Twizel Oxidation Ponds.

Resolved that the report be received.

Simon McDermott/Evan Williams

4. LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND POST – WEEKEND MAIL COLLECTION:

This report from the Mayor was accompanied by advice from New Zealand Post regarding the decision to collect mail from street posting boxes five days a week instead of the current six.

Resolved that the report be received.

Dave Pullen/Evan Williams

V GENERAL:

HAYMAN'S CATTLESTOPS:

The Mayor reported the ongoing unwillingness of the Hayman family to pay for the maintenance of cattlestops. He sought the opinion of the Councillors, noting that his personal opinion was that the account should be settled following which an opportunity could be provided for negotiations regarding the changes to the policy which they desired.

The issues associated with landholders carrying out maintenance of cattlestops were discussed. The Asset Manager suggested that he provide a report which would include information about the need for an annual inspection (with an associated fee), and the need to recover the costs of additional repairs or maintenance which might be required. He said the alternative was for the costs to be absorbed in the rates.

The Mayor undertook to advise Mr Hayman of the Committee's views.

1. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF RURAL WATER SUPPLIES – CLARIFICATION OF WHAT COUNCIL ASKED TO BE INVESTIGATED:

Graeme Smith said the issue had been raised because of level of resources which Council provided to rural water supplies. He suggested that the Albury Water Supply model could be used for management of the schemes

The Asset Manager said that Allandale Water Supply ratepayers were happy to pay for the services provided by Council. He noted that all staff time provided during the upgrade had been charged to the Scheme.

The Mayor suggested that the issue also related to the perception that pressure was put on staff because of their availability to water supply ratepayers at any time. He said staff time was precious and the days of being able to *drop in* on staff had to be numbered. He considered that the question was if that service was no longer available, how could ratepayers streamline their own operations? He doubted that Council was able to recover the full costs of the service to rural water supplies.

Simon McDermott proposed that in the light of the matters raised, a review of the operation of rural water supplies should be carried out.

VI VISITOR:

The Chairman welcomed Brian Lester, representative of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Study Group.

Mr Lester presented a power point summary which included the history of the Canterbury Strategic Water Study 2002 – 2008, an overview of the Strategy, Fundamental Principles, Alternative Strategies and Next Steps. He also circulated a discussion document which had been prepared for consideration by stakeholders at a series of meetings to be held during March and April 2009 as part of the preparation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. Copies of the presentation and the discussion document are attached to this record.

The Mayor thanked Mr Lester for his presentation and for all his efforts on behalf of the people of Canterbury.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 4.45 PM**

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____