

**REPORT and MINUTES** of a meeting of the **SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 13 July, 2006, commencing at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor M B O'Malley; Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), D N Nelson, N A Brown, I J Burgess, K L Holmes, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance – Crs R C Beavan, D Glass, R J Kilworth and M J Urquhart; Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 1 June, 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Holmes/Burgess

**Carried**

### **Drinking Water Standards Presentation**

The Operations Manager reported that the presentation from Opus and the opening of the Bridge Street water plant have been deferred meanwhile because of work priorities associated with the snow event.

### **Standby Generators – Bringing Forward of Projects**

The Operations Manager agreed to investigate the cost associated with the Winchmore supply in response to concern at the projected increase shown in the Community Plan.

“That the 2007 / 08 projects for installation of standby generators be brought forward to the 2006 / 07 financial year and associated budgets modified set out as follows:

Chertsey	\$23,213
Dromore	\$23,213
Hakaterere	\$23,213
Methven Springfield	\$23,213
Montalto	\$23,213
Winchmore	\$23,213.”

O'Malley/Reveley

**Carried**

### **Wildfire Threat Analysis Project**

1. That the Committee approves Council's participation in the Regional Wildfire Threat Analysis project.
2. That the Committee approves funding for the project from the Rural Fire operating reserve account up to a maximum amount of \$10,000.”

Nelson/Reveley

**Carried**

### **Activity Reports**

“That the reports be received.”

Leadley/Holmes

**Carried**

### **Ashburton Transportation Study**

The Transportation Study report has been received and the Operations Manager will be meeting with Transit on 17 July.

### **Lyndhurst Water Scheme**

“That Council provides the Lyndhurst Water Company with up to \$12,000 for investigation and \$3,000 for peer review, funding to be from the stockwater closure and race piping investigation account, for investigation into a potable / stockwater system in the Lyndhurst area.

Lowe/Leadley

**Carried**

### **Snow Event – 12 June**

The Operations Manager provided the Committee with estimated costs associated with repair of the district’s roads and footpaths following the snow event. Additional funding from LTNZ is required and a detailed report will be provided to Council on 10 August.

“That the Committee approves the application to Land Transport New Zealand for additional financial support to cover the emergency and reinstatement costs incurred as a result of the 12 June 2006 snow event.”

Leadley/Holmes

**Carried**

### **Ashburton Bridge**

The Committee heard that the Ashburton bridge was subject to an emergency closure on 4 July, due to offal spillage from a truck. Significant traffic congestion and delays resulted while the cleanup took place. Operations staff will be meeting with Transit to discuss options to better safeguard the state highway network and the future of the Ashburton bridge; Transit will be asked to consider using local contractors to provide a quicker response.

### **Area Wide Pavement Treatment**

It was reported that unspent funds in the account will be used to cover the cost of the snow event. The programmed work which was delayed after the snow will be prioritised in the 2006/07 budget.

The Operations Manager acknowledged concern at the amount of work that was uncompleted in June and agreed that contracts need to be let earlier in the year.

A report on projects (completed and uncompleted) will be provided to Council on 10 August.

### **Drinking Water Assistance Programme**

The Ministry of Health is seeking feedback on its proposal to develop criteria that will determine which supplies are eligible for capital assistance. A joint submission is to be prepared with Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils.

### **C491 – Utility Pipeline Renewals**

The Operations Manager reported that significant issues exist with the pipe laying reinstatement and water quality has been compromised. CCTV tapes will be viewed and staff are working with the contractor and Opus to resolve the problem. Funding has been withheld meanwhile.

The Committee adjourned at 2.53 pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 3.12 pm.

### **Ashburton Wastewater Upgrade**

The Operations Manager is reviewing the design plans and will meet with the service providers on 14 July. Consideration is being given to making the land at the proposed disposal site available to farmers urgently requiring grazing after the snow event. Council’s Property Manager is liaising with the Rural Relief Facilitator on this matter.

### **Mill Creek Bank Stabilisation**

Following the Committee's decision of 20 April, to defer the project for completion this year, the Operations Manager is investigating whether to rescope this work within the available budget or retender for a better response. A further report will be provided to the Committee in August.

### **Stockwater**

A meeting of the Rural Water Subcommittee was held this morning and the following recommendations were referred to the Services and Operations Committee:

### **Bremners Rd / Seafield Rd Race Closure**

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

"That Council approves closure of the section of race running from Bremners Road for a length of 4.7 kilometres and terminating in a junction 160 metres south east of Keenans Road on Lot 3 DP 61443 on Grayburn Road, to be effective from 31 August 2006.

Leadley/Brown

**Carried**

### **Frasers Rd / Winslow Westerfield Rd Race Closure**

"That the special consultative procedure be commenced to close the stockwater race from a junction situated on Lot 8 D P 3795 at Frasers Road to a junction situated on Lot 2 DP 2957 below Lowerys Road."

Reveley/Lowe

**Carried**

### ***Police Traffic Accident Report***

The Committee agreed that the new report format lacked sufficient detail. Because Council relies on this report to base its minor safety works programme, it was requested that information in future reports should include the cause of accident and the number of vehicles involved.

"That a letter be sent to the Ashburton Police conveying the Committee's concern at the lack of information in the traffic crash reports and requesting that future reports be more detailed."

Mayor/Leadley

**Carried**

### ***Items transacted with the public excluded (3.30 pm)***

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Ashburton Wastewater Upgrade</b>	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>Water Monitoring</b>	Section 7(2)(i)	Conduct of negotiations

Brown/Holmes

**Carried**

The Committee resumed in open meeting at 3.38 pm.