

SOUTHSIDE (HOKITIKA) RATING DISTRICT

Notes on Informal meeting held on-site

on Wednesday 15 January 2014 at 3.30pm

As a result of previous discussions with the Spokesperson, Mr. Hamish Hamilton, regarding serious erosion and ongoing maintenance issues an urgent meeting was held on-site on with the directly affected ratepayers to determine the risk and discuss possible solutions and potential costs for remedial work.

Present:

Hamish Hamilton, Norm Gallop, Shane Gordon, Kimberly Gordon, Stan McCallum, Robert Montagu

In Attendance:

Wayne Moen (WCRC Engineer)

Wayne Moen welcomed those present and apologised for the lateness of his attendance and the absence of the Council's Planning and Environmental Manager, Mike Meehan.

He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and quantify the erosion problem and to ascertain how this work would be funded.

The group then proceeded to inspect the problem areas. The inspection revealed considerable damage which requires urgent attention.

W. Moen estimated that an estimated 1,600 tonnes of heavy rock would be required to top up the existing slumped rockwork as the recent flood flows of the Hokitika River was being directed at the area. He also estimated that the potential cost of the work would be approximately \$40,000 - \$45,000. He advised that this would be the figure used and suggested that this be circulated to all parties for their information. He also explained that New Zealand Transport Agency, through previous agreements had agreed to pay 50% of all costs associated with the ongoing maintenance of the scheme works.

It was suggested by those present that this work should be carried out as soon as practicable to prevent further slumping.

Wayne also explained that this was only an estimate and that if additional rock was required, he would liaise with the Spokesperson, Hamish Hamilton if an increased tonnage was required.

W. Moen explained that he would seek competitive quotes for the work in order to achieve the best possible price for the ratepayers.

Hamish suggested that the rock stockpile on Norm Gallop's property could be utilised to reduce costs. Wayne said that he would incorporate use of this estimated 250 - 300 tonnes into the tender documents when he prepared them.

Discussion took place on the funding of the proposed works.

Wayne explained that due to a reduced annual rate strike, the current balance of an estimated \$3,120 would not cover the required share.

Hamish outlined the history of previous meeting discussions, pointing out that the rating district made a conscious decision to strike a minimal annual rate, however if such urgent works were required that the ratepayers would have to be prepared to fund such works through a one-off individual capital injection.

All present agreed that this was the general policy and felt that this was the best way to fund the work.

Wayne spoke of a potential loan arrangement but all present felt that each ratepayer should fund the work rather than extend payments over a long period.

The details and estimates based on the proposed works are as follows:

- a) Top up slumped Groyne # 1 – 100 Tonnes
- b) Top up slumped Groyne # 2 – 200 tonnes
- c) Top up slumped Groyne # 3 – 100 tonnes
- d) Top up erosion area upstream of Groyne # 1 – 1,200 tonnes

The Total Estimated Cost is expected to be approximately \$40,000 - \$45,000 (GST Exclusive).

Wayne agreed to supply Hamish with a list of ratepayers, so that he could get sign-off from the ratepayers prior to commencement. He also agreed to obtain quotes and would report back to the Spokesperson.

The meeting concluded at approximately 4.15pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer