

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, ON MONDAY 2 FERUARY 2009 AT 7.55 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Maxwell (Chairman)
Peter Munro
Catherine Young
Leon O'Sullivan
Murray Cox

IN ATTENDANCE:

John O'Neill Mayor
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGIES:

Apologies were noted from the Asset Manager and from Staff Members for lateness.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 1 December 2008, with the following correction to meeting times in the **Meetings Schedule for 2009** to read:

starting at 7.30 pm in the summer and 7.00 pm in May, June, July and August,
be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Leon O'Sullivan/ Peter Maxwell

MATTERS ARISING:

- Include *Three Bin Recycling Station* in list of Matters under Action.
- Catherine Young advised that she still intended to consult with the new Principal of the Lake Tekapo School about keeping some Mackenzie Community Library books at the school.

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Street Lighting Bollards:

The Asset Manager advised that he was aware of the issue relating to the number of light bollards in the Lochinver subdivision and would be addressing it.

The Chairman referred to the proposed Starlight Reserve for Lake Tekapo and the need to provide written confirmation of commitment to the project within the next month to Margaret Austin to support her promotion of it in the UNESCO forum.

2. **Pioneer Dr Car Park, K&C and Footpath Projects:**

It was advised that Jim Murray on behalf of the Church Property Trustees had requested that he be kept informed on progress with the Car Park project.

It was also noted that there was to be a live TV broadcast to the UK from the area early in March and the General Manager of Destination Mt Cook Mackenzie was anxious that the sealing work not interfere with that broadcast.

6. **Forks River - Joint Rural/Urban Project Proposed By Karen Simpson:**

Peter Munro reported that he had discussed the matter with Chris Woolmore of *Project River Recovery* who was enthusiastic about conducting a community based native fishery awareness programme. Mr Woolmore had suggested it could take the form of an after-school activity for interested parents and children organised through the Lake Tekapo School. Mr Munro indicated he would liaise with Mr Woolmore regarding publicity for the programme.

9. **Vehicle Access to Lakeside – Tekapo Regional Park:**

Murray Cox undertook to arrange a meeting with the Asset Manager and Greg Byrnes the next time Mr Byrnes was in the area.

10. **Pathway from Aorangi Cres along SH 8:**

It was requested that the issue of *Improved Pedestrian Access to Motor Camp* be addressed as well. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to advise the Asset Manager of the issue.

12. **Traffic Calming Plantings for Eastern entrance to the Township on the North Side of the Road:**

Note correction to description of area.

The Chairman asked that the issue **Reinstallation of Walkway to Regional Park opposite Hamilton Drive** be included in the list of Matters under Action.

Cr O'Sullivan reported that Peter Hall had proposed a major rethink of the proposal to build a **retaining wall on the lake edge**. Mr Hall now considered that it would be wiser to repair damage when it occurred. The Community Facilities Manager suggested that the Board consider enhancing the area with fill and replanting it with shrub willows.

II **REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2008:**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration updated the Board on the performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the nine months to 31 December 2008.

The Manager – Finance and Administration circulated information on the Impact of the Internal Interest Rate Reduction as it pertained to the Tekapo Community Board.

Resolved that the report be received.

Murray Cox/Leon O'Sullivan

The Manager – Finance and Administration advised that the Board’s budget meeting was to be rescheduled; a new date would be confirmed with the Members.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to the Local Government Act requirement that the Council adopt a Code of Conduct and for the members to abide by its contents.

The report noted that the Code for some reason did not apply to community boards; it was submitted for consideration, general guidance and adoption.

Resolved that the report be received.

Leon O’Sullivan/Murray Cox

It was suggested that the following statement was not warranted and could be removed from the Code of Conduct:

The Mackenzie District Council believes that bankruptcy raises questions about the soundness of a person’s financial management skills and their judgment in general. It therefore requires elected members who are declared bankrupt to notify the CEO as soon as practicable after being so declared.

Resolved that the Code of Conduct, with amendments to reflect more appropriately the circumstances of the Tekapo Community Board, be adopted following the approval by Members of a draft.

Murray Cox/Catherine Young

2. REMUNERATION POOL FOR ELECTED MEMBERS:

This report referred to the allocation of the remuneration pool for elected members for the 2009/10 year.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

2. *That the following suggested remuneration for the Tekapo Community Board members be confirmed:*

<i>Chairperson Tekapo Community Board</i>	\$3,908
<i>Members Tekapo Community Board</i>	\$1,562

Peter Munro/Catherine Young

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

a) **Lake Tekapo Regional Park:**

Murray Cox advised that Environment Canterbury had completed a management plan for the Park. There had been discussion about the programme of works that could be carried out. He said the grant of \$50,000 had been received from Meridian. The Society was planning a meeting later in February 2009 to discuss the way forward.

Cr O'Sullivan advised that at the meeting of Environment Canterbury's Southern Area Committee it had been resolved that rating for the Regional Park would be divided - 40% from the Timaru and Mackenzie Districts and 60% from the remainder of the Canterbury region.

b) **Mackenzie County Scholarships**

The Chairman advised that the Scholarship panel had interviewed 12 applicants for the scholarships and that they had all been of an excellent standard. He noted that only one of the applicants had been male.

c) **Village Maintenance Contract:**

Leon O'Sullivan referred to community frustration about the poor performance of the contractor. He said concerns had been expressed for more than two years and the current year had been even worse.

The Community Facilities Manager said the contract was due to expire at the end of June 2010. It provided a right of renewal for a further two years depending on the results of an audit of performance against the contract which was to be carried out over the next 12 months.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he had written to the contractor prior to Christmas and since then had been involved in useful discussions with management. He intended to meet with the General Manager when he returned from leave. He asked the elected members to be sure that they drew the attention of staff to instances where the contract was not being fulfilled.

IV PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. Tekapo Community Centre

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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Community Centre Project	Commercial Sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows: *Community Centre Project – Further Developments – Section 7(2)(b)(ii)*

Leon O'Sullivan/Catherine Young

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.15 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____