

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2014, AT 10.30am

PRESENT:

James Leslie (Chairman)
Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Cr Graham Smith
Cr Evan Williams
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Noel Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)
Geoff Horler (Water Manager) – from 3.08pm
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)
Jim Harland (NZTA)
Two other NZTA staff

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr Russell Armstrong.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

VISITOR:

Jim Harland from NZTA gave a power point presentation to update councillors on the mid-term report of the National Land Transport Programme. This is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Questions were asked regarding future planning. Cr Smith asked if emergency reinstatements would continue as they are. Jim Harland outlined the amount of money provided for emergency road reinstatements to date. Will be looking at this figure over time. Built into funding from the agency is a level of support for normal weather events, with weather bombs being topped up. Mackenzie DC won't be getting 80% again? Correct. There will be a single rate for everything, but in a genuine emergency NZTA will make up the difference. Who will make the call on whether it's a genuine emergency? This will be a team effort. It involves an assessment of the event and the effects of the event.

Councils will need to consider what preventative maintenance is needed to avoid repeated flooding in some areas.

A question was asked regarding cycle safety on roads. Can cycle ways be built alongside roads? Some have been built in Christchurch where there was enough land to do so.

Jim Harland said NZTA is trying to get projects across the line to spend money on cycling and walking. Cr Cox asked if communities that want to put in cycleway projects can put in applications. The reply was that some projects like Alps2Ocean don't fit comfortably within funding criteria and NZTA is not always in a position to fund for tourism type ventures, but can fund for congestion relief or safety issues.

Cr Cox asked regarding the footbridge in Tekapo, which is currently being considered by NZTA for funding.

Why is number of road deaths in Scandinavian countries half what it is here? They have a more stringent driving test, compulsory insurance, different safety culture, stricter enforcement of speeding, and more choice in public transport.

The chairman thanked Mr Harland and his staff for their informative presentation and also for their positive comments about the work of the MDC roading team.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.10am and reconvened at 3.08pm.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on March 20, 2014, including such parts as were taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

James Leslie/Noel Jackson

REPORTS:

ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2014:

The Asset Manager discussed his report with councillors. The following matters were included in the discussion:

There was a meeting with the Twizel Community Board regarding the Twizel water supply. Bernie Haar will be sending out an itemised list of what the project includes and costings. A public meeting will be held. Cr Smith asked what the purpose of a public meeting would be. The chief executive said the option of having a public meeting came from a discussion with the community board who want support to get the information to the community. There will be an article in the Twizel Update.

Bernie Haar said we haven't highlighted enough the fact that the existing water supply plant is well past its use-by date. Now is not the time to debate whether the reservoir should be covered. The Mayor said public meetings are held to say here is what we are doing, this is why we are doing it, and here is an opportunity to ask questions.

The chief executive asked if council would support having a public meeting. Bernie Haar would like a public meeting that looks at the annual plan as a whole, rather than focusing on the water supply.

Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager) spoke regarding the roading section of the report. The recent heavy rain created problems and she outlined the sites affected. There has been damage to some bridges but they are being fixed.

The Mayor asked whether our bridges were able to take more heavy vehicles in line with recent policies to encourage larger transport vehicles. We have some bridges under notice that are being replaced, with others that are up to standard.

Cr Noel Jackson left the meeting at 3.29pm

Suzy Ratahi continued to speak regarding the photos in the report. She has finished resealing footpaths in Tekapo and Twizel. Fairlie is still ongoing. The Mayor said the footpaths were great. She asked about the footpath on Mount Cook Street which is still to be completed.

Some people are not complying with the policy regarding the storage of hay bales on roadsides. Suzy Ratahi has written to the three biggest offenders. She would like to amend the policy. The chairman asked her to come back to the committee to discuss policy once she has proof that tractors are damaging the seal. A note to flag this issue will be put in the Mackenzie Messenger.

Geoff Horler (Water Manager) spoke regarding the water, storm water and sewerage parts of the report. Storm water drains around Fairlie need preventative maintenance. Tekapo had problems with wet wipes clogging a sewerage pump. Wet wipes are now cleared from the pump regularly by staff. They are mainly coming from campervans and this problem is common throughout the country.

Burkes Pass has been on a boil water notice which has now been lifted. Testing showed the water had an E.coli count of 12. Medlab didn't inform us until 10 days after the failed test, so we were unable to notify the public until then. This issue has been raised with Medlab.

There was a sewer spill in Twizel last weekend. Two blocks in the pipes. This has been fixed. Whitestone did a good job cleaning up.

