

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 10 FEBRUARY 2009, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

NB there is no Community Services Committee meeting this month.

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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2009

1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the bulletin be received.

2. GORE PAKEKE LIONS CLUB - RECYCLING

(Memo from General Manager, District Assets – 20.01.09)

Purpose of Report

The global economic climate and volatility of commodity markets for recyclables has reached the Pakeke Lions Club recycling operation. At the time of writing the Pakeke Lions had been advised that the price for cardboard had dropped 91%. Mixed paper is now worth nothing but it will still be collected. Newspaper, sorted office paper and plastic film are no longer required.

While Pakeke Lions is determined to weather the downturn, there is a real risk that the members will just stop turning up to process the recyclable material if they feel their efforts are in vain. The club needs to breakeven at least when operating this service in the Gore District.

In a meeting with the Pakeke Lions representatives on 20 January, a shortfall of \$7,200 was identified as the amount required to keep the operation going.

Background

The Gore Pakeke Lions removed 660 tonnes of cardboard and paper from the waste stream for the last year. This recycling operation complies with a number of targets in the Council's Waste Management Plan as well as in the New Zealand Waste Strategy. Currently the Council funds the Pakeke Lions Club a capped sum of \$18,200 plus GST based on 520 tonnes per year.

Options

- (a) Do nothing and hope that the prices paid will improve, or
- (b) Increase the cap from 520 tonnes to 725 tonnes and pay \$35 per tonne + GST per year. This will result in a capped sum of \$25,400 + GST per year.

Social Wellbeing Impact

The Pakeke Lions recycling operation provides an excellent environment for 38 senior citizens to interact together whilst making a significant contribution to the community. In recent visits to the operation the camaraderie and sense of pride amongst the Pakeke members has been clearly evident. Without this operation many members would be left at home with the

elimination of an important outlet to participate in the community.

Economic Wellbeing Impact

If 660 tonnes were disposed of by the consumer at \$115 per tonne then it would cost the disposer \$75,900. Taking into consideration the discounts given to the contracted high volume collection operators this amount would be \$67,465 based on an 80-20 split.

The Club is a non profit organisation. Any money made from the venture goes into such projects as education grants, sporting costs for teams or individuals and community projects.

The proposal under consideration will still result in the ratepayer increasing the grant/subsidy paid to Pakeke Lions by \$7,200 per annum.

Environmental Wellbeing Impact

If the recycling operation was to stop, all the recyclable material would have to go to landfill. This mitigates against the objectives of the Waste Minimisation Act and the Gore District Waste Management Plan. Additionally, feedback received from the Gore District Resident Survey 2008 placed recycling as the second highest priority for Council.

Impact on Promotion of Community Outcomes

The Club's recycling operation makes a significant contribution to the Council's levels of service for solid waste by providing a disposal system which encourages waste minimisation and separation of waste.

Impact on LTCCP

There is little impact on the LTCCP due to the revenue collected at the transfer station off setting the costs to send the additional material to landfill. There will however, be an additional expenditure of \$7,200 per annum to fund out of the solid waste account.

Community Views

A total of 55% of the survey respondents indicated that they wanted a kerbside recycling while another 23% said it would depend. The 23% who qualified their support cited cost as the principal reason.

Through the survey results there is clearly a preference for recycling.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received,

THAT the Council increase the capped sum payable to the Gore Pakeke Lions Club from \$18,200 to \$25,300 plus GST per year with effect from 1 January 2009,

AND THAT the Council note that the revised capped sum is calculated on the basis of 725 tonnes @ \$35 per tonne.