

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009 AT 1.35 PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Frank Ledingham (Manager – Roading) for part of the meeting
Carl McKay (Solid Waste Manager) for part of the meeting
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGIES:

An apology from the Asset Manager was noted.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Operations Committee held on 8 September 2009 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

John O'Neill/Graeme Page

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Road to the Fox Peak Skifield:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a one-off grant of \$10,000 had been received from the the Department of Conservation as a contribution to the maintenance of the road to the Fox Peak Skifield.

Cr Williams drew attention to the commitment made by the Department of Conservation at the meeting held on 7 June 2009 to provide \$7,000 towards the maintenance of the road. He said this grant had not been received. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to follow that up.

III REPORTS:

1. ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT:

This report from the Asset Manager referred to Coal River Bridge Repairs, National Land Transport Programme, Budget and Expenditure 09/10 Subsidised Roading, Proposed Road Reseals 2009/2010, Essential Services and Solid Waste.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

Roading:

The Committee considered the *Budgets and Expenditure 2009/10 Subsidised Roothing* report in detail.

The Manager – Roothing explained that the NZTA approved three year programme had been set; new projects could be proposed but the chances of funding being available would not be great.

The Mayor asked if the projects could be reconfigured within the three year period. The Manager – Roothing advised that they would have to be submitted as new projects and then take its chances with funding.

In response to a question relating to the budget for Traffic Services Renewals, the Manager – Roothing explained that such services had a finite life; they were also subject to damage by vandals and the reflective quality of the paint used for markings and signs diminished over time.

It was noted that the subsidy funding from NZTA was in some cases more than the budgets set by Council.

The Manager – Roothing said that the level of work would be constrained by the budgets set by Council.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested the Committee confirm it was happy to surrender NZTA approved subsidy money – a move which could provide benefit to other Districts.

He said it needed to be comfortable with the decision which would mean that work would proceed in accordance with Council's directive, ie that it would stop when the local share of \$2.2m had been spent. He observed that whereas Council had determined to spread the funding of water supply projects over a number of financial years, it chose to treat roading projects differently.

Resolved that a subcommittee of Crs Page, Williams and Smith recommend priorities for the subsidised roading projects.

The Mayor/Leon O'Sullivan

In response to a question from Cr Smith about work which had been carried out by a private operator on Mt Nessing Road, the Manager – Roothing explained that, in an effort to complete edge repairs prior to resealing, a decision had been made to trial a machine which was being demonstrated in the region. He said that while similar work by the machine on Clayton Road had been successful, it had not worked in the Mt Nessing Road situation. It had been decided that the use of the machine was not appropriate for the District's circumstances.

Solid Waste:

Resolved that proposal from Brian Gallagher to review the Council's solid waste services be accepted and that the sum of \$3,100 plus GST be set aside for that purpose.

Simon McDermott/Graeme Page

Waste Education

The Solid Waste Manager reported on the feedback he had received from District schools regarding the *Education in Schools* programme. He said that the reports had been positive and all the principals he had spoken to valued the Waste Education Officer's contributions.

Cr McDermott said that contrary to the positive reports, he was aware that the Twizel Board of Trustees had expressed concern about the lack of waste separation and recycling activity at the School.

Cr Page suggested that the message from teachers rather than non-teaching principals could well be different to that given to the Solid Waste Manager.

Resolved:

1. That the Council endorse the continuation of the Solid Waste Exchange Programme for which the Council currently receives funding from the Canterbury Regional Council.
2. That the *Education in Schools* Programme be suspended for the balance of the school year.

Simon McDermott/Leon O'Sullivan

It was advised that year-to-date income from compost sales was \$5,510; the previous year's year-to-date figure was \$1,223. The 2009/2010 budgeted income from compost sales was \$18,000.

2. SPEED LIMIT BYLAW REVIEW:

This report from the Asset Manager sought approval of the 'Statement of Proposal' and the 'Summary Information' for public consultation on the review of the current Speed Limit Bylaw 2005 as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Council approves the 'Statement of Proposal' for consultation on the speed limit bylaw review.
3. That the Council commence a special consultative proposal to review and amend its Speed Limit Bylaw 2005.

The Mayor/Graeme Page

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.40 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____