

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council
FROM: Chief Executive
DATE: 17 February 2010
FILE REF: LAN6-102
SUBJECT: PARIMAHU BEACH ACCESS ROAD FUNDING

1.0 SUMMARY

At the Extraordinary Council meeting of 28 January 2010, Council passed a resolution for Council to identify the route of the existing unformed legal road to provide public access along the dedicated course from Blackhead Road to Parimahu Beach. At that meeting Council also asked for a paper to be included in the agenda for 17 February Council meeting to decide from which fund within Council these costs would be met.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT

Council pay the costs for identifying and marking out the route of the unformed legal road between Blackhead Road and Parimahu Beach plus the installation of gates and minor works up to a value of \$15,000 from the Development Contribution - District Land Transport Fund.

REASON

The Objective of the decision will contribute to the following Community Outcomes:

- *Communities that value and promote their unique culture and heritage*
- *Strong regional leadership and a sense of belonging*
- *Supportive, caring and inclusive communities.*

3.0 BACKGROUND

Funding for the work on marking out the route of the unformed legal road between Blackhead Road and Parimahu Beach, the installation of gates and minor works fits within the criteria for funding from the district wide Development Contribution - District Land Transport Fund.

Parimahu Station has been the traditional access to Parimahu Beach and Blackhead Point. In recent years there have been increasing numbers of people wanting access to the beach and incidents of unauthorised access across Parimahu Station have occurred.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council has been working with the owners of Parimahu Station, Ngati Kere and Department of Conservation to come up with a long term solution to beach access, unfortunately these discussions had stalled. Ngati Kere gave Council notification of their intention to use the unformed legal road as access to Parimahu beach. Council has an obligation under the Local Government Act 2002 to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. To meet this obligation Council decided to identify the route of the existing unformed legal road, physically mark the location of the unformed legal road on the ground and erect the appropriate signage to allow public access by foot traffic to the beach along the route.

At the Extraordinary Council meeting of 28 January 2010, Council passed a resolution for Council to identify the route of the existing unformed legal road to provide public access along the dedicated course from Blackhead Road to Parimahu Beach. The work to be carried out within existing budget for the 2009/10 year.

A clearly marked route along the unformed legal road with gates placed through fence lines in appropriate places was completed by 5 February 2010 prior to the Hikoi that took place along the road on Waitangi Day 6 February. Estimates for the work carried out are \$13,500 plus GST.

4.0 OPTIONS

Option 1

Council pay the costs for identifying and marking out the route of the unformed legal road between Blackhead Road and Parimahu Beach plus the installation of gates and minor works up to a value of \$15,000 from the Development Contribution - District Land Transport Fund.

Option 2

Council pay the costs for identifying and marking out the route of the unformed legal road between Blackhead Road and Parimahu Beach plus the installation of gates and minor works up to a value of \$15,000 from the Aramoana Ward fund.

5.0 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1974

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 External

N/A

6.2 Internal

Roading Manager
Corporate Services Manager

7.0 FINANCIAL

Funding for the work on marking out the route of the unformed legal road between Blackhead Road and Parimahu Beach, the installation of gates and minor works is available from the Development Contribution - District Land Transport Fund. Funding for this work on the Parimahu Beach access road does not fit the criteria for subsidised NZ Transport Agency funds.

8.0 STRATEGIC LINKS

John Freeman
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