Regarding solid waste, the nappy project has gone well. Cr Cox asked if nappies could be sold at Tekapo via the playgroup there. Agreed. The Mayor asked for solid waste education to go into the Mackenzie Messenger to reach ratepayers with holiday homes.

Resolved that the report be received.

Murray Cox/Graham Smith

Cr Evan Williams left the meeting at 3.56pm.

2014/16 RESURFACING CONTRACT:

Suzy Ratahi provided background information on this issue.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

2. That council endorses the continuation of the collaboration with Timaru District Council for the delivery of road and footpath resurfacing for the next two seasons 2014-2016.

James Leslie/Murray Cox

SOUTH CANTERBURY ROADING COLLABORATION:

Bernie Haar said there are potential benefits in doing this but he is concerned about timing as we are about to start on 30 year planning. This process should have happened a year ago and doing it now means we are going to be strategically in line for the next round. He doesn't know how much work Suzy Ratahi and himself will need to put into the process but they are stretched over the next few months. If we are going to do this we need to give it our all. A conversation needs to happen regarding the timing of deliverables.

The Mayor said it was the Mayors who decided this was going to happen. If we don't do this it will have an impact on our investment rate from NZTA because we need to be seen to be more effective and efficient.

The chief executive said we are at the start of the process and working out the path. Will be putting in place a project manager who will scope it out and say these are the steps we need to take to get to the result. The MOU asks us to work out a plan to go forward.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

2. That the Memorandum of Understanding as appended to the report on Page 32 of the Asset and Services Agenda be endorsed for implementation. This is a draft and will be finalised by the chief executive.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.13PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

