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Chief Executive Officer
Rangitikei District Council
High Street
MARTON

Dear Madam

As you are aware, our inaugural meeting was held last Sunday 21 January and Mayor Wilson along with Ward Member Tim Lethbridge, attended as representatives of your Council.

Several issues involving District Council were raised and discussed and the committee has instructed me to write to you on the following outstanding problems some of which require urgency.

Fire Hazards

D.O.C. Land

Our Fire Chief, Bill Wills, expressed concern at the lack of available water to assist fire control on DOC land at the south end of the township. It is recommended that two ponds be dug in strategic positions to give added protection for varying wind conditions and the possible unavailability of river access in that area. While it is difficult to define the responsibility for such ponds ie Timberlands, DOC, or your Council, we seek your assistance on this matter which we consider is urgent.

Private Sections

There are a few sections in the township not being maintained that have become potential fire hazards and in addition to these are the sections still owned by your Council in the new subdivision. We feel it would be most difficult (if not unfair) to try and enforce a Rangitikei District Council By-Law on residents when it is not being upheld by yourselves. This situation is of an urgent nature and representatives from our committee would make themselves available to discuss it further.

Lawn Mowing - Spare Mower

Mr B Wills is quite prepared to continue mowing the river frontage with the mower borrowed from your depot. It was felt however that if a spare mower had become available (through amalgamation) it would be most desirable to have one permanently sited at the beach. This would give both cost and logistic advantages to all concerned.

We understand Tim Lethbridge may be following up this request also.

Straying Dogs

There is still a continuing straying dog problem in the township with complaints still coming forward. We understand the new manning situation due to amalgamation may be to our advantage on this problem and that we can expect some visits from rangers in the very near future. This will be much appreciated.

Refuelling Fire Appliance

The current situation of driving the fire appliance to Marton to obtain authorized fuel from the Council appeared to the meeting to be absolutely ludicrous when the cost of hubometer charges and extra travel are taken into account. It is our committee's recommendation that future supplies be authorized from the Turakina Service Station and we formally request your approval and action on this.

River Diversion

Tim Lethbridge outlined the problems and likely delays on this project due to DOC requiring much more information before they would issue a water right. Our committee will continue to liaise with the Linton Army personnel on this delay, but we wish to re-emphasize the risk of flood damage to properties (and your subdivision investment) should the current situation be allowed to worsen. There is no doubt in the minds of residents who have witnessed past extensive floods that the risk of damage is much greater than before.

Cows on Road Problem

Mayor Wilson and Tim Lethbridge reported on the complexities of this problem and the ongoing action being taken. It was generally agreed that some progress had definitely been made in recent times.

Mayor Wilson and Bill Wills will also visit complainant Mr Manus in the near future to update him on the overall situation and hopefully eliminate future letters to the newspapers.

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We trust you and your staff will give these matters your earliest consideration and await your reply.

Yours faithfully



P L Fraser
Secretary
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