

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 2006

1. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR AND
WOOSH BROADBAND

(Memo from Chief Executive – 01.09.06)

Mr Steve Canny from Venture Southland, has been invited to address the Council on current developments in the energy sector and the Woosh broadband service.

2. PRESENTATION FROM ENVIRONMENT SOUTHLAND

(Memo from Chief Executive – 04.09.06)

Environment Southland's Environmental Information Manager, Chris Arbuckle, will provide a presentation outlining Environment Southland's air quality monitoring programme specific to Gore and local environs which has been upgraded to meet monitoring requirements associated with recently introduced National Environmental Standards (NES) for air quality.

The NES requirements for air quality monitoring include continuous measurement of 24-hour average PM₁₀ concentrations in areas where breaches of 50 µg m⁻³ on more than one occasion per year are likely to occur. Results of monitoring to date show NES breaches in both Invercargill and Gore. The high-volume PM₁₀ sampling method used for the initial monitoring is not a practical option under the NES. Two new beta attenuation monitors have been purchased for NES compliant monitoring in Invercargill and Gore.

Other changes associated with the NES include the need to measure PM₁₀ in many of the smaller urban areas. Other aims for the revised programme include providing more detailed information to assist with air quality management.

The presentation will overview the following:

- The National Environmental Standard – Particulates (PM₁₀)
- The main cause of PM₁₀
- The Gore air shed
- Past, present and future air quality monitoring
- Last years results and this years results
- Strategies for improving air quality

3. MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS

(Memo from Chief Executive – 31.08.06)

At last month's Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting, questions were asked in regard to how the Council staff were implementing the new laws that apply for the microchipping of dogs.

From 1 July 2006, all dogs (except working dogs) registered in New Zealand for the first time have to be microchipped.

Dogs that were registered before this date do not have to be microchipped. The exception however is those dogs that have been classified as dangerous or menacing pursuant to the Dog Control Act. In these instances the dogs concerned are microchipped. The other exception to the microchipping provision is in the case where a dog, even if registered, is impounded on two separate occasions. In these circumstances the Council will also enforce microchipping.

Dog owners are informed of their new obligations by Council staff when registering their dogs. I have enclosed a copy of an information sheet that is handed to each dog owner when registering their dogs.

When dog owners are registering new dogs staff have advised owners that they have two months in which to microchip their dog. This two month period commences upon date of registration. Arrangements have been put in place with Gore Vets for microchipping of dogs which attracts a cost of \$36. This fee of course is paid by the owner. The Council's dog control contractor does microchip some dogs where they have been impounded and are either not registered, have been impounded for the second occasion and are neither dangerous nor menacing. In these latter two instances the Gore Vets are assigned the task of inserting the microchip. The cost of purchasing a scanner and microchips has not been as steep as anticipated and has been less than \$1,000.

We are currently liaising with Gore Vets with a view to sharing information about dogs that have been registered and also microchipped. In this case the Council will be able to ascertain how many dogs which have been registered have not been microchipped. However the Council staff would appreciate some guidance from the Council as to how energetic and vigilant it should be in checking whether dogs have been microchipped and following up on the owners concerned who have not complied with the law.

At this juncture it is fair to say that it has not been afforded a high priority in our workload.

Overall the microchipping of dogs has been proceeding quite smoothly in the Gore District. The real test will come when the Council is faced with a level of non-compliance by dog owners and the question is posed how vigilant it should be in ensuring enforcement of the law. Some direction in this regard would be welcome.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

4. ROAD NAME CHANGE – SECTION OF RAILWAY ESPLANADE

(Memo from Roading Manager – 03.09.06)

The attached letter signed by several residents of Railway Esplanade has been received.

Currently the section of Railway Esplanade referred to in the residents' letter is known in the Council roading network as River Terrace from the Huron Street intersection.

A letter has therefore been sent to each applicant suggesting that their postal address be changed to River Terrace. This appears to be the simplest and least costly option. If this is accepted then the Council will not incur additional costs of new street name signs or changing existing maps. One existing resident of River Terrace will also be affected as the street number will need to change.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

5. REGULATORY BULLETIN

(Memo from Chief Executive – 04.09.06)

Attached is a schedule of building consents issued for August 2006, together with comparisons with the previous two years.

Also attached are schedules of resource consents issued to 31 August 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.