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General Managers' Report to the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee 23 November 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Greater Wellington activities relating to the Committee's areas of responsibility.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Environment Management

I would firstly like to congratulate Amanda Cox on her appointment as Manager, Parks. Amanda is of course well known to you all, and we are both looking forward to working with the Committee in the future in managing the Parks network across the region. I would also like to thank Murray Waititi for all the work he has done for Greater Wellington over the years and in particular during his time as Manager of Parks.

At the 7 September meeting of the Committee, Allie Webber from the Kapiti US Marines Trust and Jan Nesbit from Bike in Kapiti Experiences addressed the Committee with regard to the 70th anniversary of the US Marines encampment at Queen Elizabeth Park. Since this time, officers have undertaken a considerable amount of work with both Allie and Jan, and paper 11.569 prepared by Amanda Cox provides an overview of how Greater Wellington will work with both groups to commemorate the 70th anniversary celebrations, and to enhance the historic and recreational amenity of the Park well into the future.

In the coming year, the Parks team will bring to the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee a park by park analysis of the overall parks network. This is likely to take place in a workshop session, and would include a general

overview of the Park in relation to the Park Network Plan, the costs associated with the running the park, and would also look at the assets and their management in the park along with an overview of the key management issues facing the park into the coming years. While yet to be finally confirmed, I would anticipate that the first three meetings of 2012 would focus on the following parks:

- 1 February – Kaitoke Regional Park
- 14 March – East Harbour Regional Park
- 18 April – Queen Elizabeth Park (this would include the outcomes of the report commissioned on the on-going viability of farming in the Park)

Depending on the status of the Transmission Gully Motorway project, the following two meetings of the Committee on 31 May and 25 July might be appropriately focussed on Belmont and Battle Hill Regional Parks respectively.

If so desired by the Committee, it would also be possible to undertake a tour of each park on the same day as the workshop sessions.

4. Development

An application has been received from the Rimutaka Incline Railway Heritage Trust to rebuild the railway from Maymorn to Summit. This part of a wider proposal to extend the reconstruction through to the Wairarapa. However, the section that directly concerns Greater Wellington is from near Maymorn to Summit. The application will be evaluated against the Parks Network Plan and other relevant information. The proposal impacts on various activities of the Council including parks, plantation forestry, and future water supply. For this reason, the proposal will be submitted to Council for consideration at its meeting 15 December.

5. Water Supply

The Water Supply Quality and Environmental Management Systems successfully underwent an external re-certification audit, to ISO 9002 and 14001, on 18th and 19th of October. Our certification is now valid for a further three years.

Work has commenced on fitting out the leased premises on the corner of Eastern Hutt Road and High Street, Lower Hutt. This facility will house the bulk of our pipelines earthquake stock and provide offices and an improved workshop for the pipelines and mechanical maintenance team.

The Marketing team have been very proactive in raising awareness about the lakes upgrade work and the need for consumers to be careful with water use this summer. The promotion has used a mix of press, radio, online and Adshel advertising.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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