

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, ON MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.44 PM

### **PRESENT:**

Peter Maxwell (Chairman)  
Leon O'Sullivan  
Peter Munro  
Murray Cox  
Alan Hayman

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John O'Neill (Mayor)  
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

## **II MINUTES:**

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 12 October 2009, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Alan Hayman/Peter Munro**

### **GENERAL MANAGER – DESTINATION MOUNT COOK MACKENZIE:**

The Chairman welcomed Philip Brownie, General Manager – Destination Mt Cook Mackenzie, and invited him to address the meeting.

Mr Brownie thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and provide an update on activities, in particular those affecting the Lake Tekapo Community.

He said the successful 2009 Winter Marketing Campaign had seen 23,000 more guest nights in the region over the ski season than in the previous year.

Mr Brownie reported on recent positive developments with regard to the proposed Tekapo-Aoraki/Mt Cook starlight reserve. The project had won unanimous support for nomination as one of only five world heritage night sky reserve sites to be considered at a UNESCO World Heritage meeting in Rio de Janeiro in 2010. The Starlight Reserve Sub-Committee chairman, Margaret Austin, had successfully presented the case for the Mackenzie Basin site at the UNESCO meeting held in the Canary Islands earlier in the month.

Mr Brownie referred to the new Lake Tekapo i-SITE which was to open on 1 December 2009. The Chairman advised that Transit had required changes to be made to signs on the State Highway because of the establishment of the i-SITE. He had spoken with the operator of the Lake Tekapo Information Centre who had anticipated that the centre's sign would be sacrificed in favour of the one for the i-SITE and was relaxed about the requirement.

Leon O'Sullivan reported on the Starlight Reserve Sub-Committee's application to *Canterbury V Five* for support for the Starlight Reserve project; the application was one of the group of 11 from which the five winning projects would be selected and announced on 1 February 2010.

## **II MINUTES (Continued):**

### **NOVEMBER UPDATE:**

#### **Replacement for Plantings in Mt John Subdivision**

It was noted that the new grassed areas needed to be watered. Peter Munro offered to help if required.

#### **Proposed Community Centre - Submission**

The Chairman referred to the submission from Michael Midgely and Wilma van den Bosch which was included in the Agenda and drew attention to the response he had made to the submitters.

#### **Proposed Community Centre – Resource Consent**

The Chairman said that while an application for resource consent would not need to be publicly notified, the public notification process would provide an opportunity to gain more feedback from the community. He suggested that be undertaken in the New Year.

#### **Relocation of larger recycling bins from Twizel**

It was agreed that a blue bin for the free disposal of glass be sited in the western car park.

#### **Estimate for Murray Place Walking Track**

Resolved that the Murray Place walking track project proceed subject to the receipt of acceptable estimates.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Alan Hayman**

#### **Walkway – Mt John to Regional Park**

The Chairman referred to the timeline and proposed route for the walkway which had been included in his *Township Projects Progress* spreadsheet and noted that some of it was already reasonably well formed. He suggested that while it would be a long term project, much of it was already in place.

#### **Playground and Scale Model of Solar System and Sundial**

Leon O'Sullivan advised that resource consent was required for the playground and he had suggested that the sundial be included as part of the application which the Committee intended to submit early in the New Year.

Resolved that a grant be made to the Playground Committee towards the cost of the resource consent required for the playground project.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Murray Cox**

#### **Proposed Footbridge**

The Chairman undertook to liaise with Chris Maclaren regarding the appointment of a representative of the Community Board on the footbridge committee.

**Review of Camping on Roadways and Reserves Bylaw:**

Murray Cox suggested that the Board members consider the proposed updated bylaw and make comment if necessary. A copy of the Statement of Proposal and reviewed Bylaw would be emailed to Board members.

**Reserve Behind Bluewater Resort**

It was noted that the while the reserve was in a tidy condition it needed to be mowed.

**Bench Seat for End of Peninsula Walkway**

The Chairman referred to the need for a seat to be installed at the end of the Peninsula Walkway. Leon O'Sullivan undertook to consult with Anne Braun-Elwert regarding an earlier commitment by the the Department of Conservation to supply and install a seat, and then liaise with the Community Facilities Manager to ensure that the project proceeds.

