

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2007, FOLLOWING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

NOVEMBER 2007

1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Operations Bulletin containing reports from the Animal Control Contractor, Roding Manager and the Asset Manager, utilities, is enclosed with the agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Bulletin be received.**

## 2. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES WORKING PARTY

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 17.10.07)

Over the past decade there has been a number of complaints on numerous occasions relating to the overall condition and state of the Main Street Public Convenience facilities. This has been a bugbear for local business whose clientele pass on negative comment to them over the counter. Tourists and visitors will always judge a town by its facilities, and on this site we fail miserably.

A working party of urban ward councillors was established at the April 2005 Council meeting. This was following a recommendation by Council officers in a report which included the “Public Toilet Facilities Survey” undertaken by SIT during February and March of 2005. This survey was commissioned to determine the public’s perception of the toilet facilities within the CBD area of Gore. The survey findings confirmed that the public wanted public conveniences in this location but of a much improved standard.

For example:

- Of the general public surveyed, 59% indicated the facility did not meet requirements.
- Of local business surveyed, 73% indicated the facility did not meet requirements.
- Of bus operators surveyed, 75% indicated the facility did not meet passengers current and future requirements.
- Of the general public surveyed, 94% stated the reason for utilising the Main Street facility was its location.

The Working Party resolved to explore in depth a manned facility option that was closed at night and had the capacity to cater for 14 people at any given time. Initial costing of this option suggested it was prohibitive and consequently, we have now received a revised costing on an amended design for the working party to consider.

### **Progress to date**

The Working Party included a sum of \$415,000 in the 2006 LTCCP for this project. Early into the project it was apparent that the aging Exaloos at the Triangle had completed their useful life and they were more often than not closed due to mechanical failures either locking users in or out, or failing to function. The working party undertook to have these facilities replaced in October 2006 with a new 3 berth Novaloo unit

costing \$110,000. This option has proved to be very successful with many favourable comments being expressed by users.



### **What is left to undertake**

This Working Party will continue to work to resolve issues raised in the Public Toilet Facilities Survey relating to the Main Street toilet facility. As mentioned earlier in this report, a revised design is now available for discussion.

It should be noted that the makeup of this working party will potentially be different from last one where all working party members were Gore urban ward councillors. As this Council now has three district wide councillors, it might like to consider a different composition of the working party.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Council appoint Councillors xxx as members of the Public Conveniences Working Party,**

**AND THAT the Council appoint Cr Davis as the Chair of the Public Conveniences Working Party.**

### 3. RECYCLING WORKING PARTY

(Memo from General Manager, District Assets - 31.10.07)

Recycling is an issue that has been the subject of some debate by the Community and the Council. There is a wide spectrum of views in the Community ranging from “lets leave it alone, it is just fine as it is” to “we need the full recycling initiatives implemented now”. Somewhere within that range lies the answer of the best solution for the Gore Community.

After consideration of the information provided to them and after analysing the results of the public consultation completed to date, the previous Council made the following recommendations at its 3 August 2007 meeting:

*RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Sutherland, THAT the Council confirm its support for recycling initiatives,*

*AND THAT the Council increases the provision of recycling services in the Gore District.*

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*Cr Hellier moved THAT the Council authorise the investigation for the provision of some type of kerbside recycling service.*

*The motion was seconded by Cr Turnbull.*

*RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Turnbull, seconded by Cr Turnbull, THAT a working party be formed to investigate other Districts' recycling avenues after the election of the new Council.*

Therefore, the Council should consider who it would like to represent it on a working party to continue work on this issue.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Council appoint Councillors xxx to the Recycling Working Party.**

**AND THAT the Chair of Operations be appointed as the Chair of the Recycling Working Party.**