Progress Against Key Outcomes

The 2012-15 NLTP was set up to focus on four key themes/outcomes



Ensuring value
for money

Supporting
economic
growth and
productivity

Improving
safety

Providing a
range of travel
choices

National Land Transport Programme 2012-15

The NZ Transport Agency working in partnership with councils

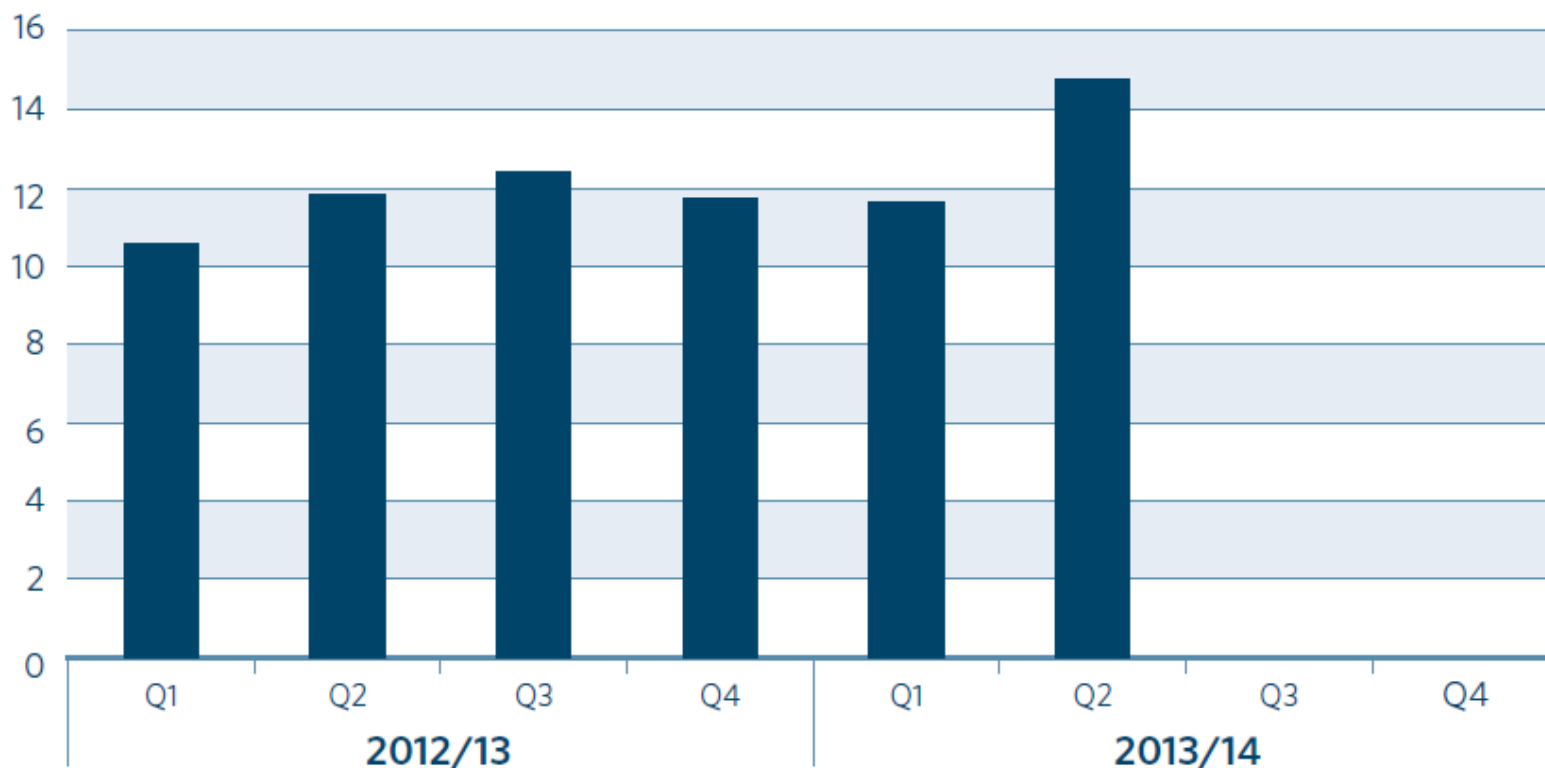
MID-TERM REPORT



Jim Harland, Regional Director Southern, NZTA

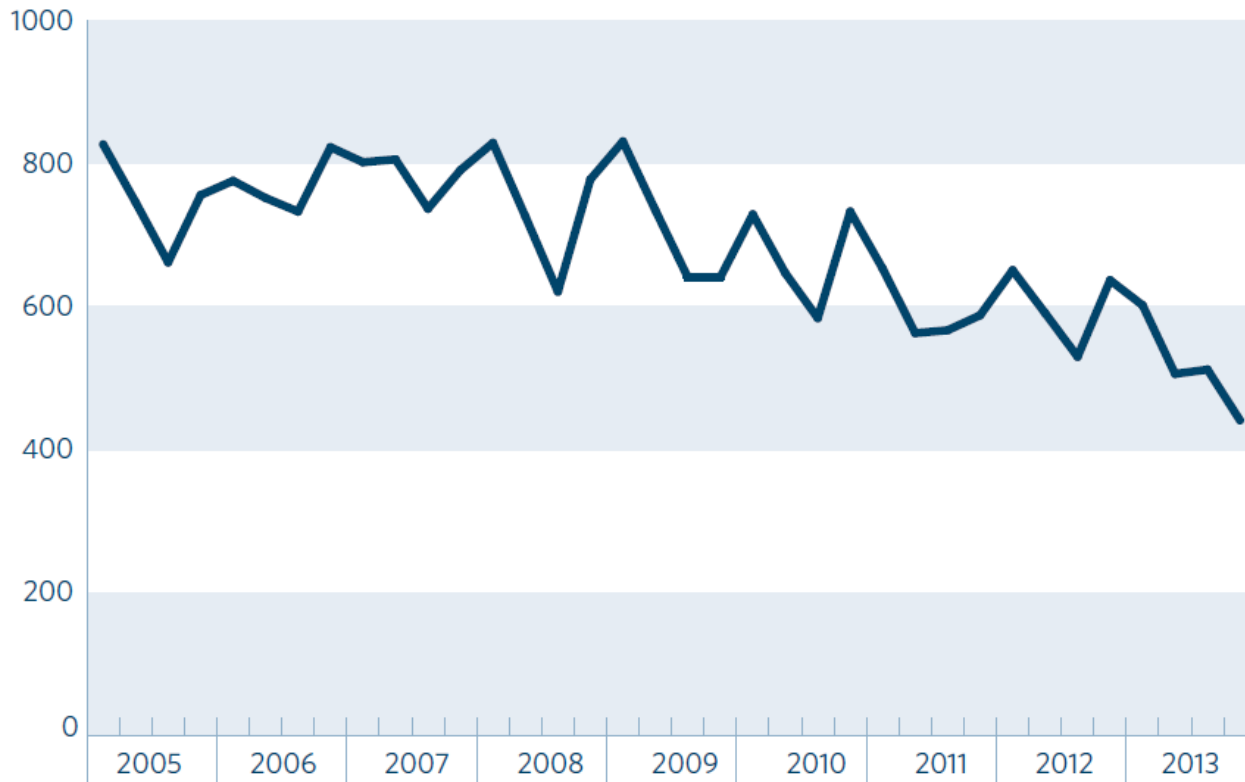
Freight

% of total heavy commercial vehicle travel undertaken by HPMV



Improving Safety

New Zealand total fatal and serious injuries



Please note Q4 2013 figures are provisional only at this time

Public Transport Patronage Trends

