



## Otorohanga Community Board

# AGENDA

12 August 2010

Members of the Otorohanga Community Board

Mrs EM Cowan (Chairperson)

Mr TJ Jones

Mr B McNeil

Mr AG Ormsby

Mr R Prescott

Mr P Tindle

Meeting Secretary: Mr CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

# OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

12 August 2010

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board will be held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 12 August 2010 commencing at 4.00pm.

5 August 2010

**DC Clibbery**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

## AGENDA

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES -10 JUNE 2010**

**REPORTS**

**Item-168            CHANGES TO KERBSIDE COLLECTION**

**To:**                    **Chairperson and Members  
Otorohanga Community Board**

**From:**                **Engineering Support Officer**

**Date:**                **12 August 2010**

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**Executive Summary**

During July a number of changes were made to the refuse and recycling operations throughout the District. This report provides a summary of the changes and the outcomes of these changes

**Staff Recommendation**

It is recommended that:  
The report be received.

**Report Discussion**

**BACKGROUND:**

The proposed changes to kerbside collection and refuse and recycling operations were set out in a newsletter that was included with the rates demands that were posted about 12 July 2010. Advertisements were also published in the Waitomo News on the 13 & 15 July.

During the week commencing 19 July 2010 new recycling crates were delivered to every household within the Otorohanga, Kawhia and Aotea communities, with the exception of properties that were known to be holiday homes within Kawhia and Aotea.

The new stronger yellow official bags have also been introduced. The old green Supa Bin bags will however still be collected as supplies are used up.

A number of enquiries about the proposed changes were received during the week 19 to 23 July. The main concerns have been from Kawhia and Aotea bach owners about disposing of their

refuse. Mondays had suited them as they put their refuse/recycling on the roadside on Sunday evenings prior to heading home.

In all cases I advised residents that they could leave their official bags at or outside the Kawhia Transfer Station as the Saturday and Sunday hours had been extended to 5.00pm. They could also drop their recycling at the Ngutunui School Recycling Centre.

A local marae was unaware of the recycling facility at Ngutunui and was keen to educate their people about recycling and how to dispose of refuse when they use the marae.

#### **FIRST KERBSIDE PICK UP – 28 JULY 2010:**

The first collection using the recycle crates and the change to Kawhia / Aotea collection day was 28 July. I met with the staff from EnviroWaste mid-Wednesday afternoon, 28 July and they advised the following:

Otorohanga – no issues. In the past they have been diligent with “stickering” unofficial bags and therefore they don’t get any unofficial bags. The recycling crate collection went well.

Kawhia – during the first half of the run there were 70% unofficial bags at kerbside, but over the whole run (it improved on the second half of the run) the driver estimated there were 40% unofficial bags. The contract cost to pick up an unofficial bag is \$2 each which is being met by Kawhia ratepayers. This is a major concern for Kawhia and consequently EnviroWaste have been instructed to sticker all unofficial bags from Wednesday, 4 August.

Aotea – collection went well, but they advise there were “heaps” of unofficial bags.

#### **OVERALL:**

There was more recycling collected than expected with a number of people asking questions.

Yellow refuse bags should now be available in all outlets in Kawhia. The green bags are still being sold at outlets in Otorohanga, but the yellow EnviroWaste bags can be purchased in other grocery outlets further a-field, eg Auckland, Hamilton as they are all the same. These yellow bags will be collected from all three communities and will gradually overtake the old green bags. The green bags will always be collected, even 12 months down the track as people use up their stocks.

#### **RECYCLING CENTRE – EXTENDED OPENING HOURS**

A portable office has been established at the Otorohanga Recycling Centre and EnviroWaste staff moved in during the last week of July.

The facility has been open from 6am until 4pm most days since then, as staff are on site. Some people have been taking advantage of this and dropping off their recyclables on the way to work. The official opening hours remain at 10am to 4pm, Friday to Wednesday.

The 24hr station (shipping container) was removed mid-July and wheelie bins have been provided for after hours service. There has been no illegal dumping since the container was removed.

It is planned to install a concrete pad in place of the 24hr station and secure large wheelie bins for recycling.

**Robyn Hodges**  
**ENGINEERING SUPPORT OFFICER**

**Item-169           ODOUR PROBLEMS - MAIN NORTH ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION**

**To:**                   **Chairperson and Members  
Otorohanga Community Board**

**From:**               **Engineering Manager**

**Date:**               **12 August 2010**

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**Executive Summary**

Over the past few months we have received a number of complaints from the industrial property owners near the Main Nth Road sewer pump station concerning the odour when septic tank trucks discharge waste into the station.

**Staff Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

The report be received and that:

The Board approves the investigation of possible solutions for the odour problem caused by the discharge of septic tank waste at the Main North Road sewer pump station with the investigation and work to be funded from the Otorohanga Sewerage sundry improvements / renewals account for 2010/11 and to allow for part of this cost and the shortfall, the discharge rate is to be increased.

**Report Discussion**

Over the past few months we have received a number of complaints from the industrial property owners near the Main Nth Road sewer pump station concerning the odour when septic tank trucks discharge waste into the station.

This has also been referred to Council's Environmental Services Manager who has indicated that he may have to serve notice on Council if the odour concern persists.

This has recently been referred to the local Member of Parliament by one of the complainants and there has also been the suggestion that EW may be brought in.

