



R E P O R T	TO	PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE
	FROM	COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER
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	SUBJECT	REPORT FOR JULY 2004

RECOMMENDATION
That the report be received.

CIVIL DEFENCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (02.002.007)

It is now 14 months since the new Waikato Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group (CDEMG) officially formed May 9, 2004. The constituent authorities number 11 including the Waikato Regional Council.

One of the objectives that is set out in the respective Act governing emergency management is to prepare and adopt a Civil Defence & Emergency Management Plan by May 2005. The Plan has to incorporate all known risks and hazards within the respective region and evaluate those risks in accordance with the guidelines established by the National Civil Defence & Emergency Management office.

Of recent months the CDEMG has been performing that evaluation which includes the hazards and risks relating to the Thames Valley Emergency Operating Area (TVEOA). The risks identified by event are on the draft schedule attached. The basis for the classification and weighting given to the consequences of the occurrence of each of the events are in accordance with the guidelines set by the director of the national body. The requirement of the CDEM Act is for the CDEMG to develop management strategies for those hazards and risks.

The scenarios developed by the staff at the CDEMG office (Environment Waikato) to determine the nature of the likely event are set on certain criteria. I am not that well versed as to what those scenarios have been based on.

If Committee members wish to be addressed on the various developments and decisions that have been taken to help build the respective Plan then I can ask the Manager of the Group to address a later meeting of the Planning & Finance Committee.

Progress on the development of the CDEMG Plan is to schedule.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES FOR 2003/04 (02.400.002)

The number of issues for the year just completed has increased over the previous. Within the past twelve months 107287 issues were made, this is against 101428 for 2002/03 and 104180 for 2001/02. Issues included among books, magazines and audio books. A total of 2758 new books were added to the library stock.

FORESTRY (46.100.999)

At the end of each year we have the timber in Council's forests valued. Presently, the timber industry is going through a 'rough patch' and values are well down on the previous year. Naturally, the export market strongly dictates the values available to forest owners and timber merchants. The Korean market has been attributed as a cause to the decline.

This year the timber crop is valued at \$701,000 whereas the crop was \$809,000 at June 30, 2003. Given that the timber has added twelve months growth, the value has slipped more than is indicated by the simple difference between the two sums.

The next forest to be harvested is Mangawara in the period 2010 to 2012. This forest has 54.1ha of pine and 1.9ha of macrocarpa, the present value of timber is \$487,000. The North Road pine block of 1.5ha could also be cropped in the 2010/12 period.

CLEAN UP NZ WEEK (02.005.001)

We have been advised by the Clean Up NZ Trust that due to lack of funding the Trust will not be co-ordinating this year's project. Council is encouraged to keep the initiative going. This year's programme was to run from 13-19 September.

To date, we have had assistance from the schools in the Paeroa & Waihi areas plus the Paeroa Guides. These groups would undertake a clean up around their respective locations and Council provided the bags and disposed of the rubbish.

It would not take much effort on our behalf to keep this project going, we can use our page seven News Bulletin to spread the word, and we can get the usual resources together. The direct cost to Council is not very much. So with members support we can continue if it is your wish.

PROPERTY

- Lot 4, Kaihere Road (03.220.003):

Stage 1 - Construction of the development has all but finished. At the time of writing, the last major item to be completed is removal of the redundant power poles from across the front of the subdivision, erection of the street lighting and connection of the subdivision's electrical system to the network. The entrance feature walls are close to being finished and following that work the timber panelled fence and landscaping has to be undertaken.

In respect to the legal aspects of the development, the '224 completion certificate' has been signed off by the consenting body and we expect that titles are issued around the end of July/early August.

We are advised that prior to issue of title, there is a good chance that all 22 sections will be sold.

Stage 2 – We have started to define what will constitute the next stage of development, and in brief we propose that this stage only extend to include another 12 sections while we wait on the outcome of the

Plan Change and the development consent for the balance of the land currently owned by Council and the land proposed to be purchased from Mr Hayward.

Plan change application: preparation of the application is continuing. A number of considerations still need to be addressed before we can lodge the request.

- **Request to lease Council land, Waihi (05030/530.00):**

We have received a request from BP Waihi Ltd to consider letting to them an area of land to allow them to site an LPG facility at their Rosemont Road Service Station. The new installation is basically a relocation of the Fenn Motors LPG facility. Copy of request attached.

The land subject to this request is the very western most part of the carparking area that it accessed off Haszard Street, south of Kenny Street. The area concerned is approx. 75m² and is mostly grassed. Without prejudicing any matters that need to be addressed by a consent hearing, the zoning of the land is town centre and the status of the land is fee simple in Council's ownership i.e. the land is not classified as a reserve. If the subject land was let, as is requested, one carpark would be consumed.

It is asked that a lease term of five years be granted with the understanding that all development structures associated with the lease will be removed and the land reinstated to its current condition. A renewal of the lease has not been mentioned by BP Waihi Ltd.

Council staffs have given the request their consideration and can advise that apart from the loss of one carpark, no public works current or proposed will be affected.

If a lease is granted, a Resource Management Consent needs to be obtained to permit the installation of the LPG facility to be sited and constructed in accordance with the respective requirements. All costs relating to the preparation and registration of the lease will be a cost to the lessee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grants a lease to BP Waihi Ltd to occupy the specified area of land for five years commencing on receipt of resource consent to site the LPG facility and that the annual rental for the site be \$300 pa plus GST.

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