**Lake Tekapo Community Hall Kitchen**

Murray Cox undertook to provide a report on options for upgrading the kitchen in the Lake Tekapo Community Hall.

**III REPORTS:**1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update on the cost centres under the jurisdiction of the Tekapo Community Board for the period to 30 September 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Munro**

**Excess Water Charges – Murray Park**

Resolved that the Lake Tekapo Enhancement Committee be made aware that excess water charges of \$2,074 had been incurred for Murray Park.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Munro**

2. TEKAPO PROJECTS:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager provided an update on the township projects for 2009/10.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the estimate of \$5,500 from Rooney Earthmoving Ltd for the lakefront walkway be accepted and that the removal of the willows be undertaken in conjunction with the work.
3. That any funds unspent in the Community Centre budget be carried forward to the 2010/2011 year.
4. That priorities for next year's township projects budget be confirmed at the next Community Board meeting.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Alan Hayman**

4. LAKE TEKAPO REGIONAL PARK:

This letter from Murray Cox, Chairman of Lake Tekapo Recreational Park Inc, referred to debris on Lilybank Road from trees which had been removed by Environment Canterbury at the request of Council, and the establishment of a new car park and access to the Regional Park on the lake side of Lilybank Road.

**Debris on Lilybank Road**

Resolved that a letter be written to Environment Canterbury:

- thanking them for cutting down the trees which were shading the road, and
- requesting that the slash and remaining trees be removed urgently before the Lake Tekapo Recreational Park Society erects a new fence along the roadside.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Munro**

**New Car Park**

Murray Cox noted that a grant of \$10,000 had been received from the Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury Inc for the car park.

The Mayor referred an application for funding for extensions to the Fairlie Medical Centre which had been made to the Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury Inc and the likelihood that a further application could be made for the upgrade of the Twizel Medical Centre. He suggested it could be of more benefit to the District if applications to the Trust were coordinated to avoid unhelpful competition for funds.

It was suggested that local contractors and volunteers could be asked to contribute to the car park project.

Resolved that donations towards the development of a car park for the Regional Park be matched dollar for dollar by the Tekapo Community Board up to a maximum of \$5,000.

**Peter Maxwell/Peter Munro**

6. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Leon O'Sullivan reported that a large tree above Mrs Maisie Simpsons's house had been removed because of the danger it posed to the house. The Chairman said a number of residents along Murray Place were also concerned about the safety of a number of big, old straggly **trees along the firebreak.**

Resolved:

1. That the Mackenzie Forestry Board be thanked for arranging the removal of the tree above Maisie Simpson's house.
2. That the Mackenzie Forestry Board be advised of the concerns of neighbouring residents and requested to give urgent consideration to the removal of further trees along the Murray Place firebreak.

**Peter Maxwell/Murray Cox**

7. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

Murray Cox reported that the Department of Conservation had started on the construction of the 1.5 km section of the Te Araroa national walkway through the Lake Tekapo Regional Park. He also advised that Fish and Game had recently released 12,000 salmon into Lake Tekapo.

**IV GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1 LIONS NOTICEBOARD:

Leon O'Sullivan advised that the Lake Tekapo Lions Club had been asked to upgrade the local noticeboard. The estimated cost would be \$3,000. The Lions Club had undertaken to contribute \$1,000, the Promotions Group had been asked for \$1,000. He said the notice board provided an excellent service to local people.

Resolved that \$1,000 be granted towards a new notice board for the Lake Tekapo township with the stipulation that a management regime be put in place for its use.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Maxwell**

2. LAWNMOWING IN THE LOCHINVER SUBDIVISION:

The Community Facilities Manager reported that development in the subdivision had reached the point where residents needed to take ownership of the grassed areas in front of their properties. He noted that the Council had recently taken responsibility for Stage II, Rankin Rise but there was no provision in the budgets for that maintenance work.

Resolved that the residents of Stage I of the Lochinver subdivision be advised of their responsibility to arrange for maintenance of the grassed areas in front of their properties.

**Peter Maxwell/Leon O'Sullivan**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that he would instruct Whitestone to cease mowing the grass verges in Stage I of the Lochinver subdivision.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.33 PM**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_