The sewer pump station is used as the official discharge point for septic tank cleaning contractors to dump domestic strength waste to Council's sewerage system. Non domestic strength waste is taken to a disposal facility outside the district as this may affect the reticulation and / or operation of the oxidation ponds treatment system.

The pump station site is used for this operation as it is one of the last points on the reticulation prior to the ponds meaning that the waste does not have to pass through a considerable length of reticulation and is only pumped once on its way to the pond. Also the site is reasonably removed from residential properties.

The waste is discharged from the truck into the top of a manhole chamber, the opening of which is located inside the pump shed, and then flows from the manhole into the adjacent pump well. The sewerage from the town reticulation also passes through this manhole. The opening into the top of the manhole is fitted with a mesh basket which the waste is discharged through to collect any stones, rags, etc. which may be detrimental to the pumps. After each discharge, any material collected in the basket is emptied into a waste container and at regular intervals this is

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removed to the Te Kuiti Landfill by EnviroWaste. Because of this set up the pump shed is opened during the operation and the odour from the discharge can spread to the surrounding area particularly in heavy still weather conditions.

At the present time we have two waste disposal firms who are registered and have agreements with Council to discharge septic tank waste at the pump station. These firms are Waitomo Liquid Waste Disposal Ltd of Otorohanga and Bain Liquid Disposal of Te Awamutu. Both firms discharge between approximately 9 -18 loads with an average of 12 loads per month. The majority of the waste (approximately 98%) is recorded as being from properties within the Otorohanga District. The Waitomo Liquid Waste truck is assessed as 6 cubic metres per load and Bain's at 7.5 cubic metres per load which is charged at Council's current rate of \$9.90 per cubic metre for waste from within the District and \$56.00 per cubic meter for waste generated out of District. These rates will be amended to \$10.20 and \$60.00 from 1 October 2010 with the change to GST.

A check of Waitomo DC's fees and charges show rates of \$25.00 per cubic metre for grey water and \$165.00 per cubic metre for septic tank waste delivered to their oxidation ponds on a casual basis. \$25.60 and \$169 from 1 October 2010. They have advised that they do not accept out of District waste.

We are advised that septic tank waste from Te Awamutu is generally taken to Cambridge.

At the present time there does not appear to be a short term fix and therefore we have instructed our two registered septic tank truck operators that they may only discharge into the station between 6.00pm and 6.00am as a trial. If this does not prove successful the discharge of waste will be banned altogether until an alternative solution can be established. This obviously has an effect on the contractors operations and business and also to the service to the Otorohanga residents.

Council's staff have commenced investigation into possible solutions with enquiries on the availability of odour filters which could be installed at the pump station. Also looking at what modifications to the station and discharge process would be needed to contain the odours so that they can be treated by a filter. These initial enquiries indicate that costs could be in the order of \$15,000. This would have to be funded from the Otorohanga Sewerage sundry improvements / renewals account which for 2010/11 is \$10,500. To allow for part of this cost and the shortfall, the discharge rate would need to be increased by a minimum of \$2.50 per cubic meter at the existing quantities. To recover the full \$15,000 the rate would need to rise by \$7.75 per cubic metre.

It is requested that the Board approves the investigation and improvements as outlined above and that the discharge rate be increased to cover part of the cost and the shortfall in funding.

Further details of preliminary investigations will be presented at the meeting.

**Roy Chadwick**  
**ENGINEERING MANAGER**

**Item-170            OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 10 JUNE 2010**

**To:**                    **Chairperson and Members  
Otorohanga Community Board**

**From:**                **Governance Supervisor**

**Date:**                **8 July 2010**

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**Executive Summary**

**1.    GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

13 May 2010

- i.    To consider the request from the Te Kuiti & Districts Highland Band to play in the Parade and Service for the ANZAC Day Civic Ceremony in Otorohanga.

**2.    CHAIRPERSON**

13 May 2010

- i.    To approach the McDonald's Restaurant to encourage them to extend their area of litter control.

**3.    MR MCNEIL**

11 February 2010

- i.    To contact Mr David Bailey to arrange a time to look at the playing areas on the Domain to the right of the Pavilion, in conjunction with Council's Community Facilities Officer.

13 May 2010

- ii.   To continue to organise the installation of an adult sized changing table at the Otorohanga Memorial Pools.

**4.    MR PRESCOTT**

10 June 2010

- i.    To follow up on Ms Erin Pye's letter re Otorohanga Pool Complex with Dave Pye and Council's Community Facilities Officer.

**5.    ENGINEERING MANAGER**

13 May 2010

- i.    To arrange for a report to be prepared evaluating the proposal to install 'blisters' at the Maniapoto Street intersections and to obtain the opinion of Transit on the proposal.

10 June 2010

- ii.   To check David Walmsley's design of the 'Otorohanga' sign to be erected with the Kiwi statue at the north entrance to Otorohanga.
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## **6. COMMUNITY FACILITIES OFFICER**

11 March 2010

- i. To obtain an estimate of the costs to include the new air conditioning units at the Otorohanga Support House within Council's maintenance programme.

10 June 2010

- ii. To check with Rosemary Davison the proposed planting of Fern trees at Lake Huiputea.

**CA Tutty**

**GOVERNANCE SUPERVISOR**

**GENERAL**

